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≈ Calendar of Events ≈ Week of February 25, 2008

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25

6:00 p.m. Mancuso Amphitheater (room G90.) “The Future of Race-Based School Preferences After *Seattle v. PICS*”--a speech by Paul Beard '00. Details on page 5, Student Organizations.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

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.

5:00-7:00 p.m. Stella's. 1L Students: Nixon Peabody Reception. Details on page 3, Career Services column.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

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 4, Maurice Haltom, CAPS column.

6:30-8:30 p.m. Stella's. 1L Students: Vinson & Elkins Reception. Details on page 3, Career Services column.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28

12:30 p.m. Room G85. Summer Federal Work-Study Awards: Everything You Need to Know. Details on page 3, Assistant Dean for Public Service Comstock's column.

4:00-6:00 p.m. Stella's. 1L Students: Paul Weiss Reception. Details on page 3, Career Services column.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28 (CONTINUED)

4:30-6:30 p.m. 423 ILR Conference Center. The 4th Distinguished Lecture in Honor of Alice Hanson Cook presented by **Dr. Martha Fineman**, Robert W. Woodruff Professor of Law, Emory University: *“State, Work, and Family: Constructing Equality.”* Details on page 6, University Event.

SUNDAY, MARCH 2

4:00- 6:00 p.m. Associate Dean Lukingbeal’s home. Reception for minority students. Details on page 3, Associate Dean Lukingbeal’s column.



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 26 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 PAT HALSTEAD, CERTIFICATION COORDINATOR

Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination (MPRE)

The **Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination (MPRE)** is assembled and administered three times per year by the National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE) as partial fulfillment of the requirements for application for admission to practice law in most states. It is held at established test centers across the country. **The Holiday Inn, 222 S. Cayuga St., Ithaca, NY 14850, is the March test center for the Ithaca area.** The exam is scheduled for **Saturday, March 8, 2008**, approximately 9:00 a.m.

Applicants must report to the test center by 9:00 a.m. Testing will begin as soon as all applicants have been checked in and seated. If you arrive after testing has begun, you will not be admitted. NCBE cannot be responsible if you are delayed or unable to reach the test center because of weather or road conditions. Beginning and ending testing times may vary depending on the size of the test center and the number of rooms used. Applicants can expect testing to be completed 2-1/2 to 3 hours after the time noted above.

In order to be admitted to the test center, you must present your test center Admission Ticket with your photograph attached, as well as a current form of identification bearing your photograph and signature. Please bring a #2 pencil to the exam with you.

FROM ANNE LUKINGBEAL, ASSOCIATE DEAN AND DEAN OF STUDENTS

Sunday, March 2, 4:00-6:00 p.m. at Associate Dean Anne Lukingbeal's home

Reception for minority students

Hosted by the Asian Pacific American Law Students (APALSA), Native American Law Students Association (NALSA), Black Law Students Association (BLSA), Latino American Law Students Association (LALSA), South Asian Law Students Association (SALSA) and LAMBDA.

Everyone welcome. For information and maps to Dean Lukingbeal's home, stop by the Registrar's Office.

FROM KAREN COMSTOCK, ASSISTANT DEAN FOR PUBLIC SERVICE

Thursday, February 28, 12:30 p.m. Room G85

Summer Federal Work-Study Awards: Everything You Need to Know

Planning to use your work-study grant to help fund your summer job? Work-study is a great program, but it involves federally-mandated paperwork that can seem daunting. First year students receiving summer work-study grants must attend!

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 26** from **5:00-7:00 p.m.** at Stella's, **Nixon Peabody** will host a reception to introduce you to its summer program. Even if you did not RSVP by the deadline next week, feel free to attend.

- **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. Again, please attend even if you didn't RSVP in time.

- **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 by February 25.

FROM CHARLES CRAMTON, ASSISTANT DEAN FOR GRADUATE LEGAL STUDIES

Coming Event

Wednesday, March 5, 4:15 p.m. in the **Mancuso Amphitheater** (room G90)

All you ever wanted to know about the New York Bar Exam . . . : A discussion with **David Gouldin '66**, member of the New York Board of Law Examiners, along with **Deans Lukingbeal and Cramton.**

Don't miss the opportunity next week to learn more about the New York Bar Exam from a member of the New York Board of Law Examiners. **The session is open to all J.D. and LL.M. students.**

FROM JAMIE HOFFMIER, DIRECTOR, LAW SCHOOL ANNUAL FUND AND CHRISTIAN SHAFFMASTER, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR, LAW SCHOOL ANNUAL FUND

Law School Annual Fund Phonathon: Calling All Students

The Annual Fund Office is still hiring student callers for the spring phonathon. As you may know, phonathon callers raise tax-deductible gifts for the benefit of Cornell Law School from alumni across the country. These gifts benefit law students in many ways, providing scholarships, technology enhancements, visiting lecturers, law library purchases, and program support. The phonathon is an important aspect of the Law School Annual Fund, since Cornell Law School depends on support from alumni and friends to make up the difference between what tuition revenues provide and the cost of operating the School. **Every graduate of Cornell Law School has benefited as a student from the gifts of alumni who preceded them, because tuition never meets the full cost of a Cornell legal education.**

Each night of the phonathon begins with dinner (on us!) and training about phonathon procedures and techniques. Phonathon callers are paid **\$10.00 per hour** and have the chance to make new friends while uniting in the common goal of seeking support for Cornell Law School.

Spring 2008 Phonathon Schedule

(Held each evening in room 276, Myron Taylor Hall)

Monday, February 25
Training and dinner: **6:30 p.m.**
Calling: **7:00 - 10:00 p.m.**

Sunday, March 2
Training and dinner: **5:30 p.m.**
Calling: **6:00 - 9:00 p.m.**

Wednesday, February 27
Training and dinner: **5:30 p.m.**
Calling: **6:00 - 9:00 p.m.**

Monday, March 3
Training and dinner: **6:30 p.m.**
Calling: **7:00 - 10:00 p.m.**

Thursday, February 28
Training and dinner: **6:30 p.m.**
Calling: **7:00 - 10:00 p.m.**

Wednesday, March 5
Training and dinner: **5:30 p.m.**
Calling: **6:00 - 9:00 p.m.**

Thursday, March 6
Training and dinner: **6:30 p.m.**
Calling: **7:00 - 10:00 p.m.**

If you are interested in working as a phonathon caller, please contact **Christian Shaffmaster** at 254-4722 or chs86@cornell.edu. Thank you for your consideration! We look forward to working with you!

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

Federalist Society

Monday, February 25, 6:00 p.m. Mancuso Amphitheater (room G90.) “**The Future of Race-Based School Preferences After *Seattle v. PICS***”--a speech by **Paul Beard** '00.

Mr. Beard is a Staff Attorney with the Pacific Legal Foundation. Sponsored by the Federalist Society. Co-Sponsored by GPSAFC. Questions? Contact **Craig Minerva** at cdm29@cornell.edu

WRITING COMPETITION

The **Federal Circuit Bar Association** announces the **2008 George Hutchinson Writing Contest**.

Entries may discuss any topic that lies within the procedure, substance, or scope of the jurisdiction of the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals. The competition is open to all law students enrolled in an ABA-accredited law school during the 2007-08 academic year. All papers shall be prepared during the 2007/08 school year. Submissions must be postmarked no later than **June 30, 2008**.

Entries and any questions regarding the competition should be addressed to: Alexandra Manolas, Administrative Coordinator, George Hutchinson Writing Competition, Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lion, NBC Tower - Suite 3600, Chicago, IL 60611-5599 (amanolas@brinkshofer.com). Competition rules are available at:

<http://memberconnections.com/olc/filelib/LVFC/cpages/9005/Library/docs/Hutchinson%20Writing%20Contest%20Rules.pdf>

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 with your name, year, contact information and your availability to work during these time periods.

- **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.

- **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:

March 4, 2008

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

The Epistemology of Contentious Knowledge: Deforestation in Madagascar

Jacques Pollini, Natural Resources

Using as a case study the analysis of conflicting narratives about environmental degradation in Madagascar, Mr. Pollini argues that contentious knowledge is favored by a lack of epistemological clarification in the debates at stake, and that the settlement of controversies can be more easily achieved by adopting Popper's negativist epistemology. Once this is achieved, scientific and ethical aspects can be distinguished and it becomes easier to design policies on solid scientific ground.

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

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

UNIVERSITY EVENT

“State, Work, and Family: Constructing Equality”

The 4th Distinguished Lecture in Honor of Alice Hanson Cook

Presented by Dr. Martha Fineman, Robert W. Woodruff Professor of Law, Emory University

Thursday, February 28, 2008

4:30-6:30 p.m. 423 ILR Conference Center

Lecture and Reception

Dr. Fineman's talk will focus on the symbiotic relationship between the workplace and the family, challenging the view that these major dimensions of life are complementary, but parallel universes. She argues that adjustments in and aspirations for one sphere of activity of necessity provoke the need for realignments and corresponding changes in the other. Moreover, far from being a neutral observer of the “free market,” the state has an active role to play in monitoring the relationship between work and family and promoting the conditions for realizing greater equality in both.

The **ILR School at Cornell** has established this **Distinguished Lecture Series** in honor of one of its most loved and renowned professors, Alice Hanson Cook. The purpose is to bring to campus scholars who have made major contributions to research on women and work.

Martha Fineman, an internationally recognized scholar of law and society, is the fourth recipient of this award. Her research spans family law, feminist jurisprudence, and the legal regulation of intimacy. She is the 1999 winner of the prestigious Harry Kalven Prize, awarded by the Law and Society Association. Her most recent publication is *The Autonomy Myth: A Theory of Dependency*.

Scoops is the weekly publication of the Cornell Law School. *Scoops* publishes notices of Law School events, administrative notices, notices from student organizations and other informational notices of general interest to the Law School community. It is published every Monday while classes are in session. Items for the newsletter should be submitted to the Law School Registrar's Office or by email to: scoops@lawschool.cornell.edu no later than 12:00 Noon on Thursdays for inclusion in the following week's edition. Please note that items may be edited if necessary.