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# Cornell Law Scoops

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## ≈ Calendar of Events ≈ Week of September 22, 2008

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

### **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**

**9:00 a.m.-5:10 p.m. Myron Taylor Hall. OCI #4.** Details on page 3, Career column.

### **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23**

**9:00 a.m.-5:10 p.m. Myron Taylor Hall. OCI #4.** Details on page 3, Career column.

**1:00-5:00 p.m. Room 252. Office hours for Walter Bubl , Academic Support Director.** Details on page 3, 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, SEPTEMBER 24**

**1:00-4:30 p.m. Room 252. Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS). Free and confidential consultation for law students.** Details on page 4, CAPS column.

**4:00 p.m. Room 285.** The **Women's Law Coalition** will be joined by **Shelley Chapman** to discuss a host of issues, including issues unique to women in big firm practice. Details on page 5, Student Organizations.

### **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**

**1:00-5:00 p.m. Room 252. Office hours for Walter Bubl , Academic Support Director.** Details on page 3, Walter Bubl 's column.

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

### Office Hours for Students

I will be holding drop-in office hours for students on **Tuesday afternoons between 3:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.** Students wishing to see me may sign up in advance with **Rachel Lukens** in room 263 or stop by and sign in during the office hours.

## FROM NAN COLVIN, REGISTRAR

### Dates to remember for fall 2008

- **Fall break for Law School**

Begins **Saturday, October 11**

Classes resume **Monday, October 20**

- After Fall break: dates to be announced

**Law School Pre-registration** for spring 2009

**University Pre-enrollment** for spring 2009

**Laptop Registration for exams** for fall 2008

**Installation of Exam4 software** for fall 2008

- **Fall Term Examination Period**

Examinations begin **Monday, December 8**

Examinations end **Friday, December 19**

- **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

### To the Class of 2011

I hope that your first few weeks as a Cornell Law student have been exciting, challenging, and productive. In the event that you would like to seek advice about any matter relating to your education, please feel free to make an appointment to see me or the Assistant Dean for Student and Career Services, John DeRosa. **Dean DeRosa** can be reached at 255-9982. If you would like to make an appointment with me, stop by the Registrar's Office or call my assistant, **Rosemary Lacey**, at 255-0565.

You are also welcome to call on your primary faculty advisor (your small section teacher) or any of the following faculty members who have volunteered to serve as advisors:

	<b>Room</b>	<b>Telephone</b>		<b>Room</b>	<b>Telephone</b>
Joel Atlas	307	255-1348	Sheri Johnson	108	255-6478
Larry Bush	107	255-3014	Bernadette Meyler	212	254-4204
Angela Cornell	G55	255-7497	Thomas Mills	353	255-5859
Glenn Galbreath	G51	255-4196	John Mollenkamp	321	255-3986
Steve Garvey	324	255-8589	Andrea Mooney	319	255-5883
Valerie Hans	222	254-4204	Jeffrey Rachlinski	122	255-3986
William Jacobson	G57	255-6293	Bradley Wendel	106	255-6018

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

- **2Ls and 3Ls:** Please remember the following dates for upcoming OCI and regional job fairs. **If you have an OCI interview**, these interviews will take place in faculty, administrator, and student organization offices and classrooms in **Myron Taylor Hall**. On the day of the interview, **check the Career Office door** to find your interview room.

**OCI #4** will be held in **Myron Taylor Hall** from 9:00 a.m.-5:10 p.m. on **Monday, September 22 and Tuesday, September 23**.

- **1Ls:** The Career Services Office will be presenting an **orientation to services** later this month. At your orientation, you will meet the counseling staff and learn more about our services, resources, and programs. **You have been assigned to an orientation session by your small section.** Attendance is strongly encouraged!

Sections **A & E** -- **Monday, September 29** from **2:30-3:30 p.m.** in G90

Sections **B & F** -- **Tuesday, September 30** from **4-5 p.m.** in G90

Sections **C & D** -- **Wednesday, October 1** from **4-5 p.m.** in G85

## **UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE CLINIC**

**To 2Ls and 3Ls:** The **United States Attorney's Office Clinic** in Syracuse will be conducting interviews for the second semester on **Wednesday, October 1, 2008**.

Students provide research, writing and general litigation assistance to Assistant US Attorneys. Practice areas include criminal, civil and appellate. Students work 8 hours per week at the US Attorney's Office in Syracuse and a total of 12-15 hours per week (the remainder of the time can be spent in Ithaca). A class is held at the law school on Wednesday evenings. Students must be a U.S. citizen. A detailed course description is available at:

<https://support.law.cornell.edu/students/forms/ClinicalCoursesAndExternshipsDescriptions.pdf>

Interested students should email a resume, writing sample and two references, plus the hours they are available on Wednesday, October 1 (9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.) to **Kathy Wimsatt** ([Kathy-wimsatt@lawschool.cornell.edu](mailto:Kathy-wimsatt@lawschool.cornell.edu)), and **Assistant US Attorney Charles E. Roberts** ([Charles.roberts@usdoj.gov](mailto:Charles.roberts@usdoj.gov)). Interviews will be conducted in room 250 (faculty office). Ms. Wimsatt will notify students of their selection and time for an interview. Applications are due by 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 23.

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

**Monday, September 29**  
**2:30 p.m. Room 276**

The Clarke Fund for the Middle East Lecture presents **Bassam Tibi**, A.D. White Professor-at-Large speaking on "*The Reinterpretation of Shari'a from Civil Law to State Law.*"

## **FROM WALTER BUBLÉ, ACADEMIC SUPPORT COUNSELOR**

**Office hours** for individual consultations on academic matters with 1L JD students **Tuesdays and Thursdays 1:00-5:00 p.m., room 252**. Drop in or arrange an appointment by email at: [wgb7@cornell.edu](mailto:wgb7@cornell.edu)

## 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 p.m.-4:30 p.m. September 3 - December 17**

**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 PAUL WEBER, DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES

The Information Technologies department would like to take this opportunity to remind students of the laptop support services provided by the Law School. Services are provided at the Computer Lab Manager's office room number 373. There is a sign-up sheet posted on **Juan Lube's** door with available appointment times. Our support consists of:

- Helping you obtain an internet connection to Cornell's wireless service (RedRover)
- Installing and configuring Symantec Endpoint Security (anti-virus, anti-spyware, firewall)
- Supporting the installation and troubleshooting of Exam4 software
- Providing preliminary diagnostics of computer problems and making recommendations on the best course of action
- Minor repairs of computers infected by viruses
- Providing advice on data backup methods and devices

We view service to law students as a very important part of our role. Therefore, we urge you to consult the Lab Manager as soon as you experience difficulties. However, you should be aware that we **do not** repair hardware. In addition, to receive an assessment or repair of an infected computer you may have to leave your computer with the Computer Lab Manager for an unspecified amount of time. In certain cases, your only option may be to wipe the computer clean and start with a complete reinstallation of the operating system and all programs. **Moreover, due to limited staffing, we are not always able to evaluate or repair infected computers. However, we will always try to help, and if necessary, recommend outside agencies or vendors to assist with your repair problem.**

Remember, you are the administrator of your laptop. Consequently you should be sure to back up your data and have available the necessary media for your operating system and programs used with your computer in the event of a severe crash or virus infection that requires reinstallation. You should also install and maintain Symantec Endpoint Security, which is free to all members of the Cornell community. Generally, laptop users with Windows operating systems are more vulnerable than Mac users, but everyone should have security measures in place to protect themselves.

Our department looks forward to this new school year and to working with all of our new as well as returning students.

## STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

### Women's Law Coalition

The **Women's Law Coalition** will be joined by **Shelley Chapman**, partner at Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP, to discuss a host of issues, including issues unique to women in big firm practice. The event will take place on **Wednesday, September 24 at 4:00 p.m. in room 285**. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Refreshments will be served. Questions? Contact **Erin Lein** at [eel36@cornell.edu](mailto:eel36@cornell.edu)

## LAW SCHOOL EVENT

### *Cornell Law Review*

### **Legal Ethics and Human Dignity: A Panel Discussion**

**Friday, October 3**

**5:00 p.m. Mancuso Amphitheatre** (room G90)

**Seven panelists** will discuss their recent essays, published in the *Cornell Law Review*, which address, through the lens of Professor **David Luban's** recent book *Legal Ethics and Human Dignity*, the relationship between ethics and lawyering. This panel discussion is open to the public. For more information, contact **Courtney Zanocco** at [ckz2@cornell.edu](mailto:ckz2@cornell.edu).

## POSITIONS AVAILABLE

- **Technology background/skills? Professor Farina** wants to hire one or more people with any of the following proficiencies: Oracle, website management, web design, coding, Drupal, digitization of documents. Hours highly flexible and negotiable. Email [crf7@cornell.edu](mailto:crf7@cornell.edu) with statement of abilities and resume.
- **Professor Martin** seeks one or more assistants to aid his research into the current level and models of electronic filing implementation in state courts, including issues of privacy associated with online access to the resulting digital records. Most of the research will entail work with materials on the Web rather than more conventional legal sources. Interested students should send a resume, the names of 1 or 2 law faculty references, and a short statement of relevant experience, if any, to: [peter-martin@lawschool.cornell.edu](mailto:peter-martin@lawschool.cornell.edu)
- **TA positions for Government 313.** A number of positions are still available for second- and third-year students to serve as teaching assistants in the spring for Government 313, The Nature, Functions, and Limits of Law. Serving as a TA will involve leading one small section discussion per week, as well as helping with the grading. Some preliminary work this semester to help compile the syllabus may also be involved. TAs must be free in the spring semester from 2:55 to 4:10 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays and must be willing remain in Ithaca for a few days to assist with grading at the end of the examination period. TAs may opt either to receive two units of supervised teaching credit or to be paid at the law school's hourly wage. To apply, please put a copy of your transcript (unofficial or printed out will be fine), resume, and a cover letter in **Professor Chafetz's** mailbox by **Friday, September 26**.

## WRITING COMPETITIONS

- The **Environmental Law Institute, the American Bar Association's Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources** and the **National Association of Environmental Law Societies** announce the fourth annual "**Endangered Environmental Laws**" **Student Writing Competition**. Students are invited to submit papers on any topic addressing recent developments or trends in U.S. environmental law that have a significant constitutional or "federalism" component. Any student currently enrolled in a law school (including those outside the U.S.) may submit an entry. Entries must be emailed no later than **5:00 p.m. on April 6, 2009**. Competition details are available at: <http://www.endangeredlaws.org/writingcomp.htm>

- The **Theodore Tannenwald, Jr. Foundation for Excellence in Tax Scholarship and the American College of Tax Counsel** announce their **2007 Tannenwald Writing Competition**. Papers may be submitted by JD, LLM or JSD students. Submitted papers may focus upon technical or policy-oriented topics relating to any type of existing or proposed U.S. federal or state tax or taxation system (including topics relating to tax practice ethical and professional responsibility matters). Each submitted paper must be sponsored by a professor at the student's law school. There is a limit in the number of papers a law school may submit, so **if you are interested in submitting a paper**, please contact the Registrar's Office by **April 10, 2009**. Complete competition rules are available at the Tannenwald Writing Competition website: <http://www.tannenwald.org/competition/>

## FROM THE CORNELL LAW SCHOOL ALUMNI AFFAIRS OFFICE

### SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER EVENTS

- **Tuesday, September 23 - Chicago, IL**

#### *Food: A Feast of Legal Controversies*

A discussion by **Eric F. Greenberg, JD '83** of current public policy and food safety issues, presented by Cornell Law School and hosted by McDonnell, Boehnen, Hulbert and Berghoff, LLP.

- **Thursday, September 25 - Buffalo, NY**

#### *Bridges and Partnerships, Cornell Law School: Its Present and its Future*

Join us for a Cornell Law School and Cornell Law Association Alumni Luncheon & Reception as **Stewart J. Schwab**, The Allan R. Tessler Dean and Professor of Law, discusses the latest about the Law School and how Cornell continues to meet its historical mission of training a new generation of "lawyers in the best sense" to face the challenges of today.

- **Tuesday, October 7 - Rochester, NY**

#### *Rochester Alumni Reception & Luncheon*, featuring Rochester Mayor, **Robert J. Duffy**

You are invited to a Cornell Law School and Cornell Law Association Alumni Luncheon with special guest speaker Mayor Robert J. Duffy. Special thanks to **Duncan W. O'Dwyer, JD '63** for hosting this event. Co-sponsored with the New York/Ontario Regional Office.

- **Tuesday, October 14 - New York, NY**

#### *Women's Careers: Timeouts and Transitions*

Our diverse and experienced panelists will discuss the unique challenges facing women in the legal field, focusing on strategies for pursuing part-time/flex-time work, alternative careers, and transitioning back into the workforce after taking time off to raise a family or care for elderly parents. Moderated by **Katherine Ward Feld, MBA '82, JD '83**.

- **The Cornell Law School will continue its international outreach by visiting our alumni and friends in Japan, China, and Hong Kong.** Please join us and take this opportunity to meet and greet Cornell Law School and University faculty and administrators:

<b>Tuesday, October 14</b>	<b>Friday, October 17</b>	<b>Monday, October 20</b>	<b>Wednesday, October 22</b>
Tokyo Alumni Reception	Shanghai Alumni Reception	Beijing Alumni Reception	Hong Kong Alumni Reception
Tokyo, Japan	Shanghai, PRC	Beijing, PRC	Hong Kong

- **Tuesday, October 28 - New York, NY**

#### *Curia Dinner*

Cornell Law School's 78<sup>th</sup> Annual dinner of the Curia Society will host keynote speaker **Robert M. Morgenthau**, the district attorney for New York County, New York.

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• **Wednesday, October 29 - Washington, DC**

*Passion, Power, and Politics*: Washington's Premier Lobbyist, **Gerry Cassidy**, JD '67

**Mr. Cassidy**, Founder and Executive Chairman of Cassidy & Associates, will share his story on lessons learned, challenges in DC, and an insider's perspective on today's key players in Washington, DC and on presidential election predictions. Opening remarks and an introduction by **Stewart J. Schwab**, The Allan R. Tessler Dean and Professor of Law.

**For more information or to register**, please visit [www.lawschool.cornell.edu/alumni](http://www.lawschool.cornell.edu/alumni) or call Alumni Affairs at (607) 255-5251.

## UNIVERSITY EVENT

### American Artistic Renaissance Symposium

**September 23 and 24, 2008**

Cornell brings to Ithaca New York's SoHo neighborhood, an avant-garde artistic renaissance. Join with us as an amazing collection of gifted world-class artists create Jazz at Cornell. The Symposium features panel discussions, master classes, informal conversations with world famous guests and an informal jam session. The event is free and open to the public.

**Guests of honor include:** Anthony Barboza, Fred Brown, Megan Bowman Brown, Jerome Cooper, Stanley Crouch, Blondell Cummings, Charlie Haden, James Jordan, Felipe Luciano, Malcolm Mooney, Gregoire Muller, Sam Rivers, Jean Claude Samuel, Henry Threadgill.

### Schedule of Main Events

**Tuesday, September 23, 2008**

**Symposium Session #1:** SoHo as a Creative Magnet in the 1970s

12:00 Noon. B20 Lincoln Hall

**Informal Jam Session**

9:00 p.m. West Campus Green

**Wednesday, September 24, 2008**

**Symposium Session #2:** SoHo as Approach

12:00 Noon. Multi-purpose Room, Africana Research and Studies Center

**Symposium Session #3:** SoHo Outcomes

8:30 p.m. Barnes Hall Auditorium

Sponsored by Hans Bethe House, Cornell University Libraries, The Department of Music, the Cornell Council for the Arts, the Africana Studies and Research Center and seventeen other Cornell co-partners.

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