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≈ Calendar of Events ≈ Week of October 27, 2008

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27

12:15 p.m. Saperston Student Lounge. The Cornell Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild will be hosting a talk by **Gita Gutierrez** (CLS '01) on *“Torture, the Law, and American Values.”* Details on page 7, Student Organizations.

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28

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

4:10 p.m. Room G81. Interview with Aziz Rana, an entry level candidate for a faculty appointment. Please contact **Jesse Horn**, CLSA Senior Vice President, at: jth87@cornell.edu, if you are interested in attending this interview. Details on page 6, Student Organizations.

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29

1:00-4:30 p.m. Room 252. Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS). Free and confidential consultation for law students. Details on page 6, CAPS column.

4:00-5:00 p.m. Mancuso Amphitheater (room G90). Lawyering Program Honors Fellows will present an optional, **workshop on legal-writing style.** Details on page 5, Lawyering Program column.

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FROM NAN COLVIN, REGISTRAR

- **University Course Pre-registration** for spring 2009

Courses in Divisions Other than the Law School - Students interested in enrolling in courses in other divisions of the University for the Spring 2009 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 October 28-30, 2008.** To pre-enroll you must use the Student Center at: <http://studentcenter.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.

- **Law School Course Pre-registration** for spring 2009
To the Classes of 2009 & 2010 - On-Line Pre-Registration for Spring 2009 Law School courses is scheduled for **October 28-November 14, 2008**. **You will be notified by email when the pre-registration site is available.** Instructions and details for on-line Law School Course Pre-registration, updated course information, registration forms, and degree requirements will be available on-line after Fall break.
- **Fall Term Examination Period**
Examinations begin **Monday, December 8**
Examinations end **Friday, December 19**
- **Using your lap top for fall 2008 exams**
Installation of Exam4 software: November 3-12, 2008. You will receive information about the process by email to your Cornell NetID email address during the week of October 27.
- **Fall 08 Final Examinations - Exam Conflicts**
Students who have **exam conflicts** are reminded to notify the Law School Registrar's Office, in writing, using the online Deferral Request link, which will be available starting at Noon on Monday, October 6, at the Registrar's website: <https://support.law.cornell.edu/students> by **Wednesday, November 12, 2008**, of the conflict, and should note which exam they wish rescheduled. The exam schedule is available at the Registrars website at:
https://support.law.cornell.edu/students/forms/Fall_Exam_Schedule.pdf
- **Exams and dictionaries**
New 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, November 12, 2008**. **Continuing JD students who received permission to use a non-legal dictionary previously do not need to make another request.** 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**.
- **Examinations - For J.D. students who are studying in English for the first time**, please make an appointment with Dean Lukingbeal, room 165, by **Wednesday, November 12**, to discuss examination procedures.
- **Tuition Statements** - Students are reminded to check their billing address, for Spring 2009 tuition statements, in the University system by using the online Student Center (<http://studentcenter.cornell.edu>)
- **Winter Intersession and Summer Study** - Students may petition the faculty for permission to take law courses in summer-school programs or winter intersession programs of other ABA-approved law schools, and upon their successful completion, to receive credit toward their Cornell J.D. degree. In no case is credit in excess of 6 hours granted for all such summer or intersession law studies. **Petition forms are available on line at the Registrar's site under Course Registration/Registration Forms**

(https://support.law.cornell.edu/students/forms/Summer_Winter_Credit_Petition.pdf). Interested students should submit this form request to the Law School Registrar's Office (addressed to Dean Lukingbeal) by **November 1** for winter intersession programs and by **April 1** for summer 2009 programs.

- **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

- **Wednesday, October 29, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Faculty/Student Women's Law Coalition evening reception** at Associate Dean Anne Lukingbeal's home, 21 Beckett Way. Hosted by the Women's Law Coalition. For information and maps to 21 Beckett Way, stop by the Registrar's Office. Everyone welcome.

- **Extra time on exams for J.D. students studying in English for the first time.** Cornell Law School has a policy which allows a student additional time on law exams if he/she has not previously **studied in English for at least a year**. If you have not previously studied in English and would like to request extra time on your exams this year, please make an appointment to see me **by November 12, 2008**. To schedule an appointment, please call my assistant, **Rosemary Lacey**, at 255-0565 or come to the Registrar's Office.

FROM KAREN COMSTOCK, ASSISTANT DEAN FOR PUBLIC SERVICE

- **Careers in Criminal Prosecution**

Monday, October 27

2:30-3:30 p.m. Room 276

Assistant D.A. Michael Dougherty, Cornell '93, New York County District Attorney's Office

Mr. Dougherty will be in Ithaca on Monday for a presentation to the undergraduate pre-law society and is interested in speaking to law students as well. Extra handouts will be available in the Career Office for those of you who have class conflicts at this time.

- **Public Interest Expo**

Wednesday, October 29

5:00-6:00 p.m. Berger Atrium

First year students! This is your chance to network with upper class students and learn about their first and/or second summer work with public interest organizations and government agencies. This is a festive and casual event where you can stroll from table to table and gather information about all types of jobs, including work in public defense, prosecution, civil rights, death penalty defense, environmental justice, labor, international law, and more! Handouts and snacks, of course, will be provided.

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

1Ls: Please mark your calendar for the following important dates:

- **Monday, November 3** is the **first day you may utilize the Career Services Office's resources and/or meet with a counselor**. All 1Ls are encouraged to meet with a counselor at least once before the start of the spring semester (phone appointments are available over winter break). To make an appointment, contact **Lisa Carberry** at lac16@cornell.edu or 255-5873.

- On **Tuesday, November 4**, **Dean DeRosa and Dean Comstock** will present a program entitled “**Planning Your First Summer Job Search**,” from **4:00-5:00 p.m.** in the **Moot Court Room** (room 390).
- On **Wednesday, November 5**, **Liz Peck and Suzanne Hess** will present a **Resume and Cover Letter Workshop** from **12:15-1:15 p.m.** in **390 (Moot Court Room)**.

FROM THE LAWYERING PROGRAM FACULTY AND HONORS FELLOWS

First-Year Students

On **Wednesday, October 29, at 4:00 p.m., in the Mancuso Amphitheater** (room G90), the **Lawyering Program Honors Fellows** will present an optional, **one-hour workshop on legal-writing style**. The workshop will focus on some difficult aspects of legal writing. Take advantage of this great opportunity to hone your legal-writing skills. Contact your Lawyering professor with any questions.

FROM LARRY BUSH, THE BERGER INTERNATIONAL STUDIES PROGRAM

• **Monday, October 27**

6:00 p.m. Room 277

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• **Monday, November 3**

1:00 p.m. Room 285

The **Berger International Speaker Series** presents **Robert K. Wrede ’69**, Counsel to Russ, August & Kabat LLP, speaking on “Neutral Evaluation”—A Mediation/Arbitration Mix for Transnational Disputes” Please **RSVP** to Dawne Peacock at dfp7@cornell.edu for the luncheon by **October 30**.

• **Wednesday, November 5**

2:30 p.m. Mancuso Amphitheater (room G90)

The **Berger International Speaker Series** presents “*A Conversation with Ambassador Lakhdar Brahimi*,” **Ambassador Lakhdar Brahimi**, A.D. White Professor-At-Large, guest in Professor Ohlin’s class (LAW 6791) Public International Law.

• **Monday, November 10**

1:00 p.m. Room 285

The **Berger International Speaker Series** presents **Marco Stacher ’05**, WilmerHale, associate in the Litigation and Controversy Department and a member of the International Arbitration Practice Group, speaking on “*Confidentiality in International Arbitration*.” Please **RSVP** to Dawne Peacock at dfp7@cornell.edu for the luncheon by **November 7**.

• **Monday, November 13**

12:15 p.m. Room 277

The **Berger International Speaker Series** presents **Nils Jansen**, Visiting Professor, Duke Law School; Professor, Chair for Roman Law, Legal History, German and European Private Law, Law Faculty of the

University of Münster, Germany, speaking on *"The Authority of an Academic Common Frame of Reference for European Private Law."* Please **RSVP** to Dawne Peacock at dfp7@cornell.edu for the luncheon by **November 11**.

- **Monday, November 24**

1:00 p.m. Room 285

The **Berger International Speaker Series** presents **Delissa Ridgway**, Judge, U.S. Court of International Trade, NYC, speaking on *"Drafting an Arbitration Clause."* Please **RSVP** to Dawne Peacock at dfp7@cornell.edu for the luncheon by **November 22**.

CLARKE PROGRAM IN EAST ASIAN LAW AND CULTURE COLLOQUIUM SERIES

Clarke Program in East Asian Law and Culture Colloquium Series presents: **William J. Hurst**, University of Texas at Austin, Department of Government, *The Chinese Worker after Socialism*, **Thursday November 6, 12:00 Noon-1:15 p.m.**, room G85. Lunch provided. RSVP to **Donna Hastings** at donna-hastings@lawschool.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

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

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

- **Cornell Law Student Association (CLSA)**

To ALL Interested Students - **The Faculty Appointments Committee has invited an entry level candidate for early campus interview**. The Student Advisory Committee for Faculty Appointments (SACFA) are invited to meet with these and all other faculty candidates visiting campus. Please contact **Jesse Horn**, CLSA Senior Vice President, at jth87@cornell.edu, if you are interested in participating in SACFA, or otherwise attend any interview.

Scheduled for Tuesday, October 28 at 4:10 p.m. in room G81 is Aziz Ranan

Fields of special interest: constitutional law, professional responsibility, legal history and national security law.

Dean Schwab and the Faculty Appointments Committee consider the participation of the student body to be an important component of the faculty appointments process and encourage all students to meet with the candidates and submit their evaluations.

- **Environmental Law Society**

Defining Sustainable Development: Land Use, Climate Change, and Water Resources

Friday, November 7 and Saturday, November 8

Program begins at 1:00 p.m. Friday and 9:00 a.m. Saturday

Mancuso Amphitheatre (G90)

The conference will bring professors, practitioners, students, and community leaders together to consider what sustainability really means and what role law may have in accomplishing sustainable development. Speakers include **Roger Martella**, former general counsel to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, **Paul Morris**, Vice President of Sustainable Planning and Development for Cherokee Fund, and **Shelley Poticha**, President and CEO, Reconnecting America: Center for Transit-Oriented Development. Please register for conference sessions online at:

www.lawschool.cornell.edu/research/ELS/ For more information, contact **Liz Leaderman** ENL6@cornell.edu

- **National Lawyers Guild (NLF)**

The NLG will be hosting a talk by **Gita Gutierrez** (CLS '01) on *“Torture, the Law, and American Values”* on **Monday, October 27 at 12:15 p.m. in Saperston Student Lounge**. Lunch will be served!

Ms. Gutierrez is the lead counsel at the Center for Constitutional Rights. Her work focuses on challenges to unlawful detention and torture, national security issues, and anti-terrorism practices. She will discuss the regimes of torture at Guantanamo in the context of America's long history of inhumane treatment towards targeted groups. Ms. Gutierrez will also be speaking about her work representing the men and boys who have been detained and tortured at the US prison camp in Guantanamo Bay, the CIA's system of secret prisons, the underlying xenophobia of Guantanamo, and the implications of the Supreme Court's decision in *Boumediene v. Bush*, which struck down the Military Commissions Act's suspension of habeas corpus rights for Guantanamo detainees.

NLG will be screening *“The Road to Guantanamo,”* an award-winning movie offering “a terrifying first-hand account of three British citizens who were held for two years without charges in the American military prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba” on **Thursday, October 30 at 5:00 p.m. in room 285**. Snacks will be provided.

Questions? Contact Katie Higgins at ksk37@cornell.edu

LAW SCHOOL EVENTS

- **Wednesday, October 29**

4:15-5:45 p.m. Room G85

Planning a Career in Law Teaching: Strategies in Law School and Beyond

Professors Valerie Hans, Bernadette Meyler, Annelise Riles, and Brad Wendel, as well as Cornell Law School alumnus **Darian Ibrahim**, who is now a professor at the University of Wisconsin Law School, will talk about **how students can plan for careers in law teaching**. Topics to be discussed include writing for publication, thinking about clerkships and advanced degrees beyond the J.D., considering Visiting Assistant Professor (VAP) or fellowship programs, undergoing the interview process at the annual American Association of Law Schools meeting, and preparing for job talks. The session will take place on **October 29 from 4:15-5:45 p.m. in room G85**.

Refreshments will be served.

For those students with time conflicts, **the event will be recorded** and available to students in the near future. Students are also encouraged to contact Professor Hans or Professor Meyler about their interest before or after the October 29 program.

LAW SCHOOL EVENTS

- **Thursday, October 30**
11:15 a.m. Room 279

Jeffrey A. Mishkin, '72, who previously served as executive vice president and chief legal officer of the National Basketball Association and is currently a partner with Skadden Arps **will speak in Professor Cornell's Labor Law, Practice and Policy class on October 30, 11:15 a.m., room 279.**

His representation in the sports field includes the PGA Tour, National Football League, National Hockey League, United States Tennis Association, Major League Baseball Advanced Media, Arena Football League, the football-playing universities of The Big East Conference, New York Knicks, New Jersey Nets, Boston Celtics, Phoenix Suns, and the Toronto Raptors. He will discuss labor issues that surface in the context of his sports law practice. Feel free to join us, if you are interested in this area.

LAW SCHOOL AWARDS-NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

Attention second and third-year students. Please give some thought to possible nominees for the following three Law School prizes. Nominations are due to Dean Lukingbeal by **Wednesday, November 12, 2008.**

- **The Freeman Award for Civil-Human Rights** was established from the estate of Professor Emeritus Harrop A. Freeman, J.D. 1930, J.S.D. 1945. A cash prize of **\$1,500** is awarded to the law student or students (with strong preference given to third-year students) who have made the greatest contribution during their law school career to civil-human rights. Nominations, in the form of a one-page statement concerning the nominee, should be submitted to Dean Lukingbeal by **Wednesday, November 12, 2008.**

- **The Stanley E. Gould Prize for Public Interest Law** was established by Stanley E. Gould, J.D. 1954. A cash prize of **\$1,000** is awarded each year to a third-year student or students who have shown outstanding dedication to serving public-interest law and public-interest groups. Nominations, in the form of a one-page statement concerning the nominee, should be submitted to Dean Lukingbeal by **Wednesday, November 12, 2008.**

- **The Seymour Herzog Memorial Prize** was endowed in honor of the late Seymour Herzog, LL.B. 1936. A cash prize of **\$500** is awarded each year to a student or students (with strong preference given to third-year students) who demonstrate excellence in the law and commitment to public-interest law, combined with a love of sports. Nominations, in the form of a one-page statement concerning the nominee, should be submitted to Dean Lukingbeal by **Wednesday, November 12, 2008.**

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 with statement of abilities and resume.

- **Professor Hay** would like to hire **one or more Teaching Assistants** for his Spring semester undergraduate course, Economics and Law. The class will meet MW 2:55-4:10 and the applicants should not have a conflicting class. Some prior economics training is necessary. The TAs will get 2 hours of credit (subject to the Law School limits on the total number of credits that can be earned for such activities) or can be paid at the rate for Research Assistants. Interested students should send a CV and any other relevant information to gah7@cornell.edu

UNIVERSITY EVENT

“Living in the Era of Mass Incarceration; Implications for our Communities and for our Democracy,”

Jeremy Travis, President of John Jay College of Criminal Justice .

Thursday, November 6

4:30 p.m.

142 Goldwin Smith

FROM THE CORNELL LAW SCHOOL ALUMNI AFFAIRS OFFICE

OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER EVENTS

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

Curia Dinner

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

- **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.

- **November 13 – Ithaca, NY**

“What You Need to Know to Appear Successfully in My Court,” presented by the **Honorable Richard C. Wesley, JD '74 & Honorable Stephen C. Robinson JD '84**. Moderated by **John H. Blume**, Professor of Law and Director, Cornell Death Penalty Project.

Join us for an exciting panel of Cornell Law School alumni judges as they discuss tips and tactics for successful court room appearances.

Moot Court Room, Myron Taylor Hall, Ithaca, New York

Thursday, November 13, 2008, 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Complimentary refreshments and beverages will be served.

- **November 20 – San Francisco, CA**

"Some Things Never Change ~ Yet Some Things Change Remarkably Over The Years."

Presented by **Anne Lukingbeal**, Associate Dean and Dean of Students Cornell Law School

Hosted by: Lief, Cabraser, Heimann & Bernstein, LLP

For more information or to register for any events, please visit www.lawschool.cornell.edu/alumni or call Alumni Affairs at (607) 255-5251



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