≈ Calendar of Events ≈
Week of January 31, 2011

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

**MONDAY, JANUARY 31**

9:00-11:00 a.m. Room 321. **Open Drop-in hours** with John Mollenkamp, Director of Academic Support.

3:30 p.m. Room G85. **Making the Most of the Public Interest Legal Career Fair (PILC).** Details on page 6, Public Service Office column.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1**

9:00-11:00 a.m. Room 321. **Open Drop-in hours** with John Mollenkamp, Director of Academic Support.

12:15 p.m. Room 290. The 2011 Paris Summer Institute Information Session and pizza luncheon. Details on page 7, Berger Program column.

4:00 p.m. End of Law School Add-Drop for Unlimited Enrollment law courses. Details on page 2, Registrar’s column.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2**

9:00-11:00 a.m. Room 321. **Open Drop-in hours** with John Mollenkamp, Director of Academic Support.

1:30-4:30 p.m. Room 206. Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS). Free and confidential consultation for law students. Details on page 8, Maurice Haltom/CAPS column.

3:00-4:00 p.m. Foyer. **The Weekly Perk-Faculty/Student Coffee.** Stop by for a cup! Details on page 5, Associate Dean Lukingbeal’s column.
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3
12:15 p.m. Room 277. The Berger International Legal Studies Program Speaker Series presents Anastasia Matveeva speaking on “Criminality and Its Prevention in Modern Russia.” RSVP required for luncheon. Details on page 7, Berger Program column.

3:30-5:00 p.m. Room 321. Open Drop-in hours with John Mollenkamp, Director of Academic Support.

6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Reception for ALSA students and faculty. Details on page 5, Associate Dean Lukingbeal’s column.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4
3:30-5:00 p.m. Room 321. Open Drop-in hours with John Mollenkamp, Director of Academic Support.

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FROM NAN COLVIN, REGISTRAR

Spring 11
• Upperclass course changes - Students may add or drop unlimited enrollment law courses until 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 1. Non-law courses must also be added or dropped by 4:00 p.m. on February 1. Please remember to notify the Law School Registrar if you add or drop a non-law course through the University Online AddDrop.

• JD Students Only - S/U Grading Option Verification Form. Classes of 2011 and 2012. Students must return their Grading Option Verification form for Spring 2011 course enrollment to the Law School Registrar’s Office no later than 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 15, 2011.

• Spring 11 Final Examinations - Students who have exam conflicts are reminded to notify the Law School Registrar's Office, in writing, of the conflict and should note which exam they wish rescheduled. The online Deferral Request link will be available the week of February 7 at the Registrar's website: http://registrar.lawschool.cornell.edu. The request must be made by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 13, 2011. The exam schedule is available at the Registrar’s website at: https://support.law.cornell.edu/students/forms/Spring_Exam_Schedule.pdf

• Buying textbooks - Please keep in mind that e-texts may not be used during exams. All permitted exam materials must be in hard copy.

• 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 December and January. Please give special attention to the dates regarding tuition payment and finance charges. After the third week of classes you will lose access to university services and be charged a $350.00 late fee, in addition to finance charges. If you register after the sixth week of classes, you will be charged a $500 late fee, in addition to finance charges. Failure to register will impact financial aid, loan deferments and health benefits that rely on in-school status. This may also affect the ability to use certain services on campus such as your Cornell Card, Library Services and Gannett Health Services.

• Bursar's Office - If University Student Center indicates your registration is on hold, you must first stop by the Bursar's Office, 260 Day Hall to clear your student account by February 11, 2011, and then proceed to the Office of the University Registrar, B7 Day Hall.
**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). The **online unofficial transcript request form** is available at the Registrar’s site: [http://registrar.lawschool.cornell.edu](http://registrar.lawschool.cornell.edu) in the **Forms and Requests** section. Please remember that we ask you to make this request 24 hours in advance of your need for the materials.

**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: [http://registrar.lawschool.cornell.edu](http://registrar.lawschool.cornell.edu) at the Forms and Requests tab/Summer/Winter Intersession Course Credit Request.

**Local Addresses** - Any student who has changed their local address will need to change the address with the Law School at: [http://registrar.lawschool.cornell.edu](http://registrar.lawschool.cornell.edu) as well as with the University using the **Student Center**.

**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.

**Cornell Law Attendance Policy**
Regular and punctual class attendance, beginning on the first day of the semester, is required of all students. Faculty members monitor attendance and may enforce the rule by reporting the student to the Associate Dean for Student Affairs; or by removing a student from the course or excluding a student from an exam (after reasonable written warning); or by another mechanism announced in the course syllabus prior to the end of add/drop. If a student is excluded from an exam, a grade of F is entered. Students who are ill or have another valid reason for missing class are encouraged to contact the instructor directly and are required to notify the Associate Dean for Student Affairs if more than three days are missed.

**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.

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**FROM PAT HALSTEAD, CERTIFICATION COORDINATOR**

**Registration with Bar Authorities**
Deadlines for bar examination applications may be approaching. The rules of certain states (not New York) require either notifying the bar admission authorities of intent to begin the study of law or registering with the authorities when law studies begin. Students should obtain instructions from the proper source (usually the state board of bar examiners or the clerk of the court of highest jurisdiction) in the state in which they intend to practice. Failure to comply with the instructions may substantially delay admission to the bar. For current bar requirements, applicants should consult the **Official American Bar Association Guide to Approved Law Schools**, published annually by the American Bar Association. This book is on reserve in the Law School library.

**Bar Applications Requiring Fingerprinting**
Not all State Bar Applications require fingerprinting. Fingerprinting is available on campus at the
Public Safety Office, G-2 Barton Hall, 24 hours a day. You will need to take the fingerprint card with you, and two forms of picture ID.

- **Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination (MPRE)**
  The MPRE is administered three times per year and is required for admission to the bar of all but four U.S. jurisdictions. Passing scores, which are established by each jurisdiction, currently vary between 75-86. Applicants are advised to contact the jurisdiction directly for the most current information regarding passing scores, rules, and policies. Websites for many of the jurisdictions can be accessed via the National Conference of Bar Examiners website using the following address: www.ncbex.org/bar-admissions/offices. Paper applications are available in the Law School Registrar's Office.

The 2011 test dates and postmark deadlines appear below.
Absolutely no applications will be accepted after the late application receipt deadline.

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*Test Site availability in Ithaca, NY.* The test is given at the Clarion University Hotel, 1 Sheraton Dr., Ithaca, NY 14850.

**The March and November test dates fall on Saturday morning.** An applicant whose religious beliefs preclude him or her from taking the examination on one of these dates may apply to take the MPRE on Sunday, March 6, 2011, or Sunday, November 6, 2011. Requests to take the exam on Sunday must be in writing and must include a letter from the applicant’s cleric confirming the applicant’s affiliation with a recognized religious entity that observes its Sabbath throughout the year on Saturday. **This documentation must be received by the late receipt deadline** and must be sent with a copy of the online confirmation received after submission of an online application or with a completed paper application. The applicant will be notified whether or not the request is granted.

Applicants may register for the MPRE online or by mail. Read the MPRE 2011 Information booklet carefully, as applicants are responsible for all information contained in it. The MPRE Information Booklet may be downloaded from either of these websites: www.act.org/mpre or www.ncbex.org/multistate-tests/mpre.

Online applications must be received by 11:59 p.m. central time on the published deadline date. Paper applications must be received in the MPRE Application Department in Iowa City, Iowa, by 5:00 p.m. central time.

The MPRE is based on the law governing the conduct of lawyers, including the disciplinary rules of professional conduct currently articulated in the ABA Model Rules of Professional Conduct and the ABA Code of Judicial Conduct, and controlling constitutional decisions and generally accepted principles established in leading federal and state cases and in procedural and evidentiary rules.

Applicants requesting accommodations due to a disability must mail all the supporting documentation with a copy of the online confirmation received after submission of an online application or with a completed paper application (see Appendix B: Accommodations for Applicant’s with Disabilities in the MPRE 2011 Information Booklet).
FROM ANNE LUKINGBEAL, ASSOCIATE DEAN AND DEAN OF STUDENTS

• The Weekly Perk for Faculty and Students
  Wednesday, February 2
  3:00-4:00 p.m. Foyer
  Co-sponsored by the Dean’s Office, the Dean of Students Office, and CLSA. Enjoy a cup of coffee with your faculty and friends, every Wednesday at 3:00 except during spring break.

• Reception for ALSA students and faculty
  Thursday, February 3
  6:00-8:00 p.m. Dean Lukingbeal’s 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) Muslim Law Society, and LAMBDA. Everyone welcome. For maps to my home, stop by the Registrar's Office.

• Multicultural Work Environments I & II
  2012 and 2013 JD students with F1 Visas. The law faculty offers a course in the law school to encourage multicultural work experience: Multicultural Work Environments I & II. This course does enable international students in F-1 visa status to use Curricular Practical Training work authorization.

  Eligibility & Procedures: The course is open only to those students who will be working during the summer in a country other than that of their citizenship. Course II is open only to those students who have completed course I. Each is a one (1)-credit, S/U course and may be taken as an elective in addition to the required degree credits. The course grade will appear on the student's transcript.

  Registration occurs in the spring, with a grade posted in the fall after the requirements are satisfied. Registration is online at: http://www.isso.cornell.edu/immigration/f1/law673.php beginning February 1, 2011 and ending June 1, 2011. Prior to registering for the course, students must obtain a summer internship offer. The internship may be in an organization which previously employed the student, but the position and work assignments should not substantially duplicate earlier work for the organization. Once that has been done, registration can be done online.

  After you register on line for the course, you will receive an approval email from Sarah Hilsman at the International Students & Scholars Office. The email will explain that you need to bring a copy of that email along with your job offer letter to the ISSO (B50 Caldwell Hall) in order to obtain your work authorization. More information about Curricular Practical Training work authorization is available on the ISSO website at: http://www.isso.cornell.edu/immigration/f1/law673.php. The ISSO contact is Sarah Hilsman (email sw57@cornell.edu; phone 255-8735).

  You must notify the Law Schools Registrar if you change or drop the internship after registration. The internship may not be extended beyond the summer, and you may not drop the course after performing the internship without invalidating your work authorization.

  Objective & Assignment: The goal of this course is to promote an understanding of the challenges encountered in the work environment as a result of cultural differences. To that end, students are required to complete a ten-page paper by September 15 following their summer internship.

  For more information about this course, stop by the Registrar’s Office and ask for the one-page handout.
FROM KAREN COMSTOCK, ASSISTANT DEAN FOR PUBLIC SERVICE AND LIZ PECK, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE
Making the Most of the Public Interest Legal Career Fair (PILC)
Monday, January 31
3:30 p.m. Room G85
Attending PILC for the first time? Join us for this program. We’ll discuss how to prepare for pre-scheduled interviews; making the most of “table talk”, and event logistics and venue information. You’ll also get the inside scoop and success stories from 2Ls and 3Ls who previously attended PILC.

FROM JOHN DE ROSA, ASSISTANT DEAN FOR STUDENT AND CAREER SERVICES, SUZANNE HESS, DIRECTOR OF CAREER SERVICES, AND LYNDSEY BULLOCK, CAREER SERVICES ASSOCIATE

• All Students
   The NALP 2011 Online Apartment Exchange will be available from January 15 – May 15, 2011. This free apartment exchange program is for law students seeking summer housing or for students who have summer housing available. Visit www.nalp.org for more information.

• 1L Students
   During the course of this semester there will be a number of law firm receptions taking place in and around the law school. Law firms host receptions in order to introduce you to their people, practice areas, and summer program in advance if 2L fall recruiting. You will receive more information in the next few weeks, please watch your email for additional law firm reception announcements throughout the semester.

Fall 2011 Recruiting Dates: It may seem hard to believe, but here in the Career Services Office we are already making preparations for the 2011 Fall Recruiting program! Please note the following dates in your calendars:
   Job Fairs
   August Job Fair in NYC: Monday – Wednesday, August 8-10
   Boston Job Fair: Monday, August 15
   Washington, DC Job Fair: Friday, September 2
   Los Angeles Job Fair: Monday, September 12

On-Campus Interviews
   OCI #1: Monday - Wednesday, August 29-31
   OCI #2: Wednesday - Thursday, September 7-8
   OCI #3: Wednesday – Thursday, September 14-15
   OCI #4: Monday - Thursday, September 19-22

FULL TERM EXTERNSHIP - FALL 2011
Mandatory Meeting
Wednesday, February 9
4:00 p.m. Room 290
If you are a 2L now and considering the possibility of spending Fall 2011 as an extern working full time for a non-profit organization, government agency or judge, you must attend this one hour meeting. The instructor, Glenn Galbreath, will discuss the course, its requirements and the process and timetable for gaining admission. Review the course materials on the BlackBoard website (http://www.blackboard.cornell.edu) under the course title “Law 7831-1: Full Term Externship
(Professor Galbreath).” There are also binders located in the Legal Aid Clinic (G40) that describe the many placements previously used.

FROM LARRY BUSH, THE BERGER INTERNATIONAL LEGAL STUDIES PROGRAM

- **Tuesday, February 1**
  - 12:15 p.m.
  - Room 290
  - The Berger International Legal Studies Program invites you to a pizza luncheon. Come learn about our 2011 Paris Summer Institute.
  
  We will be having pizza and soft drinks to go along with our brief, informal program. Several faculty members who teach in the Summer Institute, a couple of students who have gone in the past, as well as representatives of the Career Office and the Financial Aid Office, will be present to explain how study in Paris complements and enhances your Cornell education and how you can make it happen financially.

- **Thursday, February 3**
  - 12:15 p.m.
  - Room 277
  - The Berger International Legal Studies Program Speaker Series present Anastasia Matveeva, Professor, Moscow State University; Klebnikov Foundation Russian Rule of Law Fellow, speaking on “Criminality and Its Prevention in Modern Russia.”

  The newest Paul Klebnikov Fund Rule of Law Fellow, Dr. Anastasia Matveeva is an Associate Professor of Criminology and Criminal Law in the Faculty of Law at Moscow State University. A well-respected expert in urban criminology and policies devised to prevent crime, she received her doctorate at Moscow State University in 1997, with her dissertation entitled “Criminality in Moscow: A Historico-Comparative Analysis.” She is the Coordinator of the Russian Congress of Criminal Law, a member of the Russian Criminological Association and has published regularly on the problems of urban crime, the prevention of criminality, corruption and crime in the sphere of high technology. Please RSVP to Dawne Peacock for the luncheon at dfp7@cornell.edu by February 1, 2011.

FROM PATINA JANISKO, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF FINANCIAL AID AND ADMISSIONS

Office Hours for the Spring Semester

(Drop in hours)

- **Monday:** 2:30-3:30 p.m.
- **Tuesday:** 2:30-3:30 p.m.
- **Wednesday:** 10:30-11:30 a.m., 2:30-3:30 p.m.
- **Thursday:** 2:30-3:30 p.m.
- **Friday:** 10:30-11:30 a.m., 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Or by appointment: (607) 255-5141 or financialaid@lawschool.cornell.edu

The financial aid staff is also available to help with any questions that you may have if I am out of the office or meeting with another person.
FROM JOHN MOLLENKAMP, ASSOCIATE CLINICAL PROFESSOR AND DIRECTOR OF ACADEMIC SUPPORT

- **Office Hours the week of January 31**
  - Monday: 9:00-11:00
  - Tuesday: 9:00-11:00
  - Wednesday: 9:00-11:00
  - Thursday: 3:30-5:00
  - Friday: 3:30-5:00
  - **Or by appointment:** (607) 255-0146; John-mollenkamp@lawschool.cornell.edu

- Now that we’re all back (and the 2Ls and 3Ls are finishing up Add/Drop and looking at what their schedules REALLY are like for the year), now is a good time to talk about perfectionism and New Year’s Resolutions. Too often, we approach a disappointing performance (like grades that are below our goals, for instance) by responding with a goal to be perfect next time. So, someone who studied two hours a week last semester suddenly expects to launch into four straight months of fifteen hour days. Within a day or two, the unrealistic goals and “new” plans fall away, and in a spirit of failure, the person settles back in to the same pattern as last semester, which we already know wasn’t very satisfactory.

**What to do instead?** Free yourself from the curse of “perfection” and resolve to be better. Count yourself as successful if you do just one minute better (either staying at a task one minute longer, or finishing a task one minute more efficiently, for example). Then, for the next day or the next week, do one minute better than that. You’ll find soon enough that your “one minute” becomes ten or fifteen minutes, which becomes the new baseline for the next level of improvements. By setting achievable (and improvable) goals, you’ll build repeated successes. The “perfect” option, on the other hand, leaves you with near certain failure (unless you truly are able to outline five classes while running on the treadmill and doing your laundry) and a repeated feeling that you are falling short. Feeling like a failure is not conducive to long-term improvement, at least not if it is repeated every single day.

So, as you are building your plan for the coming semester (calendaring job interviews, persuasive writing assignments, seminar papers, moot courts, and so on), make sure you are giving yourself the likelihood of continued and improving success. I’m glad to chat with you about this. Just stop by during drop-in hours, or make an appointment with me. We can also talk about reviewing your exams from last semester (I know how and why you should do this) and working out a personalized plan for this semester.

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, 1:30-4:30 p.m.
- **Where:** Myron Taylor Hall, Room 206
- **Who:** Maurice Haltom, LMSW, Counselor from Gannett Health Services
- For additional hours and counselor biographies: [www.gannett.cornell.edu/LetsTalk](http://www.gannett.cornell.edu/LetsTalk)
FROM THE AVON GLOBAL CENTER FOR WOMEN AND JUSTICE

The Avon Global Center for Women and Justice at Cornell Law School is accepting applications for summer research associates. The Avon Global Center works with judges, legal professionals, governmental and non-governmental organizations worldwide to improve access to justice for survivors of gender-based violence.

Responsibilities will include researching and analyzing international legal instruments and case law, as well as national (including non-US) statutory law and jurisprudence comprising the international legal framework protecting women and girls. Research associates may also assist with additional research and outreach projects undertaken by the Avon Global Center, including clinical projects and/or requests from judges (both US and international) for legal research assistance.

Applicants should apply for a summer public interest funding (PIF) grant and seek federal work study grants for compensation. Research assistants will be supervised by Center faculty and staff.

Applicants are expected to have strong legal research and writing skills. Experience or a demonstrated interest in gender issues is a plus. Students with prior knowledge of international human rights law, international criminal law, international comparative law and/or fluency in multiple languages are strongly encouraged to apply.

Deadline for application: **February 15, 2011**. Decisions will be made on a rolling basis; early application is encouraged. To apply, please email a cover letter, resume and (unofficial) transcript to: womenandjustice@lawschool.cornell.edu. Questions? Contact Elizabeth Brundige, Associate Director, Avon Global Center for Women and Justice, elizabeth-brundige@lawschool.cornell.edu.

**POSITIONS AVAILABLE**

- **Professor Bowman** is looking for a second or third year student for a short-term (February) research project. If you are interested, please contact her directly at cgb28@cornell.edu

- **Professors Eisenberg and Kalantry** seek several research assistants for the summer of 2011 to work on an empirical study of the Indian Supreme Court. Research assistants who are able to stay in Ithaca during the summer will be given preference, but we will consider students who wish to work remotely from elsewhere. Research assistants will learn international law research as well as empirical approaches to the study of law. If you would like to apply, please send a resume to Professors Kalantry (skalantry@cornell.edu) and Eisenberg (Ted-Eisenberg@lawschool.cornell.edu)

- **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. Please also indicate your dates of availability.

**WRITING COMPETITIONS**

- The Legal History and Rare Books Section (LH&RB) of the American Association of Law Libraries, in cooperation with Cengage Learning, announces the third annual Morris L. Cohen Student Essay Competition. Students currently enrolled in accredited graduate programs in law, library science, history, or related fields are eligible to enter the competition. Essays may be on any topic related to legal history, rare law books, or legal archives. The entry form and instructions are available at the LH&RB website: [http://www.aallnet.org/sis/lhrb/](http://www.aallnet.org/sis/lhrb/). Entries must be submitted by **March 15, 2011**. The winner will be announced by April 15. The winner will receive a $500.00 prize from Cengage Learning and up to $1,000 for expenses associated with attendance at the AALL Annual Meeting in Philadelphia in July 2011. The runner-up will have the opportunity to publish the second-place essay in LH&RB’s online
UNIVERSITY EVENT
Dining With Diverse Minds: Creating a Caring Community
Featuring President David Skorton and Ordinary People
Friday, February 4
5:20 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
Memorial Room (Willard Straight Hall)
Do you sense a stressful semester coming about? Do you feel like your voice has not been heard? Do you have something to discuss with faculty, administration or students at Cornell? Will you be hungry on a Friday Night? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, come out to...Dining With Diverse Minds: Creating a Caring Community with President David Skorton and ordinary people on Friday, February 4, 2011 5:20 p.m.-7:00 p.m. at the Memorial Room (Willard Straight Hall).

Come dine and discuss your ideas on how to make Cornell a more caring community with the diverse minds of our own Cornell community. Free Catered Dinner (Middle Eastern, Thai and Italian Food). First 130 people will be seated! So come early! Faculty, administrators, staff and students are all encouraged to attend. RSVP to Claire: cst48@cornell.edu