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## ≈ Calendar of Events ≈ Week of January 19, 2009

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

### MONDAY, JANUARY 19

Classes resume for spring semester.

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 20

**1:00-5:00 p.m. Room 252. Office hours for Walter Bubl ,** Academic Support Director. Details on page 6, Walter Bubl 's column.

**4:00 p.m. Deadline** for filing applications for Fall 2009 semester abroad program. Details on page 6, Larry Bush, International Legal Studies Program column.

**4:10 p.m. Room 251. The Student Advisory Committee for Faculty Appointments (SACFA)** meeting with **Shyamkrishna Balganes**, an entry level candidate for faculty appointment. Please contact **Jesse Horn**, CLSA Senior Vice President at: [jth87@cornell.edu](mailto:jth87@cornell.edu) if you are interested in attending this interview. Details on page 7, Student Organizations column.

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21

**1:00-4:30 p.m. Room 252. Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS).** Free and confidential consultation for law students. Details on page 7, CAPS column.

**4:15-5:15 p.m. Mancuso Amphitheater (room G90). ISIP 2009 Update and Interviewing Question and Answer** session for LL.M. Students. Details on page 6, Assistant Dean Cramton's column.

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 22

**1:00-5:00 p.m. Room 252. Office hours for Walter Bubl ,** Academic Support Director. Details on page 6, Walter Bubl 's column.

**4:30-7:15 p.m. Room 285. Cornell Law Schools 2009 Public Interest Career Symposium.** Details on page 5, Assistant Dean for Public Service Comstock's column.

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## FRIDAY, JANUARY 23

**12:15 p.m. Room 279.** The **Berger International Speaker Series** presents **James Allan**, Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Queensland, Australia, speaking on “*'Weak Form' Judicial Review or Not? The Bills of Rights of Canada, New Zealand and The United Kingdom.*” RSVPs by January 21 required for luncheon. Details on page 6, Larry Bush, Berger International Studies Program column.

**2:00 p.m. End of Limited Enrollment Add-Drop.** Details below in Registrar's column.

**3:00-5:45 p.m. Room 285. Cornell Law Schools 2009 Public Interest Career Symposium.** Details on page 5, Assistant Dean for Public Service Comstock's column.



## FROM NAN COLVIN, REGISTRAR

### Spring 09

- **Law School Registrar's Office Hours** - The Registrar's Office is open to the community Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. - Noon and 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. The office is closed between Noon and 1:00 p.m. The telephone number is 255-7190. Our email address is: [registrar@lawschool.cornell.edu](mailto:registrar@lawschool.cornell.edu)
- **Upperclass course changes** - Students must add or drop **limited enrollment** courses by **2:00 p.m. Friday, January 23**. Students may add or drop **unlimited enrollment** law courses until **4:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 27**. **Non-law courses must also be added or dropped by 4:00 p.m. on January 27.** Please remember to notify the Law School Registrar if you add or drop a non-law course through the University Online AddDrop.
- **Spring semester 2009 Cornell Store Book Return Policy**  
Law School book returns for dropped courses must be made by January 30 and must be accompanied by a copy of the student's schedule signed by Nan Colvin, Registrar or Nancy Osborn, Assistant Registrar.
- **Buying textbooks** - Please keep in mind that e-texts may not be used during exams. All permitted exam materials must be in hard copy.
- **Credit hour requirements** - During the second and third years, students may not register for fewer than 12 hours or more than 16 hours during any one term, or fewer than 26 hours in any one academic year. Exceptions to the credit hours requirements must be approved by Dean Lukingbeal. The Exception to Hours request form is on the Registrars webpage under the Course Registration link. In addition, 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 of the required 84 semester credit hours in professional law subjects. No exceptions
- **University Registration** is complete once tuition and other financial obligations have been met. Tuition statements and payment information were sent by the Office of the University Bursar in July. **Please** give special attention to the dates regarding tuition payment and finance charges. In addition to finance charges, **a \$350 late fee will be assessed beginning February 6, 2009.**

- **Bursar's Office** - If **University Student Center** indicates your registration is on hold for financial reasons, you must first stop by the Bursar's Office, 260 Day Hall to clear your student account by **February 6, 2009**, and then proceed to the Office of the University Registrar, B7 Day Hall.
- **Local Addresses** - Any student who has changed their local address will need to change the address with the Law School at: <https://support.law.cornell.edu/students> as well as with the University using the **Student Center**.
- **Student Transcripts - Official transcripts** are available only at the University Registrar's Office in B7 Day Hall. Processing time varies please allow 7-10 days for processing. **Internal (unofficial) transcripts** are available at the Law School Registrar's office (written request required). Please make the request for unofficial transcripts on-line at: <https://support.law.cornell.edu/students> using the on-line Cornell Law School *Request Form* under the Academic Matters link. **Please remember** that we ask **you to make this request 24 hours in advance of your need for the materials**.
- **Loan Deferment Certifications** - Students who need to have loan deferments completed by the school need to submit them to the Registrar's Office, 160 Myron Taylor Hall, as quickly as possible to assure timely processing.
- **Lost & Found** - Lost items and articles are usually turned in to the Registrar's Office or to the Law Library.
- **Mail Folders** (flexes) - Remember to check your mail folder daily for notices and remove your mail regularly. Please do not use the folder to keep books or for storage; there is not enough space.
- **Assignment Board** - Assignments and notices are posted in the glass case as they are received by the Registrar's Office. Students should also check for assignments on the course Blackboard site at: <http://blackboard.cornell.edu/>
- **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. The form is available online at the Academic Matters tab, at the *Law School Permission to Examine Student Record* link.
- **Attendance** - Regular attendance is required to sit for examinations, to receive a degree, and for certification to appropriate bar examiners. Irregular attendance or neglect of work may result in a student's being barred from taking an examination or being removed from the school.
- **Absences** - A student who must be absent from class for a period of three or more days should contact Associate Dean for Student Affairs Anne Lukingbeal and discuss the reasons for the absence.
- **Religious Holidays and the Academic Calendar** - The University policy concerning the academic calendar and religious holidays states, In enacting the academic calendar, the University has scheduled classes, laboratories and examinations on religious holidays. It is the intent of the University that students who miss these activities because of religious observances be given adequate opportunity to make up the missed work. A faculty member may request audio or videotaping of a class if he or she wishes. Any student who seeks an accommodation should approach his or her instructor. All requests for taping must be submitted on-line to the IT Department at least 48 hours in advance. If you are requesting to videotape or record a professors lecture, you must obtain the professors permission prior to submitting an AV request. Students can find this request form on-line at the Registrars site under *Academic Matters* or at: <http://www.lawschool.cornell.edu/information-technology/av.cfm>

- **Emergency Phone Number**

**On-Campus or Off-Campus: call 911**

for all safety, fire, medical, or other life threatening emergencies

- **Non-Emergency Phone Numbers**

**On-Campus**

**Campus Police:** 255-1111

**Campus Police Administration:** 255-1113

**Gannett Health Center:** 255-5155

**Environmental Health & Safety:** 255-8200

**Off-Campus**

Ithaca Police: 272-3245 (in the City of Ithaca)

Cayuga Heights Police: 257-1011 (in the Village of Cayuga Heights)

Tompkins County Sheriff: 272-2444 (if not in the City of Ithaca or Cayuga Heights)

New York State Police: 273-4671

Suicide & Crisis Counseling Services: 272-1616

Rape/Sexual Violence Hotline: 1-800-656-4673

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

- The **New York State Board of Law Examiners** recently revised certain rules, policies and deadlines that are **effective immediately** and will impact graduates planning to take the New York bar examination. For details please visit the New York State Board of Law Examiners website: [www.nybarexam.org](http://www.nybarexam.org) . You will find the information listed under the section titled “The Bar Examination.”

- **Warm Up From the Winter. Faculty/Student Coffee. Wednesday, January 28** (and every Wednesday until March 11). **3:00- 4:00 p.m. in the Myron Taylor Foyer.** Co-sponsored by the Dean's Office, the Dean of Students Office, and CLSA. Stop by for a cup!

## **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: Jill Miller '91**, will speak about **work-life balance** and **starting her own firm** on **Monday, January 26 at 12:15 p.m.** in the **Saperston Student Lounge**. Jill is the founder and principal of Jill Miller & Associates, P.C., a Trusts & Estates firm in NYC. Please feel free to bring your lunch. Cookies will be served for dessert.
- **1Ls: Painless Networking** will take place on **Thursday, January 29** from **4:30-7:00 p.m.** Learn how to network and then test your skills by talking with attorneys from Allen & Overy, Morrison & Foerster, and Debevoise & Plimpton at a cocktail reception. Invitations were sent to all 1L students via email. Please **RSVP** to **Suzanne Hess** ([sch33@cornell.edu](mailto:sch33@cornell.edu)) by Friday, January 23.
- **1Ls:** If you have not yet **met with a career counselor** to discuss your summer job search strategy, we encourage you to do so now. Contact **Lisa Carberry** at [lac16@cornell.edu](mailto:lac16@cornell.edu) or 255-5873 to schedule an appointment.

## **FROM KAREN COMSTOCK, ASSISTANT DEAN FOR PUBLIC SERVICE**

**Cornell Law Schools 2009 Public Interest Career Symposium**

**Thursday and Friday, January 22-23**

**Room 285**

**Students-** take advantage of this **great opportunity to meet prominent alumni involved in cutting edge legal and policy issues**. Remember, if you will be applying for a summer PIF grant, verified attendance is required at one of these panels (barring illness or other unavoidable conflicts). Refreshments will be served.

**Each panelist will address the following issues, and there will be plenty of time for your questions:**

\* What is your current job? \* Explain your office's work and how your particular job fits into that scheme \* Thoughts on how your agency's/organization's issues will be impacted by the incoming Obama administration \* What was your career path leading up to this job? \* What courses, clinics, jobs, and other experiences in law school led you to this job/career? \* What are the best aspects of your job? \* What are the worst aspects of your job? \* What advice would you give a current law student who is interested in pursuing your type of work? \* Anything you know now that you wish you knew when you were a law student?

### **Thursday, January 22**

#### **The Housing Foreclosure Crisis**

**4:30-5:45 p.m.**

**Moderator:** Professor **Robert Hockett**

**Panelists:** **Peggy Lee '96**, Staff Attorney, Southern Ohio Legal Services, Athens, OH and **Jennifer Schultz '03**, Staff Attorney, Community Legal Services, Philadelphia, PA

#### **Civil Rights Practice**

**6:00-7:15 p.m.**

**Moderator:** TBD

**Panelists:** **Keisha Hudson '02**, Assistant Federal Defender, Defender Association of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA and **Jessica Polansky '05**, Staff Attorney, Childrens Rights, New York, NY

### **Friday, January 23**

#### **Federal Government Practice**

**3:00-4: 15 p.m.**

**Moderator:** Assistant Dean **Karen Comstock**

**Panelists:** **John Lynch '93**, Staff Attorney, U.S. Department of Justice, Criminal Division, Computer Crime, Washington, D.C. and **Marianne Perciaccante '97**, Staff Attorney, U.S. Peace Corps, Washington, D.C.

#### **Environmental Law Practice**

**4:30-5:45 p.m.**

**Moderator:** Professor **Jeffrey Rachlinski**

**Panelists:** **Sean Carman '89**, Staff Attorney, U.S. Department of Justice, Environmental and Natural Resources Division, Washington D.C., **Jason Patlis '92**, Vice President and Managing Director for U.S. Government Relations, World Wildlife Fund and **Jeanhee Hong '01**, Assistant Regional Counsel, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, San Francisco, CA

## FROM CHARLES D. CRAMTON, ASSISTANT DEAN FOR GRADUATE LEGAL STUDIES

- On **Wednesday, January 21, from 4:15-5:15 p.m. in the Mancuso Amphitheater** (room G90) I will be presenting an *“ISIP 2009 Update and Interviewing Question and Answer”* session for all LL.M. Students. Come and learn more about the mechanics of the ISIP in NYC and interviewing techniques (whether or not you are attending the ISIP).
- **LL.M. Student Spring Term Advisor Forms.** Once you have finalized your spring 2009 class schedule, please bring your Advisor Form to my office for my approval and signature. If you have any questions regarding your classes or schedule for the spring term, please set up an appointment to speak with me by contacting either Dawne Peacock or Ginny Starr.

## LARRY BUSH, BERGER INTERNATIONAL LEGAL STUDIES PROGRAM

- **Tuesday, January 20**

### **4:00 p.m. deadline**

Anyone wishing to apply for a Fall 2009 semester abroad must submit the application by this date and time. Applications should be submitted to **Larry Bush**, Berger International Legal Studies Program, 107 Myron Taylor Hall. Materials may be left with **Ms. Virginia Starr**, in room 115.

- **Friday, January 23**

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

The **Berger International Speaker Series** presents **James Allan**, Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Queensland, Australia, speaking on *“ ‘Weak Form’ Judicial Review or Not? The Bills of Rights of Canada, New Zealand and The United Kingdom. ”*

**James Allan** is the Garrick Professor of Law at the University of Queensland in Australia. He is a native born Canadian who has taught in Hong Kong, New Zealand, Canada and Australia and practiced law in Toronto and London, England. He writes in the areas of constitutional law and legal philosophy and has been published in the US, UK, Canada, New Zealand, Hong Kong and Australia. Please **RSVP to Dawne Peacock**, [dfp7@cornell.edu](mailto:dfp7@cornell.edu) by **Wednesday, January 21** for the luncheon.

## FROM THE LAW LIBRARY

### **Reserved Carrel Applications**

Applications for reserved carrels for the Spring Semester are available in paper at the Circulation Desk or on the Law Library web site at [www.lawschool.cornell.edu/library](http://www.lawschool.cornell.edu/library). 2L,3L, and LLM students are eligible to apply for a reserved carrel.

The applications are **due by Friday, January 23, 2009** and will be assigned early the next week. Please only apply for a carrel if you will be using it the whole semester. Students who did not have a carrel for the Fall Semester will have priority. Welcome back and have a good semester.

## 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, 1:00-4:30 p.m. (January 21 through May 20, 2009)

**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

### Cornell Law Students Association

To **ALL Interested Students** - The **Faculty Appointments Committee** has invited several **entry level candidates for campus interviews** this term. 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](mailto:jth87@cornell.edu) if you are interested in participating in SACFA, or otherwise attend any interview.

Currently scheduled are:

#### **Tuesday, January 20**

**Shyamkrishna Balganes** - Interests: Intellectual property , property, torts, antitrust, remedies.

#### **Monday, January 26**

**Justin Driver** - Interests: constitutional law, civil rights, education law, criminal procedure.

#### **Tuesday, February 10**

**Katharine Young** - Interests: international law, administrative law, environmental law, human rights.

Also scheduled is:

#### **Thursday, February 5**

**Professor Max Schanzenbach from Northwestern University** will be interviewing as a lateral tenured candidate. Interests: employment law, criminal sentencing, trust law.

## POSITIONS AVAILABLE

**Professor Yale-Loehr** needs some research assistants this summer to help update his immigration law treatise. Prior exposure to immigration law is helpful but not required. Pay is at the standard law school rate. This is an excellent job for a bright 1L. If interested, please email a transcript, resume and writing sample to Professor Yale-Loehr at [SWY1@cornell.edu](mailto:SWY1@cornell.edu) . Please also indicate your dates of availability.

## WRITING COMPETITIONS

• The **Levit Essay Contest** (sponsored by the American Bar Association's Standing Committee on Lawyers' Professional Liability) **topic** for this year concerns the "At Issue Doctrine" relating to waiver of the attorney client privilege. Submissions must be postmarked by **February 20, 2009**. Complete contest information, contest hypothetical and submission guidelines are available at:

<http://www.abanet.org/legalservices/lpl/levit/levitinfo.html>

- Each year, the *Houston Journal of International Law* invites law students at all levels (J.D., L.L.M.) to compete for the **James Baker Hughes Prize**, awarded to the best unpublished student-written manuscript on the subject of international economic law. "International economic law" is a broad term that the Journal considers to include all legal aspects of economic relations, from private business matters to international trade conflicts. The winning submission will be published as the "James Baker Hughes Prize" article in an upcoming issue of the Journal. Submission deadline is **March 9, 2009**. Submissions must be sent by mail. Submission guideline information is available at the Registrar's Office.

- **The Paralyzed Veterans of America** is inviting entries to its **2008-09 Legal Writing Competition**. The competition is open to law students enrolled for the current year in an ABA-accredited law school and law school graduates. Entries should address the topic: "After Two Decades of Judicial Review, has the Veterans Benefit Adjudication System Improved?" Entries must be sent to: Ronda Whichard, Legal Executive Assistant, Office of General Counsel, Paralyzed Veterans of America, 801 18th Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20006 and must be received no later than **May 15, 2009**. Complete competition rules are available in the Registrar's Office or at the PVA site: [http://www.pva.org/site/DocServer/Writing\\_Contest\\_Rules\\_for\\_2008-09\\_FINAL.pdf?docID=6321](http://www.pva.org/site/DocServer/Writing_Contest_Rules_for_2008-09_FINAL.pdf?docID=6321)

- The **American Inns of Court** invites professors, students, lawyers, judges and other authors to participate in the **Warren E. Burger Writing Competition** by submitting an original, unpublished essay on a topic of your choice addressing issues of legal excellence, civility, ethics, and professionalism. The selected issue(s) should be of contemporary significance with clear relevance to the legal community at large. Submission deadline is **June 15, 2009**. Competition information is available at the Registrar's Office or at the Inns of Court website at: <http://www.innsocourt.org/>

## FROM THE CORNELL LAW SCHOOL ALUMNI AFFAIRS OFFICE

### EVENTS IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

- **The Cornell Law School & Law Association New York Annual Luncheon**  
**Friday, January 30, 2009**

Featured Speaker - **Sarah K. Abrams**, JD '84  
Reception: Noon / Lunch: 12:30 pm  
The New York Helmsley Hotel  
212 East 42nd Street, New York City  
\$75 / \$45 Public Service or Young Alumni (Classes of 1998-2008)  
Please RSVP by **January 23** at the link or phone number listed below

- **Annual Public Service Awards Celebration**  
**Thursday, February 5, 2009**

Please join us for the Annual Public Service Awards Celebration at The Cornell Club in New York City! Please RSVP by **January 29** at the link or phone number listed below

- **Philadelphia Alumni Networking & Cocktail Reception**  
**Friday, February 6, 2009**

7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
The Union League of Philadelphia  
Grant East Room  
140 South Broad Street  
Philadelphia, PA  
\$25 per person. Business Attire  
Special thanks to **John C. Dorfman**, JD '49 for hosting this event.  
Please RSVP by **Friday, January 30** at the link or phone number listed below

- **Boston Alumni Reception and Program**

**Thursday, February 12, 2009**

*“Antitrust and Economic Regulation Under the New Administration”*

Featured Speaker – Cornell Law School Professor **George A. Hay**

Networking Reception: 6:00 PM / Presentation and Q&A: 7:00 PM

Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo, P.C.

One Financial Center

Boston, MA 02111

\$20 per person

A special thanks to **Neil H. Aronson**, JD '82 for hosting this event!

Please RSVP by **Friday, February 6** at the link or phone number listed below

- **Washington D.C. Alumni Reception & Program**

**Wednesday, February 25, 2009**

*“New Technology, Old Rules: Ethical Issues Regarding Electronic ‘Metadata’.”*

Presented by **Brad Wendel**, Professor of Law

Sutherland

1275 Pennsylvania Avenue NW - 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Washington, DC

6:00 p.m. Reception / 7:00 p.m. Program

\$20 per person

Special thanks to **Jim Heffernan**, JD '52, **Fred Bellamy**, JD '79, **Mark Smith**, JD '80 and Sutherland for hosting this event.

Please RSVP by **Wednesday, February 18** at the link or phone number listed below

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

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