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≈ Calendar of Events ≈ Week of February 4, 2008

All events will be held in Myron Taylor Hall unless otherwise noted

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

1:00-5:00 p.m. Room 309. Office hours for Walter Bubl , Academic Support Counselor. Details on page 5, Walter Bubl 's column.

3:30-5:00 p.m. Room 263. Office hours for students with Dean Schwab. Details on page 2, Dean Schwab's column.

6:30-8:30 p.m. Johnson Museum of Art. Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP reception for first year students. RSVP required. Details on page 4, Career column.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

12:30-2:30 p.m. and 4:00-5:00 p.m. Room 309. Office hours for Walter Bubl , Academic Support Counselor. Details on page 5, Walter Bubl 's column.

1:00-4:30 p.m. Room 252. Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS). Free and confidential consultation for law students with Maurice Haltom Therapist/Counselor, Counseling and Psychological Services. Details on page 5, Maurice Haltom, CAPS column.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7

12:15-1:30 p.m. Room 279. Kuo-Lien Hsieh, Assistant Professor, Shih Hsin University School of Law, Taiwan will present *Cartel Regulation under the Newly Enacted Chinese Anti-Monopoly Law*. **RSVPs required.** Details on page 5, Clarke Program column.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8

9:30-10:30 a.m. Law School Foyer. Donuts with the Dean. Come and enjoy conversation and donuts, coffee, and other treats with the Dean.

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FROM STEWART J. SCHWAB, THE ALLAN R. TESSLER DEAN

- **Donuts with the Dean**

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- **Office Hours for Students**

I will be holding office hours for students this **Tuesday afternoon, February 5 between 3:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.** Students wishing to see me should sign up in advance with **Lynda Swafford** in room 263 or stop by and sign in during the office hours.

FROM NAN COLVIN, REGISTRAR

Spring 2008

- **JD Students Only - S/U Grading Option Verification Form.** Classes of 2008 and 2009. Students must return their Grading Option Verification form for Spring 2008 course enrollment to the Law School Registrars Office no later than **4:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 12, 2008.**

- **University Registration** is complete once tuition and other financial obligations have been met. Tuition statements and payment information were sent by the Office of the University Bursar in December. **Please** give special attention to the dates regarding tuition payment and finance charges. In addition to finance charges, **a \$350 late fee will be assessed beginning February 8, 2008.**

- **Registration Status** - Students will determine their own registration status by signing on to **Just the Facts through UPortal. Just the Facts** will direct you to the appropriate office if your registration is incomplete. You will need your NetID to check your registration status.

- **Bursar's Office** - If **Just the Facts** indicates your registration is on hold for financial reasons, you must first stop by the Bursar's Office, 260 Day Hall to clear your student account by **February 8, 2008** and then proceed to the office of the University Registrar, B7 Day Hall.

- **Spring 08 Final Examinations** - Students who have **exam conflicts** are reminded to notify the Law School Registrar's Office, in writing, of the conflict and should note which exam they wish rescheduled. The online Deferral Request link will be available the week of February 4 at the Registrar's website: <https://support.law.cornell.edu/students/> The request must be made by **4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 9, 2008.** The exam schedule is available at the Registrar's website at: https://support.law.cornell.edu/students/forms/Spring_Exam_Schedule.pdf

- **Release of information** - A reminder to all students: students asking faculty members to write recommendations will need to complete a release form with the Law School Registrar's Office if a faculty member wishes to view the student's record. You may complete and submit the release form on-line at: <https://support.law.cornell.edu/students> using the on-line Cornell Law School Permission to Examine Student Record form at the Academic Matters link or in person at the Law School Registrars Office.

- **Attendance** - Regular attendance is required to sit for examinations, to receive a degree, and for certification to appropriate bar examiners. Irregular attendance or neglect of work may result in a student's being barred from taking an examination or being removed from the school.

- **Absences** - A student who must be absent from class for a period of three or more days should contact Associate Dean for Student Affairs Anne Lukingbeal and discuss the reasons for the absence.

- **Summer School Study** - Students may petition the faculty for permission to take courses in law summer school programs of ABA-approved law schools and, upon their successful completion, to receive

credit toward the Cornell J.D. degree. Such petitions are considered on an individual basis, and in no case is credit in excess of six hours granted for all such summer school law study. For timely consideration of the petition, interested students should submit their petitions to the Law School Registrar's Office (addressed to Dean Lukingbeal) **prior to April 1**. Petition forms are available in the Law School Registrars Office and online at the Registrars site: <https://support.law.cornell.edu/students> at the Course Registration/Registration Forms tab/Summer/Winter Intersession Course Credit Request.

FROM PAT HALSTEAD, CERTIFICATION COORDINATOR

- **Registration with Bar Authorities**

Deadlines for bar examination applications may be approaching. The rules of certain states (not New York) require either notifying the bar admission authorities of intent to begin the study of law or registering with the authorities when law studies begin. Students should obtain instructions from the proper source (usually the state board of bar examiners or the clerk of the court of highest jurisdiction) in the state in which they intend to practice. Failure to comply with the instructions may substantially delay admission to the bar. For current bar requirements, applicants should consult the *Official American Bar Association Guide to Approved Law Schools*, published annually by the American Bar Association. This book is on reserve in the Law School library.

- **Bar Applications Requiring Fingerprinting (not all bar applications require fingerprints)**

Fingerprinting is available on campus at the Public Safety Office, G2 Barton Hall, 24-hours a day and at the Ithaca Police Department on 120 E. Clinton Street, Ithaca. You will need to take the fingerprint card from your bar application packet with you, and two forms of picture ID. The Ithaca Police Department is only available to process the cards on Wednesdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and charges a \$10.00 fee. Their number is (607) 272-9973.

- **Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination (MPRE)**

The MPRE is administered three times per year and is required as partial fulfillment of the requirements for admission to practice law in most jurisdictions. Other jurisdictions may begin requiring the MPRE during 2008. Check with the Board of Bar Examiners in the state in which you plan to seek admissions to the bar for updated information on MPRE requirements. Passing scores, which are established by each jurisdiction, are subject to change. Applications are available in the Law School Registrar's Office or Web Registration at www.ncbex.org/offices.htm or www.act.org/mpre. The test dates and postmark deadlines are:

MPRE Test Dates	Regular Application Receipt Deadline	Late Application Receipt Deadline
Saturday, March 8, 2008*	January 29, 2008	February 14, 2008
Friday, August 8, 2008	July 1, 2008	July 17, 2008
Saturday, November 8, 2008	September 30, 2008	October 16, 2008

*Test given at the Holiday Inn, 222 S. Cayuga St., Ithaca, NY 14850

Online registration must be received before 12:00 Midnight Central Time on the published deadline date. Paper applications must be received in the MPRE Application Department in Iowa City, by 5:00 p.m. Central Time on the published deadline date. (Applicants needing accommodations due to a disability must apply by mail. See section on Testing of Applicants with Disabilities in the MPRE Information Booklet.)

The Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination is two hours and five minutes in length. Applicants for the March and November exams must report to their assigned test center no later than 9:00 a.m., and for the August exam by 12:30 p.m.

The March and November test dates are on a Saturday morning. If your religious beliefs preclude you from taking the examination on Saturday, March 8 or Saturday, November 8, you may apply to take the MPRE on Sunday, March 9 or Sunday, November 9, 2008. Requests to take the exam on Sunday must be in writing and must include a letter from your cleric confirming your affiliation with a recognized religious entity that observes its Sabbath throughout the year on Saturday. This documentation must be received by the late receipt deadline and must be sent with a copy of the online confirmation received after submission of an online application or with a completed paper application. The applicant will be notified whether or not the request is granted.

The MPRE is based on the law governing the conduct of lawyers, including the disciplinary rules of professional conduct currently articulated in the ABA Model Rules of Professional Conduct and the ABA Code of Judicial Conduct, and controlling constitutional decisions and generally accepted principles established in leading federal and state cases and in procedural and evidentiary rules.

FROM JOHN DEROSA, ASSISTANT DEAN FOR STUDENT AND CAREER SERVICES, ELIZABETH PECK, DIRECTOR OF CAREER SERVICES AND SUZANNE HESS, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF CAREER SERVICES

- **1L Students:** On **Tuesday, February 5** from **6:30-8:30 p.m.** at the **Johnson Museum of Art, Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP** will be hosting a reception to introduce first year students to their summer associate program. **RSVPs by February 1** to recruit@weil.com were required.
- **1L Students:** Please note that the **Vinson & Elkins** reception, originally scheduled for **Thursday, February 7**, has been **postponed**. Students will be informed of the new date and location in *Scoops* and via email.
- **1L Students:** On **Tuesday, February 12** from **4:00-5:00 p.m.** in the Mancuso Amphitheatre (room G90), attorneys from **Cleary Gottlieb** will present a program on practicing **International Law and Related Litigation**. A reception will follow from **5:00-7:00 p.m.** in the **Berger Atrium**.
- **All Students:** Looking for housing for the summer? NALP is providing a **free apartment exchange service** from **January 18 through May 16, 2008**. Visit www.nalp.org and follow the link to "Apartment Exchange" to learn more.

FULL TERM EXTERNSHIP FALL 2008 OR SPRING 2009

Mandatory Meeting Coming Up

Wednesday, February 13

4:00 p.m. in Room G85

If you are considering the possibility of spending this fall (2008) or next spring (2009) as an extern working full time for a non-profit organization, government agency or judge, you **must** attend this meeting. The instructors, **Glenn Galbreath** (Fall 2008) and **JoAnne Miner** (Spring 2009) and Associate Dean **Barbara Holden-Smith**, will discuss the course, its requirements, and the process and timetable for gaining admission. The session will start with three or four externs from last fall briefly sharing some of their insights. The meeting will be an hour.

Feel free to review materials on the BlackBoard web site at [<http://www.blackboard.cornell.edu>] under the course title [Full Term Externship (Fall - Professor Galbreath)]. Also there are three-ring binders in the Legal Aid Clinic's secretarial area (G40) describing many placements previously used.

CLARKE PROGRAM IN EAST ASIAN LAW AND CULTURE COLLOQUIUM SERIES

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FROM MAURICE HALTOM, COUNSELING AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES (CAPS)

Let's Talk

Free and confidential support is available to all students

No appointment necessary. Just drop in.

* stress * academic problems * anxiety * relationships * adjustments to a new culture

* family problems * depression * financial * other concerns

When: Wednesdays, 1:00-4:30 p.m. (January 23 through May 21, 2008)

Where: Myron Taylor Hall, Room 252

Who: Maurice Haltom, LMSW, Counselor from Gannett Health Services

For additional hours and counselor bios: www.gannett.cornell.edu/LetsTalk

FROM WALTER BUBLÉ, ACADEMIC SUPPORT COUNSELOR

Office hours for individual consultations on academic matters with JD students in **room 309:**

Tuesdays: 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Wednesdays: 12:30-2:30 p.m. and 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Drop in or arrange an appointment by email at: wgb7@cornell.edu

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

• Cabaret 2008

The **Cabaret 2008 Internal Donations Committee** is now **accepting donations** from the law school community for the silent and live auctions at this year's event. Among the donations collected so far this year are: kayak, kendo, and moot court lessons; dinners with faculty; photographs; and a weekend at a ski home. **If you would like to donate**, please contact **Amy Schnitzer** at ahs45@cornell.edu, or stop by the table in the **Foyer February 4 through February 6**.

• Cornell Law Students for Separation of Church and State (CLSSCS) and Cornell Law Students for Reproductive Justice (CLSRJ)

Mark Your Calendars

Monday, February 11, 6:30 p.m. Mancuso Amphitheater (room G90).

Religion, Government, and Reproductive Justice: a Talk with **Lori Lipman Brown**, the Director of the Secular Coalition for America. She will be speaking about the relationships between religion, government, and reproductive law. The event is hosted by the Cornell Law Students for Separation of Church and State (CLSSCS) and the Cornell Law Students for Reproductive Justice (CLSRJ). All are welcome to attend. Questions? Contact **Ashley Vincent** at aav26@cornell.edu

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

• **Professors Penalver and Alexander** are looking for **one**, preferably **two**, **research assistants** to help them with their **Web site for the Property course**. They particularly need someone who is skilled in Web design, notably in HTML format. If you're interested, please let either of them know as soon as possible. **Professor Alexander:** 255-3504; **Professor Penalver:** 255-5346.

- **Students are needed part time to do a variety of tasks associated with the Conference on Empirical Legal Studies (CELS) 2008** which will take place at Cornell Law School on September 12-13, 2008. **Professors Valerie Hans, Ted Eisenberg, Michael Heise and Jeff Rachlinski** are planning and hosting this conference. Part time work may be needed during this spring term; as well as during the summer months and in the early part of the fall term right up to and including the conference weekend. If interested, please contact **Heidi Best** at shb5@cornell.edu with your name, year, contact information and your availability to work during these time periods.

INSTITUTE FOR THE SOCIAL SCIENCES EVENTS

The ISS Contentious Knowledge Team presents:

- **February 4, 2008**

4:30 p.m. Hollis E. Cornell Auditorium, Goldwin Smith Hall

Carbon-Free and Nuclear-Free: A Roadmap for U.S. Energy Policy

Arjun Makhijani, President, Institute for Energy & Environ. Research, Maryland

(<http://www.ieer.org/vitaarj.html>)

Co-sponsored with the Peace Studies Program, Development Sociology, Center for the Environment, and the Department of Government.

- **February 8, 2008**

10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., 423 ILR Conference Center

Textbook Controversies Workshop

<http://www.socialsciences.cornell.edu/0609/Textbook.html>

For more on this research project: http://www.socialsciences.cornell.edu/0609/contentious_desc.html

Questions? Contact **Anneliese Truame**, ISS Administrative Coordinator: amt58@cornell.edu

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