≈ Calendar of Events ≈
Week of February 7, 2011

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

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7**
9:00-11:00 a.m. Room 321. **Open Drop-in hours** with John Mollenkamp, Director of Academic Support.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8**
9:00-11:00 a.m. Room 321. **Open Drop-in hours** with John Mollenkamp, Director of Academic Support.

3:30-5:00 p.m. Room 263. **Office hours for students with Dean Schwab.** Details on page 2, Dean Schwab’s column.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9**
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 6, 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 3, Associate Dean Lukingbeal’s column.

4:00 p.m. Room 290. **Full Term Externship Mandatory Meeting.** Details on page 5, Full Term Externship column.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10**
3:30-5:00 p.m. Room 321. **Open Drop-in hours** with John Mollenkamp, Director of Academic Support.
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11
3:30-5:00 p.m. Room 321. Open Drop-in hours with John Mollenkamp, Director of Academic Support.

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FROM STEWART J. SCHWAB, THE ALLAN R. TESSLER DEAN
Office Hours for Students
I will be holding office hours for students on Tuesday afternoons between 3:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. Students wishing to see me may either sign up in advance with Liz Flint in room 263, email es232@cornell.edu, or call 607-255-3539.

FROM NAN COLVIN, REGISTRAR
Spring 11
• Schedule Verification and S/U Grade Election forms – were distributed to individual mail folders and must be completed and returned by 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 15, 2011.

• Registration Status/Bursar's Office It is your responsibility to be sure you are officially registered with Cornell University for the spring term. 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 11, 2011.

• Dates to remember for spring 2011
  Spring break for Law School
   Begins Saturday, March 19
   Classes resume Monday, March 28

Future dates to be announced
• Law School Pre-registration for fall 2011
• University Pre-enrollment for fall 2011
• Laptop Registration for exams for spring 2011
• Installation of Exam4 software for spring 2011

Spring Term Examination Period
• Examinations begin Wednesday, May 4
• Examinations end Tuesday, May 17

• 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 starting 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.
• **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 website: [http://registrar.lawschool.cornell.edu](http://registrar.lawschool.cornell.edu) at the **Summer/Winter Intersession Course Credit** link located in the Forms and Request section.

• **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 the Registrar’s website: [http://registrar.lawschool.cornell.edu](http://registrar.lawschool.cornell.edu) at the **Unofficial Transcript** link located in the Forms and Request section. **Please remember** that we ask you to make this request **24 hours in advance of your need for the materials**.

• **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 a faculty member wishes to view the student's record. You may complete and submit the release form on-line at the Registrar’s website: [http://registrar.lawschool.cornell.edu](http://registrar.lawschool.cornell.edu) at the **Permission to Examine Student Record** link located in the Forms and Request section or in person at the Law School Registrar’s Office.

• **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**

• **The Weekly Perk for Faculty and Students**
  Wednesday, February 9
  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.

• **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](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 JOHN DEROSA, 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.
    The first law firm reception will be Tuesday, February 15 at 6:30 p.m. You will receive further details regarding this event via email.

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 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 February 7
  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

By now, you should be hitting the groove for the first part of the second semester. Some folks report having success with building their semester by looking at the time in chunks. For example, from now until Cabaret (2/26) is just about three weeks. From Cabaret until Spring Break, another three weeks.

From the first day back from Spring Break to the end of classes, a month. This may particularly help you if you are allowing all that you have to accomplish in the entire semester to fall into one lump. You will get more done if you take it in smaller pieces (I’d suggest days or, at most, weeks—but you really need to break it into the schedule I set out above, at a minimum). This should help, particularly as we work our way through the colder days. Of course, if you’re paying careful attention, you’ll notice that the winter is already on the decline—days are getting just a touch longer each day, and soon enough, you’ll see grass outside again and some really nice tulips in front of Myron Taylor Hall.

If you’d like to talk with me about planning your “chunky” calendar or working on exam-taking to improve on what you’ve found in your exam answers last semester, please stop by during office hours or make an appointment.
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

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

• Professor Chafetz seeks a part-time research assistant for this summer to help with an article and a book project on constitutional law. Interested students should email their resume and transcript (unofficial is fine) to josh-chafetz@lawschool.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)

• The Clarke Program in East Asian Law and Culture seeks to hire two student-translators (one Japanese/English, one Chinese/English) to help with the launch of its new online forum this spring. The main responsibility will be to translate our participants' conversations as they unfold, to and from English. The workload should remain modest (5 to 10 hours/week), but because these will be ongoing conversations, the ability to work every day to translate new content is critical. Familiarity with the vocabulary of law, economics and/or social sciences, is considered a plus but not an absolute requirement. All work will be done online through our forum's interface. Appointment would be for the rest of the Spring semester, with the possibility of an extension during the summer. If you would like to apply, please send a resume to Guillaume Ratel (gr37@cornell.edu)

WRITING COMPETITIONS

• Third Annual Competition for Student Papers in Criminal Law and/or Criminal Procedure
The Criminal Law Section of the State Bar of California is pleased to announce its Third Annual Competition for Student Papers in Criminal Law and/or Criminal Procedure. To be eligible for consideration, the paper must be written solely by a student enrolled in law school at the time the author submits a paper to this Competition. The paper must pertain to criminal law and/or to criminal procedure, with a particular focus on contemporary issues of concern in the State of California. Deadline for submissions is February 27, 2011. For complete information on the submission process please visit: http://criminallaw.calbar.ca.gov/

• Notre Dame Law School announces its annual Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics Writing Competition on the topic of legal ethics. The competition is open to all law students at U.S. and Canadian law schools. Entries must be received before 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 29, 2011. For information on the competition, visit the website at: http://www.nd.edu/~ndlaw/writing_competitions/smith-doheny.pdf
UNIVERSITY EVENT/INSTITUTE FOR THE SOCIAL SCIENCES

Immigration Film Series
Wednesdays in February 2011
7:00 p.m. Willard Straight Hall

Cosponsored by the Latino Studies Program, Asian American Studies Program, Cornell Cinema, and the Institute for the Social Sciences Project on Immigration: Settlement, Integration, and Membership

Immigration is both a central component of the American experience, and a cause for questions and anxieties about the integration of newcomers, the terms of their inclusion, and national identity. Contemporary migration is no different in this respect. However, today’s immigrants do share three distinctive characteristics: first, immigrants today hail predominantly from Latin America and Asia rather than Europe; second, there is a significant proportion of the undocumented among the foreign born; and third, there has been a shift in settlement patterns away from traditional gateway areas to nontraditional destinations. These changes have rekindled political and policy debates about the costs and benefits of immigration, raising a myriad of theoretical, substantive, and practical questions about the settlement of recent arrivals, particularly those who settle in nontraditional destinations and their integration and inclusion as fully participating members of society, issues that the U.S. Congress will consider as it takes up immigration reform once again.

Wednesday, February 9
7:00 p.m.
Children of Invention
Introduction by Professor Derek Chang, History & ISS Immigration Project
In this film festival favorite, two young children living outside Boston are left to fend for themselves using their creativity when their hardworking, undocumented mother, Elaine Cheng, gets embroiled in a pyramid scheme and is arrested by immigration officials.

Wednesday, February 16
7:00 p.m.
From the Other Side
Introduction by Professor Michael Jones-Correa, Government & ISS Immigration Project
This film offers a piercing look at the US/Mexican border towns of Douglas, Arizona, and Agua Pieta, Mexico. While Mexicans risk, and often lose, their lives on perilous mountain and desert crossings in search of a better life, increasingly heightened fear and paranoia emanate from the north.

Wednesday, February 23
7:00 p.m.
A Thousand Years of Good Prayers
Introduction by Professor Derek Chang, History & ISS Immigration Project
Wayne Wang’s (The Joy Luck Club) film explores the relationship between a Chinese immigrant who has settled and assimilated in Spokane, Washington, and her elderly Beijing father, who struggles to find a place in her life and community after he moves in with her.

To learn more about the Institute for the Social Sciences Project on Immigration: Settlement, Integration, & Membership, see http://www.socialsciences.cornell.edu/1013/Immigrant_desc.html