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≈ Calendar of Events ≈ Week of February 23, 2009

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23

3:30 p.m. Saperston Student Lounge. Unveiling of Death Penalty Photo Exhibit, with commentary by photographer **Scott Langley**. Event is part of NLG's Week Against the Death Penalty. Details on page 6, Student Organizations column.

6:00-8:00 p.m. Dean Lukingbeal's home. Reception for faculty and minority students. Details on page 3, Dean Lukingbeal's column.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

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

4:00-5:00 p.m. Room 285. 1Ls: Cahill Gordon program "Corporate Transactional Practice in Today's Economy" with reception to follow. Details on page 3, Career Services column.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

1:00-4:30 p.m. Room 252. Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS). Free and confidential consultation for law students. Details on page 5, CAPS column.

3:00-4:00 p.m. Foyer. Warm Up From the Winter. Faculty/Student Coffee.

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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

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• **Summer School Study** - Students may petition the faculty for permission to take courses in law summer school programs of ABA-approved law schools and, upon their successful completion, to receive credit toward the Cornell J.D. degree. Such petitions are considered on an individual basis, and in no case is credit in excess of six hours granted for all such summer school law study. For timely consideration of the petition, interested students should submit their petitions to the Law School Registrar's Office (addressed to Dean Lukingbeal) **prior to April 1**. Petition forms are available in the Law School Registrar's Office and online at the Registrar's site: <https://support.law.cornell.edu/students> at the Course Registration/Registration Forms tab/Summer/Winter Intersession Course Credit Request.

• **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 PAT HALSTEAD, CERTIFICATION COORDINATOR

Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination (MPRE)

The MPRE is administered three times per year and is required as partial fulfillment of the requirements for admission to practice law in most jurisdictions. Other jurisdictions may begin requiring the MPRE during 2009. Check with the Board of Bar Examiners in the state in which you plan to seek admissions to the bar for updated information on MPRE requirements. Passing scores, which are established by each jurisdiction, are subject to change. It is held at established test centers across the country. **The Clarion University Hotel and Conference Center, 1 Sheraton Dr., Ithaca, NY 14850** is the **March test center for the Ithaca area**. The exam is scheduled for Saturday, March 7, 2009, approximately 9:00 a.m.

All applicants must report to the test center by 9:00 a.m. Testing will begin as soon as all applicants have been checked in and seated. **If you arrive after testing has begun, you will not be admitted.** NCBE cannot be responsible if you are delayed or unable to reach the test center because of weather or road conditions. Beginning and ending testing times may vary depending on the size of the test center and the number of rooms used. Applicants can expect testing to be completed 2-1/2 to 3 hours after the time noted above.

In order to be admitted to the test center, you must present your test center Admission Ticket with our photograph attached, as well as a current form of identification bearing your photograph and signature. Please bring a #2 pencil to the exam with you.

FROM ANNE LUKINGBEAL, ASSOCIATE DEAN AND DEAN OF STUDENTS

Reception for faculty and minority students

Monday, February 23, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Reception for faculty and minority students at my home. Hosted by the Asian Pacific American Law Students (APALSA), Native American Law Students Association (NALSA), Black Law Students Association (BLSA), Latino American Law Students Association (LALSA), South Asian Law Students Association (SALSA) and LAMBDA. **Everyone welcome.** For information and maps to Dean Lukingbeal's home, stop by the Registrar's Office.

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:** Attorneys from **Cahill Gordon** will present a program entitled *“Corporate Transactional Practice in Today’s Economy”* on **Tuesday, February 24** from **4:00-5:00 p.m.** in **room 285**. A **reception** will follow from **5:00-7:00 p.m.** in the **Atrium**.
- **1Ls:** **Kasowitz Benson** will host a networking reception on **Thursday, February 26**. Time and place **TBA**.
- **1Ls:** **Paul Weiss** will host a networking reception on **Thursday, March 5** from **5:00-7:00 p.m.** at **Stella’s**.
- **All Students:** **Ken Vittor**, Executive Vice President and General Counsel, The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc., will present a program entitled *“The Lawyer’s Role in the Editorial Process: A Media Lawyer’s Report from the First Amendment Litigation Front”* on **Friday, March 6** at **12:30 p.m.** in **room G85**. A luncheon will follow in the Student Lounge. Please **RSVP** to **Suzanne** (sch33@cornell.edu) if you wish to attend the lunch.

- **1Ls:** Occasionally, students seeking summer employment in the **private sector** come across opportunities with corporations which are unpaid and which require **academic credit**. These jobs are especially common in the sports and entertainment industry. While Cornell Law School does not have a formal summer internship program for the private sector (we **do** have such a program for government agencies, non-profits and judges), we may be able to assist in arranging for credit on a case-by-case basis. Please contact **Dean DeRosa** if you come across this sort of opportunity and wish to pursue it.

- **All Students:** For those of you seeking summer housing, NALP sponsors an **apartment exchange**. Visit www.nalpexchange.org for more information.

FROM LARRY BUSH, BERGER INTERNATIONAL STUDIES PROGRAM

- **International Dual Degree Programs**

Each Spring semester the members of the first year class are invited to apply for admission to our international dual degree programs. We currently offer three such programs:

- **The J.D./Master en Droit** (Université de Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne), a four-year program that prepares graduates for admission to the bar in the United States and in France;

- **The J.D./Master of German and European Law and Practice** (M.LL.P.) (Humboldt Universität zu Berlin), a three-year program that provides graduates a profound knowledge of German and European law at both an academic and a practical level;

- **The J.D./Master in Global Business Law** (Institut d'Études Politiques de Paris ("Sciences Po") and Paris I), a three-year program that offers a multi-disciplinary, European perspective on international law and business issues

Our web site describes these programs in considerable detail. If you are interested, please visit:

http://www.lawschool.cornell.edu/international/study_abroad/international_dual_degrees/index.cfm

If you are a **first year student** and you would like to **apply for admission to one of these programs**, please note that the deadline is **Monday, March 2**. By March 2, you must complete the on-line application form:

http://www.lawschool.cornell.edu/international/study_abroad/international_dual_degrees/dual_degree_application.cfm

and return to the office of Larry Bush (107 Myron Taylor Hall) the following hard-copy items:

- a) a current resumé
- b) an informal Cornell Law School transcript from the Registrar's Office, with G.P.A. shown thereon.

If you have any questions about these programs or the application process, please contact: **Larry Bush**, room 107, Myron Taylor Hall, phone: (607) 255-3014; lsb13@cornell.edu

- **Friday, March 6**

12:15 p.m. Mancuso Amphitheatre (room G90)

Clarke Fund for the Middle East Speaker Series presents **Radwan Ziadeh**, Fellow at the Carr Center for Human Rights, Harvard University, speaking on "*The Struggle for Democracy in Syria.*" Please **RSVP** to **Dawne Peacock**, dfp7@cornell.edu for the talk.

Radwan Ziadeh who was recently a Senior Fellow at the United States Institute of Peace (USIP), is the founder and director of the Damascus Center for Human Rights Studies and is the secretary of the Syrian Organization for Transparency. Prior to his time at USIP, Ziadeh was editor of Tyarat magazine and a researcher with the UNDP project "Syria 2025." In 2004, Ziadeh was named as best researcher in the Arab world in political science by Jordan's Abdulhameed Shoman Foundation.

Ziadeh was one of the major players in “Damascus Spring,” a period of intense debate about politics and social issues and calls for reform in Syria after the death of President Hafez al-Assad in 2000.

He has lectured in institutions, universities, and conferences around the world. Ziadeh has published studies, research projects and articles in local and international magazines in Arabic, English, Spanish and French and has also written for a wide range of Arabic and International publications including Al-Hayat (London), Almustaqbal, an-Nahar (Lebanon), Alghad (Jordan), Al-Ahram (Cairo) and the International Herald Tribune. He is a frequent political commentator to several U.S, European, and Middle Eastern media, including Aljazeera, Alarabiya, B.B.C and Alhura. Ziadeh regularly contributes articles in Arabic to various academic journals and writes a bimonthly op-ed for the leading Arab daily Al-Hayat.

• **Tuesday, March 24**

1:15 p.m. Room 276

The Berger International Legal Studies Speaker Series and The International Human Rights Clinic presents Asmita Basu, Consultant, Lawyers Collective, New Delhi, speaking on “Obstacles and Successes in Implementing India's Domestic Violence Act.”

Asmita Basu, as a Project Coordinator of the women's rights project of the Lawyer's Collective, drafted, campaigned and lobbied for enactment of the Domestic Violence Law of 2005 in India. In this process, she built consensus on the content of the domestic violence law among women's rights and human rights organizations at national, regional and state levels, lawyers, and lobbied members of Parliament. She has also extensively monitored and drafted reports on the implementation of the Domestic Violence Act.

She has conducted trainings on domestic violence laws for women's organizations, judges and law enforcement authorities. Additionally, she has been involved with other legislative reforms efforts in India relating to women's rights such participating in the drafting committee of a sexual harassment law and the drafting committee formed by the government to propose amendments to the Medical Termination of Pregnancies Act.

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

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

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

- **Cornell International Law Journal Annual Symposium**

The *Cornell International Law Journal* invites you its **annual Symposium** entitled: “*Comparative Antitrust Policies in Mergers and Acquisitions.*” The schedule is as follows:

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Any questions please contact **Dovid Duchman** at dad83@cornell.edu

- **Cornell Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild**

Week Against the Death Penalty

The Cornell Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild invites you to join us for a **Week Against the Death Penalty**. All events will be held in Myron Taylor Hall and hosted by the Cornell Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild, with GPSAFC co-sponsoring. For information contact **Katie Higgins** at ksk37@cornell.edu

Monday, February 23

3:30 p.m. Saperston Student Lounge

Unveiling of Death Penalty Photo Exhibit, with commentary by photographer and death penalty activist **Scott Langley**. Refreshments will be served.

Scott Langley is a free-lance photojournalist and political community organizer. Since 2005, his major documentary photography project on the death penalty has been exhibited by Amnesty International in Germany, Denmark, Norway, and the UK, at Harvard University in Massachusetts, Cornell University in Ithaca, NY and in Washington DC. Mr. Langley's photographs will be on display from February 23 through March 6 in the Saperston Student Lounge.

Wednesday, February 25

4:00 p.m. Saperston Student Lounge

Movie Screening: The Life of David Gale. Pizza will be served.

Dr. David Gale (Kevin Spacey), a Texas professor and advocate for the elimination of the death penalty, is falsely accused and convicted of the rape and murder of another activist (Laura Linney) and ends up on the state's notorious death row himself. The movie unfolds in a series of flashbacks, as Gale tells his story to a reporter (Kate Winslet) visiting him on death row.

Thursday, February 26

11:15 a.m. in Saperston Student Lounge

Brunch will be served

Joseph Amrine, Exonerated Death Row Inmate, **speaking on Innocence and the Death Penalty**

Mr. Amrine was exonerated in 2003 after serving 17 years on Missouri's death row for a murder he did not commit. He was convicted and sentenced to death in 1986 by an all-white jury, based on false testimony of other prison inmates who were threatened or offered leniency for their testimony.

WRITING COMPETITION

The **Howard C. Schwab Memorial annual essay contest presented by the ABA Section of Family Law**, is held annually to encourage interest in the field of family law. The subject may be any aspect of Family Law. All second and third year full-time students enrolled in ABA-approved law schools are eligible to compete. **Entry forms** are due by **March 27, 2009**. **Submissions** are due by **April 3, 2009**. Contest rules and the entry form are available at the contest website:

<http://www.abanet.org/family/lawstudents/schwabrules.shtml>

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

- **Professor Barcelo** is seeking **research assistants** whose native language is English (or who have close to native language ability in English) and who are also perfectly fluent in French. The project involves translation of chapters of a French language treatise on EU law into English. Compensation will be at the research assistant rate. If interested, please see **Allen Czelusniak**, Professor Barcelo's administrative assistant, in room 315 or contact him via email at ahc85@cornell.edu.
- **Professor Cynthia Bowman** is taking applications for a **part-time position as summer research assistant**. Being in Ithaca over the summer is a definite plus, as well as ability to read French. To apply, send a transcript and resume to Professor Bowman at cgb28@cornell.edu
- **Professor Hay** would like to hire **one or more students** to assist grading undergraduate term papers in law and economics. The papers are expected on February 25. Professor Hay would like to have the grading completed no later than March 23 and preferably before Spring Break. Interested students can email him at gah7@cornell.edu

FROM THE CORNELL LAW SCHOOL ALUMNI AFFAIRS OFFICE

New York, NY CLE Program & Reception

Thursday, March 12

"The Model Rules Have Arrived! A Preview of Comprehensive Changes to the New York Disciplinary Rules"

Featured Speaker - Cornell Law School Professor **W. Bradley Wendel**

11:30 a.m. Registration and lunch available

12:00 Noon-1:00 p.m. Presentation ; 1:00-1:30 p.m. Q&A

Cost \$25 per person

Attendees will be eligible to receive 1 hour of NY CLE Credit in Ethics.

Clifford Chance, 31 W. 52nd Street, New York, NY

A special thanks to **Allison Harlow**, BA '99, JD '02 for hosting this event.

Please RSVP by **Thursday, March 5** at the link listed below.

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

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