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## ≈ Calendar of Events ≈ Week of March 31, 2008

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

### MONDAY, MARCH 31

**12:15 p.m. Room 285.** The Berger International Speaker Series, Cornell Law School National Lawyers Guild and the Cornell Law School Democrats present **Senator Mike Gravel (Alaska, retired)**, speaking on *“Popular Constitutionalism in the U.S. & Abroad.”* Reception to follow in the Foyer. Details on page 5, Berger International Legal Studies column.

**1:00 p.m. Room G85.** New York Bar Application information will be discussed at the handwriting session. Details on page 3, Certification Coordinator Pat Halstead’s column.

### TUESDAY, APRIL 1

**12:15-1:15 p.m. Berger Atrium.** The Cornell Death Penalty Project presents *Protecting the Innocent* with **Kirk Bloodworth** and **John Terzano**. Details on page 6, Death Penalty column.

**1:00-5:00 p.m. Room 309.** Office hours for **Walter Bubl **, Academic Support Counselor. Details on page 7, 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.

**6:00 p.m. Room 290.** The Federalist Society and National Lawyer's Guild are hosting a **debate** on the **lawfulness of the NSA Terrorist Surveillance Program**. Details on page 8, Student Organizations.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

**12:30 p.m. Mancuso Amphitheatre** (room G90). New York Bar Application information will be discussed at the handwriting session. Details on page 3, Certification Coordinator Pat Halstead’s column.

**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 7, Walter Bubl ’s column.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2 (CONT'D.)**

**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 7, Maurice Haltom, CAPS column.

**6:15 p.m. Mancuso Amphitheater (room G90). Nuts and Bolts of the Judicial Clerkship Application Process.** Presented by the **Career Services Office** and the **Judicial Clerkship Committee**. Details on page 4, Assistant Dean for Public Service Comstock's column.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 3**

**4:00 p.m. Mancuso Amphitheater (room G90). The First Informational Meeting for the Joint-Journal Writing Competition.** Details on page 8, 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, April 1 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**

• **To the Classes of 2009 & 2010 - Pre-Registration for Fall 2008 Law School courses** will occur over the summer recess. Students will be notified by email (to their Cornell NetID email address) of registration dates.

• **New University Student Records System** - The University has implemented a new student administration system (PeopleSoft). Law students will continue to interface with University services by using the new Just The Facts/Student Center. Please read carefully all communications you receive from the Office of the University Registrar. As you use the new system, please share your experiences with us. Learn more at: <http://registrar.sas.cornell.edu/Student/jtf.html>

• **Fall 2008 Courses in Divisions Other than the Law School** - Students interested in enrolling in courses in other divisions of the University for the Fall 2008 semester may pre-enroll using the University Enrollment process. Law students will use the University system to select their non-law courses. **The pre-registration period for law students to select non-law courses is scheduled for April 2-18.** To pre-enroll you must use the new Just the Facts/Student Center: <http://jtf.cornell.edu> . The University Registrar's Office strongly encourages you to review the **Enrollment Tips Sheet** located at <http://registrar.sas.cornell.edu/Student/TIPS.html> to optimize your enrollment period.

• **Please Note: Pre-enrollment does not guarantee enrollment in the course.** Students enrolling in non-law courses for JD credit will also need to complete the required petition with the Law School Registrar's office, at the Registrar's website (<https://support.law.cornell.edu/students> ), Course Registration link, *Request for Credit for Outside Course*. A student electing a course outside the Law School for credit or otherwise, must also register for at least 9 credit hours in the Law School each term. Regardless of the number of courses elected outside the Law School, a student must earn 72 semester credit hours in professional law subjects. This applies to all law students, including those in joint degree programs.

- **Spring 08 Final Examinations** - Students who have **exam conflicts** are reminded to notify the Law School Registrar's Office, in writing, using the online Deferral Request link at the Registrar's website: <https://support.law.cornell.edu/students> by **Wednesday, April 9, 2008**, of the conflict, and should note which exam they wish rescheduled. The exam schedule is available at the Registrar's website at: [https://support.law.cornell.edu/students/forms/Spring\\_Exam\\_Schedule.pdf](https://support.law.cornell.edu/students/forms/Spring_Exam_Schedule.pdf)

- **Exams and dictionaries - JD students** whose native or working language is not normally English may request the use of a non-legal dictionary for examinations by submitting a written request to the Dean of Students by **Wednesday, April 9, 2008**. **If you received permission to use a non-legal dictionary for the fall exam period, you do not need to make another request for the spring exam period.** The non-legal dictionary must be supplied by the student and the dictionary may be in print or electronic format; provided, however, that any electronic dictionary must be a stand-alone dictionary with a set memory (e.g., a dictionary program that is loaded on a laptop computer does not qualify). All electronic dictionaries must be approved by the Registrar well in advance of the examinations. **LL.M. students** with questions regarding the use of a non-legal dictionary for examinations should contact **Assistant Dean Charles Cramton**.

- **Laptops and exams** - During the week of March 31 you will be receiving detailed information for Windows and Macintosh computers in preparation for using your laptop for spring examinations. The information will be sent to you at your Cornell NetID email address.

## **FROM PAT HALSTEAD, CERTIFICATION COORDINATOR**

### **Reminders To All Graduating Students**

- **New York Bar Application information** will be discussed at the handwriting sessions scheduled on **Monday, March 31 at 1:00 p.m. in room G85** and **Wednesday, April 2 at 12:30 p.m. in the Mancuso Amphitheater** (room G90.)

On-line applications and instructions for submitting the New York State Bar application will be available **April 1-April 30, 2008** at: <http://www.nybarexam.org> . Please print the Specimen of Applicants Handwriting form and bring it to one of the handwriting sessions.

Those who are unable to attend either session should stop by the Registrar's Office to make an appointment to complete the handwriting specimen. Applications for the New York State Bar for the July 2008 Exam **must be postmarked between April 1-April 30, 2008**.

- **Certificates of Attendance/Graduation.** A certificate of law school attendance/graduation is required by most state bar authorities. Some states require that the certificate be made on a form they provide, and others require it on Law School letterhead. Certificates are completed and mailed directly from the Law School Registrars Office. **Certificates of graduation will be sent after May 25, 2008.**

- **Official Transcripts.** Please remember that they are not processed at Cornell Law School. Students can request an official transcript (**including Spring 08 grades**) in **May** at the University Registrar's Office, B7 Day Hall. The request should include the following information: **Hold for Grades and Degree - Graduating Law** and where you want it sent.

- **Applications Requiring Fingerprinting (not all bar applications require fingerprinting)**  
Fingerprinting is available on-campus at the Public Safety Office, G2 Barton Hall, 24-hours a day and at the Ithaca Police Department, 120 E. Clinton St., 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.

## 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** at: <http://www.isso.cornell.edu/immigration/f1/law673.php> **beginning February 1, 2008 and ending June 1, 2008.** 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 Registrars Office and ask for the one-page handout.

## FROM KAREN COMSTOCK, ASSISTANT DEAN FOR PUBLIC SERVICE

### Nuts and Bolts of the Judicial Clerkship Application Process

Wednesday, April 2

6:15 p.m. - Mancuso Amphitheater (room G90)

All 2Ls interested in applying for **post-graduate judicial clerkships** should attend this program! Presented by: **Professor John Blume**, Chair, Judicial Clerkship Committee and **Karen Comstock**, Assistant Dean for Public Service. **Sponsored by the Career Services Office and the Judicial Clerkship Committee.**

#### Topics Covered:

- ◆ Overview of federal and state clerkship opportunities
- ◆ Distinctive features of the process and how it differs from other legal job search and acceptance protocol
- ◆ Strategies for identifying your target judges
- ◆ Strategies for selecting recommenders
- ◆ Elements of your application packet
- ◆ The time line for researching, preparing and sending your applications
- ◆ The Cornell Law School Judicial Clerkship Handbook will be distributed

**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:** Please mark your calendar for **Tuesday, April 8 at 1:00 p.m.** in the **Mancuso Amphitheater (room G90)**. Dean DeRosa will present a program entitled **“Introduction to Fall Recruiting.”** At this program, you will receive a calendar of dates and deadlines for fall recruiting and will learn about all aspects of the process, from bidding for initial interviews to attending job fairs and receiving callbacks. This program is a must for **all 1Ls planning to participate in fall recruiting!**
- **2L Students:** **Dean DeRosa** will present a program entitled **“How to Succeed as a Summer Associate”** on **Thursday, April 10** from **4:00-5:00 p.m.** in the **Mancuso Amphitheater (room G90)**. Dean DeRosa will discuss how to make the most out of your summer associate experience, including: how to effectively obtain and complete assignments; how to build relationships with fellow summer associates, staff, and attorneys; and how to enjoy firm-sponsored social events while maintaining professionalism. This program is not to be missed if you are working at a firm this summer! **1L students** who are interested in this program are also **welcome to attend.**

**FROM LARRY BUSH, THE BERGER INTERNATIONAL LEGAL STUDIES PROGRAM**

- **Monday, March 31**  
**12:15 p.m. Room 285**

**The Berger International Speaker Series, Cornell Law School National Lawyers Guild and the Cornell Law School Democrats** present **Sen. Mike Gravel (Alaska Ret.)**, speaking on **“Popular Constitutionalism in the U.S. & Abroad.”** A reception to follow in the Foyer. **Co-sponsored by the Cornell Law School National Lawyers Guild and the Cornell Law School Democrats.**

**Mike Gravel** is a former Democratic United States Senator from Alaska, who served two terms from 1969 to 1981, and is a candidate for the Democratic Party nomination in the 2008 presidential election. A graduate of Columbia University, Senator Gravel became nationally known for his forceful but unsuccessful attempts to end the draft during the Vietnam War and for having put the Pentagon Papers into the public record in 1971 despite risk to himself. In 1989, Sen. Gravel reentered politics by founding and leading The Democracy Foundation, which promotes direct democracy. He is a passionate advocate of direct democracy and the National Initiative and in 2006 began a run for President of the United States in part to promote those ideas. Senator Gravel is the author of three books, including *Jobs and More Jobs* and *Citizen Power: A People's Platform*. Senator Gravel's *My America* is scheduled to be released in May 2008.

- **Monday, April 7**  
**11:15 a.m. Room G85**

**The Berger International Legal Studies Program** presents **Ms. Elke Rehbock'04**, speaking on **"An Introduction to Project Finance: A Contractual Framework"**

Information on **Ms. Rehbock's background** was included on page 6 of last week's *Scoops*:  
[http://support.law.cornell.edu/technology/scoops/vol\\_21\\_24\\_wk\\_Mar\\_24.pdf](http://support.law.cornell.edu/technology/scoops/vol_21_24_wk_Mar_24.pdf).

- **Monday, April 7**  
**12:15 p.m. Room 277**

**The Berger International Speaker Series** presents **Gil Crawford**, CEO, MicroVest, speaking on **“Making Capital Markets Work for the World's Entrepreneurial Poor.”** Please **RSVP** to **Dawne Peacock**, [dfp7@cornell.edu](mailto:dfp7@cornell.edu) by **Thursday, April 3.**

Information about **MicroVest** was included on page 6 of last week's *Scoops*:  
[http://support.law.cornell.edu/technology/scoops/vol\\_21\\_24\\_wk\\_Mar\\_24.pdf](http://support.law.cornell.edu/technology/scoops/vol_21_24_wk_Mar_24.pdf)

## FROM THE CORNELL DEATH PENALTY PROJECT

Tuesday, April 1

12:15 1:15 p.m., Berger Atrium

The **Cornell Death Penalty Project** presents *Protecting the Innocent-Kirk Bloodsworth*, the first death row prisoner exonerated on the basis of DNA evidence and Program Officer, The Justice Project, with **John Terzano**, President, The Justice Project.

In the modern era of the death penalty, Mr. Bloodsworth was the first death row prisoner exonerated on the basis of DNA evidence. Mr. Bloodsworth and Mr. Terzano will discuss the circumstances of Mr. Bloodsworth's wrongful conviction and what can be done to remedy and prevent wrongful convictions in the future. Lunch will be served. Please **RSVP** to **Karen Wilson** at [kdw6@cornell.edu](mailto:kdw6@cornell.edu) for the luncheon.

## FROM THE LAW LIBRARY

**Got skills?** Before you know it, exams will be over and you'll be in the midst of your new employment. To help prepare you for the demands of your position, the Law Library offers **Legal Research 2.0:**

**Beyond Law School.** Features of the program are:

- Research Consultations
- Bloomberg Registration
- Public Interest Research Prep
- After the First Year: Research Session for 1Ls
- Prize Drawing
- Lexis and Westlaw "Prepare to Practice" Sessions

- **Research Consultations**

Consultations can last from 30 to 60 minutes. Our registration form allows you to specify your interests and needs, and request a particular Research Attorney if desired. Forms are at the circulation desk in the Reading Room and available online:

<http://library.lawschool.cornell.edu/WhatWeDo/HelpStudents/Research-Appointment.cfm>

Students who request an appointment by Noon on April 25 will be entered in the drawing for a beautiful Black's Law Dictionary courtesy of our friends at Thomson/West.

- **Bloomberg Registration**

Bloomberg is now available to students attending the nation's top law schools. **Registration** allows you to use, during the summer and the academic year, the same information your future employers use. **Valerie Boccadoro** with Bloomberg will be here **Tuesday through Thursday, April 1, 2, and 3** to register 2Ls and 3Ls. Look for an announcement on where Valerie's table will be located. All who register will be entered in the drawing for a beautiful Black's Law Dictionary courtesy of our friends at Thomson/West.

- **Public Interest Research Prep**

Is public service in your future? The Law Library has created a set of legal research materials specifically for you. A packet is available from the Law Library Reference Desk, or may be picked up from Dean Comstock's office, 144 Myron Taylor Hall. Of special interest to those of you working in public interest are the Research Consultations. Be sure to request one at:

<http://library.lawschool.cornell.edu/WhatWeDo/HelpStudents/Research-Appointment.cfm>

All who pick up a Public Interest Research packet can enter the drawing for a beautiful Black's Law Dictionary courtesy of our friends at Thomson/West.

- **After the First Year: Research Session for 1Ls**

A mandatory legal research session for 1Ls will be held **Friday, April 4** as follows:

- Sections C, E, and F** at **9:05** in the Mancuso Amphitheater (room G90)
- Sections A, B, and D** at **10:10** in the Mancuso Amphitheater (room G90)

- **Prize Drawing**

The drawing for the Deluxe Black's Law Dictionary will be held **Friday, April 25 at 2:00**. We'll announce the winner via e-mail and on the Law Library web site.

- **Lexis and Westlaw "Prepare to Practice" Sessions**

Lexis and Westlaw are both providing "Prepare to Practice" sessions. Check online for details.

- Lexis My School site: [http://www.lexisnexis.com/lawschool/myschoollogin/myschool\\_login.asp](http://www.lexisnexis.com/lawschool/myschoollogin/myschool_login.asp)
- Westlaw: <http://lawschool.westlaw.com> and check the Westlaw Training Calendar.

## **FROM KARLA VARGAS, DIRECTOR, FINANCIAL AID**

### **How To Renew Your Financial Aid**

- **Follow these easy steps and you will renew your Federal loans:**

File your tax returns

Complete your FAFSA no later **April 15, 2008**

Send a copy of your Tax returns or Non-filing statement to the Financial Aid Office.

Complete the Federal Verification Worksheet

**Please note:** If you complete your **FAFSA** later than **April 15** and do not alert the Financial Aid Office, we cannot ensure timely payment of loan funds. The **Non-Filing Statement** and the **Federal Verification Worksheet** can be picked up at the Financial Aid office after **April 1**

- **Follow this easy step and you will renew your private loan**

Contact your lender and apply for a new loan for 2008-2009

- **Follow this easy step and you will renew your Graduate Plus Loan**

Contact your lender and apply for a new loan for 2008-09

- **Grants do not need to be renewed**

## **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.

**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)

## FROM MICHAEL PADO, FACILITIES MANAGER

I have received reports that someone is using tape on the crash bars to keep the outside doors open after hours. **Please do not tape the doors open!!!** You are posing an unnecessary risk to building security and student personal safety.

I filed a report with Campus Police on March 25 and they are now involved in this investigation. They will be stopping by after hours to inspect the doors periodically. If you should have any information regarding this matter, please contact my office at 255-8858 or e-mail me at [mjp20@cornell.edu](mailto:mjp20@cornell.edu). Thank you for your cooperation!

## STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

- **Cornell Law Democrats and Cornell Law Republicans**

*“National Healthcare: Who do you trust with your health?”* A debate hosted by the Cornell Law Democrats and Cornell Law Republicans. Featuring: **William Niskanen**, Ph.D., Chairman of CATO; **John Kuder**, Ph.D., Professor in Cornell's Sloan Program in Health Administration. On **Tuesday, April 8, 4:30 p.m. (note new start time), room 290**. Food will be served. Co-sponsored by the National Lawyers Guild, the Federalist Society, and GPSAFC. Questions? Contact **Christopher Ortiz** at [cbo7@cornell.edu](mailto:cbo7@cornell.edu)

- **Federalist Society and National Lawyer's Guild**

The **Federalist Society and National Lawyer's Guild** are hosting a **debate** on the **lawfulness of the NSA Terrorist Surveillance Program** on **Tuesday, April 1, at 6:00 p.m. in room 290**.

The event will address two issues: (1) Whether FISA unconstitutionally infringes on the President's authority; (2) Whether the Terrorist Surveillance Program violates the Fourth Amendment.

**Professor Robert F. Turner**, UVA Law School, will be the Federalist Society's guest, arguing both issues in favor of the lawfulness of the program. **Professor Bernadette A. Meyler**, Cornell Law School, will argue the separation of powers issue as NLG's guest. **Guilherme Roschke, Skadden** Fellow with the Electronic Privacy Information Center, will argue the Fourth Amendment issue also as NLG's guest. Co-sponsored by the GPSAFC. **Questions?** Contact: [cdm29@cornell.edu](mailto:cdm29@cornell.edu) and [gpm28@cornell.edu](mailto:gpm28@cornell.edu)

- **Joint-Journal Writing Competition**

The **First Informational Meeting** for the **Joint-Journal Writing Competition** will be held on **Thursday, April 3 at 4:00 p.m. in the Mancuso Amphitheater (room G90)**. All 1Ls who are interested in participating in the competition are encouraged to attend. The LIIBULLETIN will also be holding its informational meeting directly following the all-journal meeting. Questions? Contact **Rachel Weiss**, Cornell Law Review Senior Note Editor at: [rsw37@cornell.edu](mailto:rsw37@cornell.edu).

- **LII Bulletin**

The LIIBULLETIN will be recruiting associates for next year over the coming weeks. Associates for the Bulletin write previews for upcoming Supreme Court cases, which are published online at [www.law.cornell.edu/bulletin](http://www.law.cornell.edu/bulletin). **Interested students should plan on participating in the LII writing competition**, which runs from **April 10 through the 14**. More information will be forthcoming at the **All Journals Info Meeting on April 3 at 4:00 p.m. in the Mancuso Amphitheater (room G90)**, and on Blackboard. Any questions can be addressed to **Allison Condon** at [akc26@cornell.edu](mailto:akc26@cornell.edu) or **Joe Hashmall** at [jch85@cornell.edu](mailto:jch85@cornell.edu)

- **Sports and Entertainment Law Society**

On **Thursday, April 10 at 5:15 p.m. in the Mancuso Amphitheater (room G90)** the **Sports and Entertainment Law Society** presents: *The Life and Times of a Music Lawyer*. **Jennifer Justice**, a

partner at Carroll, Guido, and Groffman, will be discussing her experiences as a lawyer in the entertainment industry. Ms. Justice represents top music artists such as Jay-Z and Method Man. Food will be provided. The event is co-sponsored by GPSAFC and the Careers Office. For more information contact **Ashley Vincent** at [aav26@cornell.edu](mailto:aav26@cornell.edu)

## POSITIONS AVAILABLE

- **LII Summer Editor**

The **Legal Information Institute**, [www.law.cornell.edu](http://www.law.cornell.edu), **seeks a summer editor** (first half or full summer). Projects include writing a Supreme Court term wrap-up and updating rules collections. To apply please send a resume and writing sample to **Sara Frug** at [ssf6@cornell.edu](mailto:ssf6@cornell.edu)

- **Paid Research Assistant position for 1L or 2L student**

**Professor Liz Karns** of Cornell's School of Industrial and Labor Relations needs a Research Assistant to work for the remainder of the semester and throughout the Summer of 2008. Applications from students interested only in summer work will be accepted. Professor Karns is developing materials for teaching quantitative arguments in law and policy. She needs cases and briefs in the area of occupational, environmental, and pharmaceutical litigation. Hours and pay flexible. Contact **Professor Karns** at [ek368@cornell.edu](mailto:ek368@cornell.edu) for further details.

## NOMINEES SOUGHT

**The National Association of Women Lawyers** is sponsoring a **recognition award** for the outstanding law graduate, female or male, of each American Bar Association-approved law school who best exemplifies the following characteristics: contributes to the advancement of women in society; promotes issues and concerns of women in the legal profession; exhibits motivation, tenacity, and enthusiasm; demonstrates academic achievement; and earns the respect of colleagues. **Nominations should be submitted to Dean Lukingbeal by 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 23, 2008.**

## WRITING COMPETITIONS

- The **International Association of Defense Counsel** announces its **Legal Writing Contest**, open to all students who, at the time of submission of their entries, are enrolled for the 2007-08 academic year as J.D. candidates in an accredited law school. Entries should be on a subject of practical concern to lawyers engaged in the defense or management of the defense of civil litigation, such as, for example, relevant aspects of tort law, insurance law, civil procedure, evidence, damages, alternative dispute resolution procedures, and professional ethics. Contest rules, writing guidelines, and entry form are available at <http://www.iadclaw.org/contest.cfm>. Entries, together with a completed entry form, must be sent via electronic mail on or before **May 16, 2008** to the International Association of Defense Counsel at: [aomaley@iadclaw.org](mailto:aomaley@iadclaw.org)

- **The New York State Bar Association's Committee on Legal Education and Admission to the Bar** announces the **2008 Law Student Legal Ethics Award competition**. The competition is open to all students. A prize of \$750 will be awarded at the end of the academic year. The award is intended to encourage scholarship and service relating to the lawyer's role as a representative of clients, officer of the legal system and public citizen having special responsibility for the quality of justice. The Award is made by the law school to the student(s) in recognition of an extraordinary accomplishment in one of the following areas:

1. A proposal outlining how members of the Bar can demonstrate their commitment to professional responsibility or legal ethics;
2. A written article, essay or other exposition, on the subject of legal professional responsibility or legal ethics; or

3. A substantial action or activity in furtherance of legal professional responsibility or legal ethics, performed or instituted in the year of this competition.

Written entries should be submitted to the Law School Registrar's Office by **Friday, April 18, 2008**.

- The **Third Annual NAELA Student Journal Writing Competition** sponsored by the **National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA)** is open to all students in good standing who attend a law school within the United States. The article should address any topic related to the intersection of law and aging, elder or disability planning. All entries must be submitted electronically by **May 1, 2008**. Competition information is available at the following site: [http://www.naela.org/pdffiles/NSJ\\_Letter.pdf](http://www.naela.org/pdffiles/NSJ_Letter.pdf)

## **INSTITUTE FOR THE SOCIAL SCIENCES EVENTS**

The ISS Contentious Knowledge Team presents:

- **April 1**

*Folk Economics at the Border: Image, Ideology, and Asymmetry*

[Kristen Maher](http://www-rohan.sdsu.edu/dept/polsciwb/people/faculty/hill-maher_k.htm), Professor of Political Science, San Diego State University

[http://www-rohan.sdsu.edu/dept/polsciwb/people/faculty/hill-maher\\_k.htm](http://www-rohan.sdsu.edu/dept/polsciwb/people/faculty/hill-maher_k.htm)

**12:00-1:30 p.m.**

**ISS Conference room (146 Myron Taylor Hall)**

Lunch will be served.

- **April 8**

*Federal Nutrition Guidelines and the Creation of Productive Bodies*

**Kelly Moore**, Professor of Sociology, University of Cincinnati

**12:00-1:30 p.m.**

**ISS Conference room (146 Myron Taylor Hall)**

Lunch will be served.

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)

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