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≈ Calendar of Events ≈ Week of February 11, 2008

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11

4:15 p.m. Mancuso Amphitheatre (room G90). Law School New Book Celebration honoring Professor **Valerie Hans** newly published book *American Juries: The Verdict*, co-authored by **Neil Vidmar**, Professor of Law and Professor of Psychology, Duke University. Details on page 6, Law School event.

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

12:30 p.m. Room 108, Uris Hall. Clarke Program in East Asian Law and Culture Colloquium and the Cornell University East Asia Program present **Yuri Obata** speaking on "*Japanese Supreme Court Obscenity Decisions: A Historical & Cultural Analysis.*" Details on page 4, Clarke Program column.

1:00-5:00 p.m. Room 309. Office hours for Walter Bubl , Academic Support Counselor. Details on page 4, 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.

4:00-5:00 p.m. Room G85. 1L Students: Cleary Gottlieb program on practicing **International and Antitrust Law**. A reception will follow from **5:00-7:00 p.m.** in the **Atrium**. Details on page 3, Career Services column.

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

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 4, 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 4, Maurice Haltom, CAPS column.

4:00 p.m. Room G85. Mandatory Meeting for those considering a **Full Term Externship** Fall 2008 or Spring 2009. Details on page 4, Full Term Externship column.

4:30 p.m. Mancuso Amphitheater (room G90). The Federalist Society presents "*The Threat of International Lawmaking*" - a speech by **Leonard A. Leo** '89. Details on page 5, Student Organizations.



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

Office Hours for Students

I will be holding office hours for students this **Tuesday afternoon, February 12 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

- **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 Registrar's Office no later than **4:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 12, 2008.**
- **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 Registrar's Office.
- **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 Registrar's Office and online at the Registrar's site: <https://support.law.cornell.edu/students> at the Course Registration/Registration Forms tab/Summer/Winter Intersession Course Credit Request.
- **Past Notices:** Refer to previous issues of *Scoops* (available on-line in the Back Issues section) for information pertaining to transcript requests, certifications, bar registration, attendance and absences, etc.

FROM ANNE LUKINGBEAL, ASSOCIATE DEAN AND DEAN OF STUDENTS

Multicultural Work Environments I & II

2009 and 2010 JD Students with F1 Visas. The law faculty offers a course in the Law School available to students with F1 Visas who seek curricular practical training this summer: **Multicultural Work Environments I & II.**

Eligibility & Procedures: The course is open only to those students who will be working during the summer in a country other than that of their citizenship. Course II is open only to those students who have completed course I. Each is a one (1)-credit, S/U course and may be taken as an elective in addition to the required degree credits. The course grade will appear on the student's transcript.

Objective & Assignment: The goal of this course is to promote an understanding of the challenges encountered in the work environment as a result of cultural differences. To that end, students are required to complete a ten-page paper by September 15 following their summer internship.

Registration occurs in the spring, with a grade posted in the fall after the requirements are satisfied.

Registration is online beginning **February 1, 2008 and ending June 1, 2008** at:

<http://www.isso.cornell.edu/immigration/f1/law673.php>. Prior to registering for the course, students must obtain a summer internship offer. The internship may be in an organization which previously employed the student, but the position and work assignments should not substantially duplicate earlier work for the organization. Once that has been done, registration can be done online.

After you register online for the course, you will receive an approval email from Sarah Hilsman at the **International Students & Scholars Office (ISSO)**. The email will explain that you need to bring a copy of that email along with your job offer letter to the ISSO (B50 Caldwell Hall) in order to obtain your work authorization. More information about Curricular Practical Training work authorization is available on the ISSO website at: <http://www.isso.cornell.edu/immigration/f1/law673.php>. The ISSO contact is **Sarah Hilsman** (email sw57@cornell.edu; phone 255-8735).

You must notify the Law School Registrar if you change or drop the internship after registration. The internship may not be extended beyond the summer, and you may not drop the course after performing the internship without invalidating your work authorization. For more information about this course, stop by the Registrar's Office and ask for the one-page handout.

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 12** from **4:00-5:00 p.m.** in **room G85**, attorneys from **Cleary Gottlieb** will present a program on practicing **International and Antitrust Law**. A reception will follow from **5:00-7:00 p.m.** in the **Atrium**.
- **1L Students:** On **Tuesday, February 19** from **6:30-8:30 p.m.** at the Statler Hotel, **Linklaters** will host a reception to introduce you to its summer program in its New York, London and Hong Kong offices.
- **1L Students:** On **Thursday, February 21** from **6:30-8:30 p.m.** at the Statler Hotel, **Willkie Farr & Gallagher** will host a reception to introduce you to its summer program.

- **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

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.

THE CLARKE PROGRAM IN EAST ASIAN LAW AND CULTURE COLLOQUIUM AND THE CORNELL UNIVERSITY EAST ASIA PROGRAM

Tuesday, February 12, 12:30 p.m. Room 108 Uris Hall. Yuri Obata, Indiana University, South Bend will present *Japanese Supreme Court Obscenity Decisions: A Historical & Cultural Analysis*. A lunch will be served. Please RSVP to ggc9@cornell.edu . For more information, please visit: http://www.lawschool.cornell.edu/international/clarke_program

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

- **Black Law Students Association (BLSA)**

BLSA is celebrating the African Diaspora and we would like you to join us. Please see the calendar listing which follows for some of the upcoming Cornell University events that will be held in celebration of Black History Month. Events include the final Moot Court rounds for BLSA's Frederick

Douglass Moot Court competitors. We look forward to seeing you at some of the events! For more information contact **Precious Boone** at: psb25@cornell.edu

February 1-29: Celebrating Black History Month - From the blaxploitation films in the Africana Library to the Samuel J. May Collection in the Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections, **this exhibition showcases Cornell University Library's holdings. Olin Library display cases** on the Library's main floor.

February 11 and 12: BLSA Frederick Douglas Moot Court Competition-Final Rounds. Support BLSA competitors **Tanisha Jordonne (TJ), Pradine Saint-Fort, Felix Mensah, Tejuana Roberts, Lori Lewis and Natalya Johnson** as they moot their way to New Jersey! **Moot Courtroom, 6:00 p.m.**

February 14: "Issues in African Development: Narrowing the Legitimacy Gap - The Role of Turnovers in Africa's Emerging Democracies." **Uris Hall, room G08, 2:30 p.m.**

February 15: "Immigration, Identity Politics in Philosophy of Culture." Lecture by **Dr. Valentin Y. Mudimbe** from Duke University. Reception will follow. Contact: **Rebecca Snyder**, (607) 254-5010; rms299@cornell.edu. **Africana Center, 4:30 p.m.**

February 15: Black Graduate and Professional Students Association's "Black Love" event. A Black/Brown Love Event will be held at Olivia's Restaurant. Come celebrate in the spirit of love and celebration with your fellow graduates. Contact: **Luqman Abdullah**; luqman2511@yahoo.com. **Olivia's, 11:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m.**

Upcoming Events

February 18: BLSA Food Fair and Storytelling

February 20: BLSA Black Perspectives Panel

February 24: T-Pain Concert: <http://www.cornell-concert.com/>

February 27: BLSA co-sponsoring guest speaker **Chokwe Lumumba** at Africana Center. His bio is available at: http://www.law.howard.edu/dictator/media/220/BIOGRAPHICAL_OF_CHOKWE_LUMUMBA.doc

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

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

"Religion, Government, and Reproductive Justice" a talk with **Lori Lipman Brown**

Lori Lipman Brown is 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

- **Federalist Society**

Wednesday, February 13, 4:30 p.m. Mancuso Amphitheater (room G90).

"The Threat of International Lawmaking" - a speech by **Leonard A. Leo '89**

Mr. Leo is the Executive Vice President of the Federalist Society. He clerked for both Judge A. Raymond Randolph of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit and Judge Randall Rader of the U.S. Court of Federal Claims. He graduated from Cornell Law School with honors in 1989 and obtained his undergraduate degree from Cornell University with high honors in 1987. Sponsored by the Federalist Society. Co-sponsored by GPSAFC. **Questions?** Contact **Craig** at: cdm29@cornell.edu

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

- **Visiting Associate Professor Bakija** is interested in hiring a law student to work as a **research assistant** during the semester, and possibly into the summer. The student would assist Professor Bakija with research on state income tax laws. Duties would include collecting information about the timing of enactment of state income tax reforms, finding information on recent changes to state income tax laws, and recording the data into Excel spreadsheets. The research assistant would conduct searches and interpret tax laws using resources such as Lexis-Nexis, the Cornell Law School library collection of state annotated statutes and session laws, an electronic data base of state tax laws and tax forms assembled by Professor Bakija, and state revenue department web sites. Useful, but not absolutely required, qualifications would include some background in tax (for example, having taken Federal Income Taxation), and if possible some experience working with data. Hours would be flexible, and pay would be the standard law school research assistant rate. **If interested, please email a resume, transcript, and information on availability** (e.g., approximately how many hours you could reasonably work per week, periods when you will not be able to work, whether summer employment is an option) to **Professor Bakija** at jmb569@cornell.edu
- **Professor Feigenson (visiting spring 2008)** is looking for a **research assistant** to help with a book on visual media in law and/or ongoing research on legal decision making. A background in cognitive psychology would be helpful but any student with strong academic credentials will be considered. If you're interested, please email Professor Feigenson (neal-feigenson@lawschool.cornell.edu) or call him at 255-1476 as soon as possible.
- **Professor Rossi** wishes to hire **several research assistants** to work during Summer 2008. The research will involve the preparation of materials for a course on "Great American Trials." Interested students should email **Professor Rossi** at ffr1@cornell.edu and submit a résumé electronically or leave it in his mailbox. If you have questions about the nature or quantity of the work, stop by Professor Rossi's office sometime within the next two weeks.

LAW SCHOOL EVENT

Monday, February 11, 4:15 p.m. Stein Mancuso Amphitheatre (room G90)

Law School New Book Celebration honoring **Professor Valerie Hans'** newly published book *American Juries: The Verdict*, co-authored by **Neil Vidmar**, Professor of Law and Professor of Psychology, Duke University. **Symposium on Monday, February 11 at 4:15 p.m. in Stein Mancuso Amphitheatre (G90)** followed immediately by a reception in the Foyer. Participants include the co-authors, **Professor Jeffrey Rachlinski** and two guest commentators, **Cyrus Mehri** 88, Law Firm of Mehri & Skalet and **Catherine Sharkey**, Professor at NYU Law School. All members of the Law School community are welcome to attend.

INSTITUTE FOR THE SOCIAL SCIENCES EVENT

The ISS Contentious Knowledge Team presents:

February 12, 12:00 Noon-1:30 p.m. ISS Conference room (146 Myron Taylor Hall)

Social Science in Litigation

Valerie Hans, Professor of Law, Cornell (<http://www.lawschool.cornell.edu/faculty/bio.cfm?id=27>)

Lunch will be served at noon. No RSVP is necessary. **Questions?** Contact **Anneliese Truame**, ISS Administrative Coordinator: amt58@cornell.edu

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