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## ≈ Calendar of Events ≈ Week of April 14, 2008

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

### MONDAY, APRIL 14

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**6:00-8:30 p.m. Moot Court Room. Student Organization Photos.** Please see detailed schedule for groups on page 7, Student Organizations.

### TUESDAY, APRIL 15

**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.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

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**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16 (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.**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 17**

**12:15-1:15 p.m. Mancuso Amphitheater (room G90). Course Forum.** First-year students and any other interested students are invited to a Course Forum **sponsored by CLSA** to review distribution recommendations, degree requirements, concentration options, and sound course selection in the upperclass years. Details below, Registrar Nan Colvin's 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, April 15 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**

• **Course Forum - Thursday, April 17, 12:15-1:10 p.m. in the Mancuso Amphitheater (room G90).** First-year students and any other interested students are invited to a Course Forum sponsored by CLSA to review distribution recommendations, degree requirements, concentration options, and to express ideas regarding sound course selection in the upperclass years. Associate Dean for Academic Affairs **Barbara Holden-Smith**, Executive Director of Clarke Center for International and Comparative Legal Studies, **Larry Bush**, Director of the Legal Aid Clinic **JoAnne Miner**, Registrar's Office staff members **Nan Colvin** and **Nancy Osborn**, and **CLSA representatives** will be available to answer questions.

• **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.

• **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.

- **Laptops for exams** - Informational memos about laptop exams and general exam procedures were emailed and flexed to all students the week of March 31. Both memos are posted in the glass-enclosed bulletin board on the ground floor and also available on the Registrar's website at: [https://support.law.cornell.edu/students/forms/LaptopForms/Laptop\\_Registration.pdf](https://support.law.cornell.edu/students/forms/LaptopForms/Laptop_Registration.pdf) and [https://support.law.cornell.edu/students/forms/LaptopForms/Exam\\_Procedures.pdf](https://support.law.cornell.edu/students/forms/LaptopForms/Exam_Procedures.pdf) If you have any questions after reading the materials emailed and flexed to you, please contact **Nan Colvin** or **Nancy Osborn** in the Registrar's Office.

- **Spring exam software** - The Law School is using Exam4 for spring 2008 exams. Exam4 will accommodate all of our students who want to use their laptop for exams. Exam4 may be used on Macs, PCs with Windows or Vista, and non-US operating systems. All students who plan to use their laptop for exams were required to register for laptop exams and download, install and test the software **by April 9, 2008**.

**Did you miss the deadline?** If you missed the deadline of April 9 but want to use your laptop for exams, please contact **Nancy Osborn** in the Registrar's Office, in person, to talk about your options **as soon as possible**.

**Problems after April 9?** If your laptop has problems after April 9 your options are: 1. handwrite your exams. 2. contact the Registrar's Office to make a request for emergency laptop assistance.

- **Coat and Book Lockers** - Students should be sure to remove all items from book and coat lockers by **May 31, 2008**. Graduating students staying in Ithaca over the summer must remove the contents of their lockers by July 1, 2008. The law school is not responsible for the contents of these lockers. **Any student who has changed their locker assignment** during the year should check with the **Registrar's Office before May 31, 2008**, to be sure the change has been recorded.

- **Summer Addresses**

- Class of 2008 Students**

- The Summer Address/Diploma Mailing Address link on the Registrar's website will be available during the week of April 21. You will be notified by email when the site is available. Please visit the site at: <https://support.law.cornell.edu/students> before the end of the semester and provide us with information about your summer mailing addresses. If you need to make changes to any of the information you enter, you may revisit this site as many times as necessary to correct/update the information. **Diploma mailing:** please note that if you are not going to be in Ithaca after Commencement you must provide a diploma mailing address in order to have your diploma mailed.

- Summer email address and forwarding your NetID email:** We will continue to use your NetID email address if we need to contact you over the summer. For information on the forwarding service after graduation, please visit the Cornell Alumni Office site: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/email/>

### **Class of 2008 & 2009 Students**

The Summer Address link on the Registrar's website will be available during the week of April 21. You will be notified by email when the site is available. Please visit the site at: <https://support.law.cornell.edu/students> before the end of the semester and provide us with information about your summer mailing address. If you need to make changes to any of the information you enter, you may revisit this site as many times as necessary to correct/update the information.

**Summer email address:** We will be using your Cornell NetID email address to communicate with you.

- **2008 Spring Term Grades**

**Class of 2008-** Spring term grades, graduation letters, and diplomas will be available at the Law School Registrar's Office beginning **Tuesday, May 27, 2008.**

**Continuing students** - Spring term grades are expected to be online on **Wednesday, June 11** through **Just the Facts/Student Center** available at <http://jtf.cornell.edu> or at the Just The Facts channel on the University UPortal site: <http://uportal.cornell.edu>

- **Official Student Transcripts** are available at the University Registrar's Office in B7 Day Hall. There is no charge. Internal transcripts are available from the Law School Registrar's office and require a 24-hour advance written request.

- **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 the faculty member wishes to view the student's record.

## **FROM ANNE LUKINGBEAL, ASSOCIATE DEAN AND DEAN OF STUDENTS**

### **End of Semester Massage Party**

**On Monday, April 21** the Offices of the Dean and the Dean of Students, the Cornell Law Students Association (CLSA), and LEXIS will sponsor a therapeutic massage party in the Saperston Student Lounge from **4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** Please stop by and enjoy a free 10-minute chair massage from one of seven licensed massage therapists. There will be drawings by a LEXIS representative. Healthy snacks will be served. Faculty and staff are welcome from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. We hope to see you there.

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

**All Students:** Please note that all Career Services Office counselors will be unavailable from **Tuesday, April 15-Saturday April 19**, as we will be attending the NALP national conference. Our access to email and voicemail will be limited during that time. The Career Services Office (Room 144) will remain open should you need to use the fax machine, copier, or other resources. Additionally, Lisa Carberry will be in the office, should you need assistance. **If you anticipate needing to speak to a counselor this week, please be sure to contact us by Monday, April 14.**

## FROM KAREN COMSTOCK, ASSISTANT DEAN FOR PUBLIC SERVICE

- **Law Students in Action Project (LSAP)**

**Monday, April 14 at 12:15 p.m. Room 273**

The Law Students in Action Project (LSAP) will present information about fall internship and year-round remote research opportunities on **Monday, April 14 at 12:15 p.m., room 273**. If you are interested but cannot attend the 12:15 p.m. program, LSAP attorneys will be tabling in the Law School Foyer from 1:15-3:30 p.m. Many public interest law firms that participate with LSAP use student volunteers throughout the year, and it may be possible for a student to work on a mix of remote and in-office assignments. If you are looking for a way to add to your resume, connect with area attorneys, improve your legal research and writing skills, and assist under-served clients, then please stop by the presentation or contact **Tahira Bland** at 273-3667 ext. 208 or [tbland@wnylc.com](mailto:tbland@wnylc.com).

- **Planning Ahead: First Year Students and the Post-Graduate Judicial Clerkship Search**

**Monday, April 14, 4:00 p.m. Room G85**

Presented by **Professor Eduardo Penalver** and myself

1Ls: Regardless of your future career path, a post-graduate judicial clerkship can be a valuable asset to your career. While 1Ls have an entire year before you need to start putting your application packets together, this program will offer tips on steps you should take in your 2L year to position yourself as a strong clerkship candidate.

## FROM THE LAWYERING PROGRAM

Applications to serve as a **Lawyering Program Honors Fellow** for the 2008-09 academic year are due to **Janice Rose**, room 115, by **April 17** at 2:00 p.m. Please contact **Joel Atlas**, Director of the Lawyering Program, with any questions.

## CLARKE PROGRAM IN EAST ASIAN LAW AND CULTURE COLLOQUIUM SERIES

- **Thursday April 17**

**12:15 p.m. Room 279**

**Zhang Sheng**, Vice-Dean and Professor, China University of Political Science and Law

*“The Drafting of Min-guo Civil Code-A Knowledge Sociology Analysis”*

Lunch will be served. Please **RSVP** to **Donna Hastings** [donna-hastings@lawschool.cornell.edu](mailto:donna-hastings@lawschool.cornell.edu)

- **2008 Clarke Lecture**

**Thursday, April 24**

**4:30-6:00 p.m., Weiss Faculty Lounge**

**Shi Zhengfu**, Principal of Comway Capital Group and Founder of the Center for the New Political Economy at Fudan University, Shanghai. *“Chinas Reform as an Indigenous Institutional Innovation: An inquiry into the Characteristics of Political and Economic Systems in China Today.”* Reception will follow in the Berger Atrium.

- **Law Markets and Social Equity Conference**

**Friday April 25, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.**

**Saturday April 26, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon**

**Institute for Social Sciences Conference Room, Cornell Law School, 146 Myron Taylor Hall**

Co-sponsored by Clarke Business Law Institute, the Cornell University East Asia Program and the Institute for Social Sciences. Please **RSVP** to **Donna Hastings** [donna-hastings@lawschool.cornell.edu](mailto:donna-hastings@lawschool.cornell.edu)

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

- **Wednesday, April 16**

**12:15 p.m. Room 277**

The **Berger International Speaker Series** presents Professor **Rainer Nickel**, Visiting Assistant Professor of Law and Schlesinger Fellow (spring 2008) speaking on *“Three Strikes and You’re Out? The Lisbon Treaty as the Third Round of European Union Constitutionalism.”* Please **RSVP** to **Dawne Peacock** at [dfp7@cornell.edu](mailto:dfp7@cornell.edu) by **April 15** for the luncheon.

- **Friday April 18**

**12:15 p.m. Room 277**

The **Berger International Speaker Series** presents **Dr. Sebastian Kaempf**, School of Political Science and International Studies, The University of Queensland, Australia speaking on *“Protecting Civilians In Conflict: US Warfare and the Nexus Between the Ethics and Laws of War.”* Please **RSVP** to **Dawne Peacock** at [dfp7@cornell.edu](mailto:dfp7@cornell.edu)

**Dr. Kaempf’s talk** will examine how and why, despite the contemporary trend towards strengthening the principle of non-combatant immunity, enemy civilians are still being killed in American military campaigns. 'Collateral damage' has sparked controversies not only over what constitutes legitimate targeting practices (in particular with regard to dual-use facilities) but also as to whether higher levels of civilian protection could be achieved if forces were exposed to greater risks. Locating these debates in the existing literature, Dr. Kaempf argues that neither the laws of war/international humanitarian law nor conventional interpretations of the doctrine of double effect provide fully satisfactory answers to these issues as both are too permissive in relation to the killing of civilians. Instead of employing the doctrine of double effect, Dr. Kaempf draws on moral guidelines – and in particular Michael Walzer's idea of 'due care' - which go much further in providing protection for the innocent in war. Using the U.S. wars in Kosovo, Afghanistan, (and Iraq) as illustrations, he investigates this tension between the legal and moral protection afforded to civilians in contemporary war.

- **Monday, April 28**

**4:30 p.m. Room G85**

The **Berger International Speaker Series, Dorothea S. Clarke Program in Feminist Jurisprudence and Institute for African Development** present **Professor Akua Kuenyehia**, First Vice President, International Criminal Court (ICC) speaking on *“The Prosecution of Gender Crimes before the International Criminal Court.”* Reception following talk in the Foyer.

## LAW & HUMANITIES COLLOQUIUM

**Monday, April 14**

**4:15-5:55 p.m. Room 277**

**Law & Humanities Colloquium** with Professor **Bernadette Meyler** and guest speaker, **Peter Brooks**, Sterling Professor of Comparative Literature and French, Adjunct Professor of Law, Yale University will discuss *“Narrative Transactions Does the law Need a Narratology?”*. Refreshments will be served. Contact: **Heidi Best** at [shb5@cornell.edu](mailto:shb5@cornell.edu) or 255-9093.

## FROM KARLA VARGAS, DIRECTOR, 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 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)

- **First-year Exam Strategies**

**Monday, April 21**

**4:00 5:00 p.m. room G85**

I will present a review of exam-taking tips for essay and multiple-choice questions.

## 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)

## STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

- **Phi Alpha Delta (PAD)**

Phi Alpha Delta (PAD), Wilson Chapter is hosting a **Blood Drive** in conjunction with the American Red Cross on **Wednesday April 16, in the One World Room of Anabel Taylor Hall, 10:00 a.m.-**

**3:00 p.m.** Donating takes less than an hour. Time slots are still available. Please email **Elizabeth**

**Ebersole** at [ele7@cornell.edu](mailto:ele7@cornell.edu) to schedule an appointment or if you have any questions regarding donor eligibility or the process in general. One donation can help save as many as three lives!

- **Student Organization Photos**

The following law school organizations will be taking their formal group photos on **Monday, April 14** in the **Moot Court Room** at the following times:

6:00 p.m. - CLSA

7:30 p.m. - Law Review

6:30 p.m. - Moot Court

8:00 p.m. - ILJ

7:00 p.m. - LII

8:30 p.m. - JLPP

Please arrive 10 minutes earlier than your scheduled time. If you are unsure whether you are supposed to be in your organization's photo, please ask the head of your individual organization. If you have any other questions, please contact **Eric Finkelstein** ([ejf33@cornell.edu](mailto:ejf33@cornell.edu)).

## INSTITUTE FOR THE SOCIAL SCIENCES EVENTS

### Institute for the Social Sciences Seminar Series

The ISS Contentious Knowledge Team presents:

- **April 15**

*Who Speaks for the People? And How?: Reflections from the American Founding*

[Jason Frank](#), Contentious Knowledge Team Member and Professor of Government

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

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

Lunch will be served.

- **April 22**

*The Union of Concerned Scientists: Four Decades at the Intersection of Science and Politics*

[Kurt Gottfried](#), Professor of Physics Emeritus, Cornell

<http://www.physics.cornell.edu/people/faculty/?page=website/faculty&action=show/id=62>

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

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

**The Cornell College Republicans present:**

**Governor Mike Huckabee, Former U.S. Presidential Candidate**

*“In God We Trust: The Role of Faith in Politics”*

**Tuesday, April 15, 6:00 p.m. Bailey Hall** (Doors open at 5:00 p.m.)

Free tickets are required and are available from the Willard Straight Hall ticket office. Open to the Cornell & Ithaca Community. For more information, contact **Ahmed Salem**, Chairmen, Cornell College Republicans ([ass34@cornell.edu](mailto:ass34@cornell.edu)) or **Ben Ware**, Cornell Political Coalition ([bcw27@cornell.edu](mailto:bcw27@cornell.edu)).

With the presidential election looming, Governor Huckabee's view on the race will be very relevant. He was a candidate until John McCain recently clinched the Republican nomination on March 4th. Considering the stark contrast between the GOP's entrenchment and the upheaval occurring on the other side of the isle, Governor Huckabee will have unique insight as a dark horse candidate in a race that is gearing up to be nothing less than historic. As a minister, Governor Huckabee will speak on the role that he feels religion ought to play in politics. He will address how his faith has shaped his views on social issues and American foreign policy, particularly the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. For those considering a career in politics, public policy or religion, Mike Huckabee's view on the role that faith plays in our government and its constitutional tradition will be unique and exciting.

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