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Tuesday, February 15
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.

4:00 p.m. Registrar’s Office. Grading Option Verification Form for JD students in classes of 2011 and 2012 due. Details on page 2, Registrar’s column.

Wednesday, February 16
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.
5:00 p.m. Room 285. The Cornell Law Softball Club meeting. Details on page 6, Student Organizations.

5:00-6:30 p.m. Mancuso Amphitheatre (room G90). The Graduate Legal Studies Program and ISSO meeting for LL.M. and international J.D. student to discuss Optional Practical Training (OPT) visa extensions and Curricular Practical Training (CPT). Open to all interested students. Details on page 4, Assistant Dean Cramton’s column.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17

11:45 a.m. Saperston Student Lounge. The Environmental Law Society presents: A Conversation with Professor Natalie Mahowald about Climate Change. Details on page 6, Student Organizations.

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18

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

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
- 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.

- 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 Registrars Office and online at the Registrars 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 ANNE LUKINGBEAL, ASSOCIATE DEAN AND DEAN OF STUDENTS

• The Weekly Perk for Faculty and Students
  Wednesday, February 16
  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.geois.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 online 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.ioso.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 have received further details regarding this event via email. If you have not please contact Lyndsey Bullock, Lyndsey-bullock@lawschool.cornell.edu, asap.

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

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

Wednesday, February 16
5:00-6:30 p.m.
Mancuso Amphitheater (room G90)
Sarah Hilsman from ISSO will be at the Law School to discuss the OPT application process and other issues related to travel following graduation and prior to the bar examination. Please plan on attending if you have any questions about the OPT training extension or re-entering the U.S. to study for and take the bar examination. The ISSO staff will also be able to address Curricular Practical Training (CPT) issues for international J.D. students who will be working in the U.S. during the summer. This is open to all interested students. Snacks will be provided.

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.
“Take Charge of Loan Repayment—Strategies for Success”
Wednesday, March 2
4:00-6:00 p.m.
Mancuso Amphitheatre (room G90)
Are you concerned about your student loans and how you'll manage repaying them? You’re probably not alone. The good news is that repayment can be manageable (and affordable) if you have a strategy for success. The Financial Aid Office is sponsoring a seminar on loan repayment for all interested students. We've invited Dr. Jeffrey E. Hanson to come speak about this important issue. He is a nationally recognized expert on student loan repayment and the options that are available to you in managing this important financial responsibility.

This interactive session will focus on the following elements to help you “take charge” of your loan repayment plan and develop your own strategy success:

- Understanding your loan terms and conditions
- Knowing how much you have to repay and to whom
- Defining your short and long-term financial goals
- Developing an affordable budget plan and estimating how much you can afford to pay each month on your debt
- Selecting the repayment plan that best achieves your goals given what you can afford to pay each month
- Understanding your options if you cannot afford to make a loan payment when one is due
- Taking advantage of loan forgiveness programs when you qualify for them
- Keeping good financial records
- Information about Cornell Law School’s Public Interest Low Income Protection Plan (PILIPP) (presented by Henry Granison, Associate Director of Admissions)

The seminar will be presented on Wednesday, March 2, 4:00-6:00 p.m. room G90. Please RSVP to financialaid@lawschool.cornell.edu if you plan to attend.

We encourage you to attend this important seminar. We particularly encourage all third year students who are graduating this spring to attend. Doing so will give you very useful information and get you started on the right path to managing loan repayment. Light snacks will be available. Contact the Financial Aid Office if you have any questions: Patina Janisko, room 226, 255-5141.

FROM JOHN MOLLENKAMP, ASSOCIATE CLINICAL PROFESSOR AND DIRECTOR OF ACADEMIC SUPPORT

- Office Hours the week of February 14
  Monday: 9:00-11:00 a.m.; 3:30-5:00 p.m.
  Tuesday: 9:00-11:00 a.m.
  Wednesday: 9:00-11:00 a.m.
  Thursday: 3:30-4:30 p.m.
  Friday: 3:30-4:30 p.m.
  Or by appointment: (607) 255-0146; John-mollenkamp@lawschool.cornell.edu

- Staying motivated is the big challenge this time of year. The rush of the beginning of the Spring Semester is over and the warmth of the beginning of Spring is weeks away. It’s pretty easy to pull another quilt over your head and stay burrowed in where it’s warm, rather than venture out into the cold. It’s also pretty easy to put off the hard work of studying (or working on papers) until the deadline is pretty close. But, in law school, you are forming the habits that are going to carry you through the practice of law. Which lawyer would you rather hire, one who handles your matter promptly and during business hours or
one who doesn’t look at the file until the very last minute and then crams right before you come to the office?

**The practice of law involves a lot of balancing between long-term and short-term deadlines.** Don’t let the absence of a short-term deadline fool you. You should be working on all your classes—even if there’s no paper due for a few weeks or no final until the end of the semester. You should also recognize that the difference between an A- and a B+ is razor thin in most classes—perhaps just one day’s worth of skipping the reading will make that difference on the final. To throw one more metaphor on the pile, think of your GPA as a castle—built out of the years you are here, which are built out of the semesters, which are built out of the months, which are built out of the weeks, which are built out of the days, which are built out of the hours that you are resting, reading, learning and living. Make the most out of all of your time here.

If you’d like to talk more with me about this, 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](http://www.gannett.cornell.edu/LetsTalk)

**STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS**

- **Cornell Law Softball Club**
  The Cornell Law Softball Club will be **meeting on Wednesday, February 16 at 5:00 p.m. in room 285.** We will be discussing the **upcoming trip to UVa.** All are welcome. **Questions?** Contact **Andrew Kaplan** at **ask237@cornell.edu**

- **Environmental Law Society**
  A Conversation with Professor Natalie Mahowald about Climate Change
  **Thursday, February 17**
  **11:45 a.m. in Saperston Student Lounge**
  Professor Mahowald of Cornell's Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences will discuss how we measure climate change and how we address the uncertainties in future scenarios. She will also address the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) assessment process. **Questions?** Contact **Emily Rockett**, **emr225@cornell.edu**

**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@lowschool.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.

LAW SCHOOL EVENT
Planning a Career in Law Teaching? Learn Strategies for Law School and Beyond
Monday February 21
12:10-1:15 p.m.
Room G85
Join Cornell Law School professors Valerie Hans, Joel Atlas, Michael Dorf, and Brad Wendel, along with two of our alumni in law teaching, Milena Sterio ’02 and Zev Eigen ’99, to learn how to plan for a career in law teaching, including:

* Assessing whether this is a good career for you * Writing for publication * Clerkships * Advanced degrees beyond the J.D. * Visiting Assistant Professor (VAP) or fellowship programs * Interview process at the AALS meeting * Preparing for job talks

Refreshments will be served

FROM THE CORNELL LAW SCHOOL ALUMNI AFFAIRS OFFICE
Cornell Law School & Cornell Wall Street Webinar Program
Wednesday, February 16
12:30 – 1:30 p.m. EST
Post-Crash Investing—Did 2008 Change Anything?
Featured Speaker: Ian Yankwitt

Ian Yankwitt, JD ’93, President & Portfolio Manager, Tortoise Investment Management will discuss whether the 2008 crash has really changed anything with respect to both portfolio construction and the provision of financial advice to individuals. On the portfolio construction side -- did diversification really fail and is modern portfolio theory really dead? What does it mean to be a client? Are different obligations owed to different types of clients? Discussion will focus on investment management for individuals (as opposed to institutions).

You will need a computer with broadband internet access and a phone to participate. Please register online at: www.lawschool.cornell.edu/alumni or by contacting the Cornell Law School Alumni Affairs Office at 607.255.5251. Once registered, you will be emailed log on information a day prior to the event.

For more information on the event contact the Cornell Law School Alumni Affairs Office at 607.255.5251 or email alumni@lawschool.cornell.edu

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