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## ≈ Calendar of Events ≈ Week of February 18, 2008

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

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18

**12:00 Noon-1:30 p.m. Saperston Student Lounge. Celebrate Black History Month with Food and Fun. BLSA Food Fair and Storytelling.** Details on page 4, Student Organizations

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

**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. Saperston Student Lounge. Public Interest Network.** Sponsored by PILU and Karen Comstock, Assistant Dean for Public Service. This is a casual forum for on-going conversations among students regarding career paths, job search strategies, concerns about money, and all their other thoughts about pursuing a career in the public interest. Details on page 3, Assistant Dean Comstock's column.

**6:30-8:30 p.m. Statler Hotel. 1L Students: Linklaters** will host a reception. RSVPs required. Details on page 4, Career Services column.

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

**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.

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21

**6:30-8:30 p.m. Statler Hotel. 1L Students: Willkie Farr & Gallagher** will host a reception. RSVPs required. Details on page 4, Career Services column.

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## **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 19 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**

- **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](mailto: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 KAREN COMSTOCK, ASSISTANT DEAN FOR PUBLIC SERVICE

- **Cornell Public Interest Network - All students are invited!!!**

**Tuesday, February 19, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. Saperston Student Lounge**

This is a casual forum for on-going conversations among students regarding career paths, job search strategies, concerns about money, and all their other thoughts about pursuing a career in the public interest. This week we'll kick off with a welcome to 1Ls! Upperclass students can offer great advice on how to make the most of your summer job. Yes, we'll have refreshments! Sponsored by PILU and myself - working together to build a strong public interest law community.

- **2008-09 Dean Acheson Legal Stage (Traineeship) Program**

**Third year students:** If you are interested in the 2008-2009 Dean Acheson Legal *Stage* (Traineeship) Program at the Court of Justice of the European Communities, check your February 12 email for program details and application forms. These *stage* opportunities for periods of not more than three months are offered to a limited number of students from select U.S. law schools. Three types of *stage* are available: with a Judge of the Court of Justice; with an Advocate General of the Court of Justice; with a Judge of the Court of First Instance

**Eligibility Requirements.** The purpose of the Dean Acheson Legal *Stage* Program is to promote mutual understanding between the peoples of the United States and the European Union in the context of the legal profession. It is therefore open to American citizens and legal permanent residents only. Priority will be given to applicants who have completed three years of law school and who have a strong knowledge of Community Law. Some knowledge of French is required, varying with the type of stage. Knowledge of an E.U. language other than French and English is an advantage, and generally necessary for a stage with an Advocate General.

**Application Procedure.** Applications must include a completed application form and graduate and undergraduate transcripts. All applications must first be submitted to each law schools administrator for review. **Submit your application materials to me, room 145, by Tuesday, April 1. Applications will be screened by a faculty committee.** After initial screening, each law school should forward as a single packet a maximum of three (3) endorsed applications to the U.S. Embassy in Luxembourg at the address below. **Applications must be received at the Embassy by May 1, 2008.**

After review, the Embassy will forward approved applications materials to the Court of Justice for review and circulation among the Judges and Advocates General, according to the applicants stated preferences. Individual Judges and Advocates General will select Dean Acheson *stagiaires* from the lists submitted and the European Court of Justice will notify the Embassy and the applicants of their selection.

**Financial Assistance.** No U.S. Government funds are available to assist applicants chosen for Dean Acheson Legal *stages*. Dean Acheson *stages* are unpaid, and the European Court of Justice does not make any funds available to support Dean Acheson *stagiaires*. Dean Acheson *stagiaires* are responsible for the full cost of their transportation, room and board while participating in the Dean Acheson *stage* program.

## **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 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. Please **RSVP** to [uspractice.recruitment@linklaters.com](mailto:uspractice.recruitment@linklaters.com)
- **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. Please **RSVP** to [recruiting.events@willkie.com](mailto:recruiting.events@willkie.com)
- **1L Students:** On **Tuesday, February 26** from **5:00-7:00 p.m.** at **Stella's**, **Nixon Peabody** will host a reception to introduce you to its summer program. Please **RSVP** to **Leah Yaworski** at [lyaworski@nixonpeabody.com](mailto:lyaworski@nixonpeabody.com) by February 19.
- **1L Students:** On **Wednesday, February 27** from **6:30-8:30 p.m.** at **Stella's**, **Vinson & Elkins** will host a reception to introduce you to its summer program. Please **RSVP** to **Megan Thompson** at [methompson@velaw.com](mailto:methompson@velaw.com) by February 21.
- **1L Students:** On **Thursday, February 28** from **4:00-6:00 p.m.** at **Stella's**, **Paul Weiss** will host a reception to introduce you to its summer program. Please **RSVP** to **Rebecca Voake** at [rvoake@paulweiss.com](mailto:rvoake@paulweiss.com) by February 25.

## **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](http://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](mailto:wgb7@cornell.edu)

## **STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS**

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

**Celebrate Black History Month with Food and Fun. BLSA is having a food fair and storytelling on Monday, February 18, from 12:00 Noon to 1:30 in Saperston Student Lounge.** For \$5 a plate, you can select menu items from across the African Diaspora, including macaroni-and-cheese, egusi soup, baked chicken, rice and peas, desserts and many other items. As a special treat, **Sharon Boone** (Precious Boone's mother) will tell African tales. Come gather round and fill your belly and your ear

with treats from the African Diaspora! Contact **Precious Boone** at [psb25@cornell.edu](mailto:psb25@cornell.edu) for more information.

## LAW SCHOOL PUBLIC INTEREST AWARD RECIPIENTS FOR 2007-08

These awards are made annually from nominations submitted by members of the Law School community. Dean Schwab, Associate Dean Lukingbeal and Assistant Dean Comstock thank the many members of the Law School community who made nominations for these awards.

- **Freeman Award for Civil-Human Rights**

This prize is awarded annually to the law student or students who have made the greatest contributions during his or her law school career to civil-human rights. This year's co-winners are: **Andy Cowan, Jocelyn Getgen, John Mills, and Lisa Newstrom.**

- **Stanley E. Gould Prize for Public Interest Law**

This prize is awarded annually to a third year student or students who have shown outstanding dedication to serving public interest law and public interest groups. This year's co-winners are: **Molly Curren Rowles, David Kagle, Nicole Pence, Elizabeth Rabe, and Kimberly Silver.**

- **Seymour Herzog Memorial Prize**

This prize is awarded each year to a student or students who demonstrate excellence in the law and commitment to public interest law, combined with a love of sports. This year's co-winners are: **Kiernan Joliat, Bryn Lovejoy-Grinnell, and Quinten Steenhuis**

## WRITING COMPETITIONS

- The **Howard C. Schwab Memorial annual essay contest presented by the ABA Section of Family Law**, is held annually to encourage interest in the field of family law. The subject may be any aspect of Family Law. All second and third year full-time students enrolled in ABA-approved law schools are eligible to compete. The deadline for entries is **May 15, 2008**. Contest rules and the entry form are available at the contest website: <http://www.abanet.org/family/lawstudents/schwabrules.shtml>

- The **Planning and Law Division of the American Planning Association** announces its **25th Annual Student Writing Competition**, renamed the **Smith-Babcock Writing Competition**. The competition is open to law students in ABA accredited law schools writing on a question of significance in either planning or areas of law germane to planning. Entries must be postmarked no later than **June 9, 2008** and should be sent to Professor Alan Weinstein, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, Cleveland State University, 2121 Euclid Avenue, LB 138, Cleveland, OH 44115. For a complete copy of the competition rules, please stop by the Registrar's Office.

## POSITIONS AVAILABLE

- **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](mailto:shb5@cornell.edu) with your name, year, contact information and your availability to work during these time periods.

- **Professor Henderson** would like to hire a couple of second-year students to help him this summer on a project he is working on. Please drop a resume off with **Jylanda Diles** in room 213 if you are interested. You will need to be available the week of April 7 to speak with Professor Henderson. Thank you.

• **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](mailto: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.

• **Trial Advocacy-Help Needed in April**

The Trial Advocacy students will conduct their mock trials on **Saturday, April 5; Sunday, April 6; and Saturday, April 19** at the Tompkins County Courthouse. **Ellen Zwingli is looking for assistance for these days** to help sign in jurors before the trials and to make sure outsiders don't enter the courthouse throughout the day. You would be asked to arrive at approximately 7:30 a.m. and to stay until the trials end at the latest between 4:00 and 5:00 p.m. Law students receive \$10.75/hr. **If you're interested or need additional information, please stop by Ellen's office** (room 213 MTH) or call (255-5353).

## INSTITUTE FOR THE SOCIAL SCIENCES EVENT

The ISS Contentious Knowledge Team presents:

**February 19, 2008**

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

***From Deprivation to Dependency: Think Tanks in the American Welfare Debate, 1958-1996***

**Tom Medvetz**, ISS Postdoctoral Associate, Cornell (<http://www.socialsciences.cornell.edu/0609/Medvetz.html>)

This paper examines the public debates surrounding poverty and welfare policy from the period just prior to the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 to the passage of the 1996 Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA). I argue that the proliferation of think tanks and other heteronomous knowledge producers was the central structural transformation facilitating the discursive shift that established "dependency" and "personal responsibility" as the core problems of welfare reform, the narrow symbolic confines within which policymakers worked to achieve policy solutions in the 1990s. This transformation operated through a kind of market mechanism. The development of a "buyer's market" in policy-knowledge ensured that politicians could select among an array of expert pronouncements that carried the imprimatur of social scientific authority, while supplying little challenge to the conservative orthodoxy that defined poverty as a product of deviance or cultural pathology. The analysis shows that as think tanks advocated particular positions in the welfare debate, they reinforced their structural location in a space of discourse that served as a buffer and an antidote against more independently produced social science.

For more on this ISS research team: [http://www.socialsciences.cornell.edu/0609/contentious\\_desc.html](http://www.socialsciences.cornell.edu/0609/contentious_desc.html)  
Questions? Contact **Anneliese Truame**, ISS Administrative Coordinator: [amt58@cornell.edu](mailto:amt58@cornell.edu)

## UNIVERSITY EVENT

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Lecture**

**Tuesday, February 19, 4:45 p.m. Sage Chapel**

**Vincent Harding**, civil rights veteran, is the featured speaker this year for the Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative lecture of 2008. A founder of Veterans of Hope, a project which draws together life stories of people who are veterans of struggles for freedom and justice. **For more information about Mr. Harding and this event visit:** <http://www.curw.cornell.edu/mlk-2008.htm>

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