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Week of February 21, 2011

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

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21**

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

12:10-1:15 p.m. Room G85. Alumni in Teaching Committee: *Planning a Career in Law Teaching? Learn Strategies for Law School and Beyond.* Details on page 5, Law School Event.

3:30-4:30 p.m. Room G85. *Small Firm Job Searching* presented by Elizabeth K. Peck, Director of Public Service. Details on page 3, Public Service column.

4:30 p.m. Room 285. The *Cornell Federalist Society* presents: *China's Century? The Future of Sino-American Relations.*” Details on page 6, Student Organizations

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22**

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 23**

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 5, 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.
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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24
3:30-4:30 p.m. Room 321. Open Drop-in hours with John Mollenkamp, Director of Academic Support.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25

12:00-4:00 p.m. Room 321. Open Drop-in hours with John Mollenkamp, Director of Academic Support.

4:00-5:30 p.m. “Out of the Office” hours with John Mollenkamp. Details on page 4, John Mollenkamp’s column.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26
12:00 Noon-4:30 p.m. Barton Hall. Spring Break Service Trip event: Ballin’ for the Bayou. Details on page 6, Student Organizations.

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
• 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 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 2011. 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 5, 2011, 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 your 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.

If an Admission Ticket is misplaced, the examinee must contact the MPRE Application Department in Iowa City, IA, before the test date. Please be sure to check the MPRE Information booklet for what not to bring into the exam.

FROM ANNE LUKINGBEAL, ASSOCIATE DEAN AND DEAN OF STUDENTS

The Weekly Perk for Faculty and Students
Wednesday, February 23
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.

FROM KAREN COMSTOCK, ASSISTANT DEAN FOR PUBLIC SERVICE AND LIZ PECK, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE

Small Firm Job Searching
Monday, February 21
3:30-4:30 p.m.
Room G85

All classes: Elizabeth K. Peck, Director of Public Service, will present a program to help students learn how to find and land jobs with small firms. And, she’ll be distributing the newly revised “Small-Firm Handbook,” written specifically for CLS students.

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

Friday, February 25
12:15 p.m.
Room G85

The Graduate Legal Studies Program and the LL.M. Association presents:
Antione Sfeir, LL.M. Candidate, May 2011, speaking on “1861: The Painful Birth of Modern Lebanon - Genesis of a Middle-Eastern Democracy (1788-1861)” and Tom Fee, LL.M.. Candidate, May 2011, who will discuss “The History of the North of Ireland Conflict.”

Please RSVP to Dawne Peacock, dfp7@cornell.edu by February 23 for the luncheon.

FROM PATINA JANISKO, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF FINANCIAL AID AND ADMISSIONS

Drop-In Office Hours for the Spring Semester
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 THE CORNELL LAW SCHOOL COMPUTING LAB, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES
The Computer Lab rooms 373 and 375 will be closed on March 9, 3:00-5:00 p.m. during a special workshop for the US Attorney’s Office Clinic. Please plan accordingly. The small room 372 has 9 workstations and will remain open. Please refrain from talking in 372 during this time as a courtesy to students and guests from the US Attorney’s Office.

FROM THE LAW LIBRARY-ACCESS SERVICES DEPARTMENT
Please remember to check out all your library books at the Circulation Desk. You want to be able to find the book you need and so do your fellow library users. Even if the books will be in a carrel, office, or law school journal office, if they are not signed out they will appear to be missing. Thank you for your consideration of other library users.

FROM JOHN MOLLENKAMP, ASSOCIATE CLINICAL PROFESSOR AND DIRECTOR OF ACADEMIC SUPPORT
• Office Hours the week of February 21
  Monday: 9:00-11:00 a.m., drop-in
  Tuesday: 9:00-11:00 a.m., drop-in
  Wednesday: 9:00-11:00 a.m., drop-in
  Thursday: 3:30-4:30 p.m., drop-in
  Friday: Noon-4:00 p.m., drop-in; 4:00-5:30 p.m. “Out of the office hours”
  Or by appointment: (607) 255-0146; John-mollenkamp@lawschool.cornell.edu

• For the 1Ls, this is a big week. You have your persuasive writing assignment due at the end of the week. Some classes have big reading loads, even when you have a writing assignment. To the extent this leaves you wondering how you are going to manage everything at once, you need to consider that the workplace expectations are that you will continue to meet all your obligations while you complete your other obligations. It is a rare lawyer indeed who only has one matter at a time. In fact, the norm is much closer to dozens of active matters at any given time, each with some work that needs to be done. Of course, your success and happiness as a lawyer will depend on you being able to balance those competing
expectations appropriately. This week, that means getting your work done for Lawyering and every other class.

This week, I'm having extra office hours on Friday (after everyone's done with the Lawyering paper) as well as plenty of hours during the week for those who want to drop by and chat about balancing the work. The number one complaint people identify about their performance last semester is “I didn't start early enough.” If you want to start now, I'm around.

I'm also bringing back “out of the office hours” on Friday. Look for an e-mail with details, but I'm looking into leading a group to see a Black Box production of “The Jury Trial” at the Schwartz Center. Have a good week.

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

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

Presented by the Alumni in Teaching Committee. Refreshments will be served.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

• The Alternative Dispute Resolution Society presents:
  From Gladiator to Facilitator: The Movement Toward Resolving Legal Conflict through Collaborative Law
  Wednesday, February 23
  4:30-5:30 p.m.
  Room 285
  Robin Abrahamson Masson, former president of the Ithaca Area Collaborative Law Professionals will present on the efficacy of Collaborative Law in the family law context and beyond. Questions?
  Contact Erin Agee at eba26@cornell.edu
Cornell Federalist Society presents:

*China's Century? The Future of Sino-American Relations*

Monday, February 21

4:30 p.m. Room 285

The Cornell Federalist Society will host a discussion with **Doug Bandow**, senior fellow at the Cato Institute, and **Professor Xu Xin**, Director of China and Asia-Pacific Studies and Adjunct Associate Professor of Government at Cornell University.

Americans' attitudes toward China are evolving. As Andrew Kohut's recent article in the Wall Street Journal notes, seventy-nine percent of Americans think Chinese military power is a bad thing and fifty-three percent think that the U.S. should get tougher with China on trade issues. Do our opinions reflect America's best interests? What will the coming decades hold for relations between the U.S. and China, the world's largest economic and military powers? Mr. Bandow and Professor Xu will cover these and other issues in a wide-ranging discussion. Co-sponsored by GPSAFC. **Questions?** Contact **Matthew E. Linder**, mel238@cornell.edu

Spring Break Service Trip event

**Ballin' for the Bayou**

Saturday, February 26

12:00 Noon-4:30 p.m. Barton Hall

Are you prepared to take your talents to Barton Hall on February 26 for **CLS's first Ballin' for the Bayou 3 on 3 basketball tournament!!!** All ages, genders, and skill levels are invited to dust off their Jordan's and help us decide who are the baddest ballers in the law school.

The tournament will be held from 12:00 Noon-4:30 p.m. on February 26 at Barton Hall. Don't worry, there will be plenty of time to take your new found swag to Cabaret after the tournament.

Teams will consist of 3 Cornell law students, faculty, or staff members. The entry fee for each team will be $30. Each competitor will get a fly t-shirt, refreshments, and a chance at prizes donated by the fine folks at BarBri. $150 to the winning team, $100 to the runner ups, and a $50 “Best Spirit” award (all in BarBri cash, of course). In addition, the top 3 teams will get their names pronounced over the list-serve, surely bringing them fame and good fortune.

**All proceeds go towards the CLS Service Trip to New Orleans, LA,** where 70 of your most beneficent and magnanimous classmates will be donating their spring break to serve a community in need. Interested in participating? Check your email for details or email **Lennie Sliwinski** at lbs72@cornell.edu for more information.

**POSITIONS AVAILABLE**

- The Cornell eRulemaking Initiative (CeRI) is seeking **research assistants for the summer**. Students will work on issues of using web 2.0 technology in federal agency rulemaking, centered around CeRI's Regulation Room website. Those with experience with computers, the internet, communications, and psychology are particularly encouraged to apply. However, all applications are welcome. If you have any questions, please contact **Rebecca Vernon** at rbv23@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 Whitehead seeks several research assistants for the summer of 2011 to assist him in work on various financial and corporate law projects. No prior experience is necessary. Research assistants who stay in Ithaca during the summer are preferred, but students wishing to work remotely will also be considered. If you are interested, please send a resume (including law school GPA) to Professor Whitehead (ckw26@cornell.edu). Please also indicate how many hours a week you are available.

WRITING COMPETITIONS
• The Theodore Tannenwald, Jr. Foundation for Excellence in Tax Scholarship and the American College of Tax Counsel announce their 2011 Tannenwald Writing Competition. Papers may be submitted by JD, LLM or JSD students. Submitted papers may focus upon technical or policy-oriented topics relating to any type of existing or proposed U.S. federal or state tax or taxation system (including topics relating to tax practice ethical and professional responsibility matters). Each submitted paper must be sponsored by a professor at the student’s law school. The number of papers a law school may submit is limited so if you are interested in submitting a paper, please contact the Registrar’s Office by April 15, 2011. Complete competition rules are available online at: http://www.tannenwald.org/rules/

• The University of Connecticut School of Law has established a Student Legal Writing Competition to encourage and reward original student writing on legal issues affecting persons struggling with homelessness, mental illness, addiction, or substance abuse. Entrants should submit a paper on a legal issue affecting persons struggling with homelessness, mental illness, addiction, or substance abuse. Papers will be accepted from any student enrolled for the 2010-11 academic year in an ABA-accredited law school in the United States or Canada. All students intending to enter the competition must register by April 15, 2011. Entries must be received by 5:00 p.m. on June 1, 2011. Complete competition guidelines and the registration form are available at: http://www.law.uconn.edu/content/university-connecticut-school-law-student-legal-writing-competition

UNIVERSITY PRIZE NOMINATIONS SOUGHT
The James A. Perkins Prize For Interracial Understanding and Harmony is awarded annually to the program, organization, Cornell student, faculty or staff member making the most significant contribution to furthering the ideal of university community while respecting the values of racial diversity. The $5,000 prize is given in support of activities that promote interracial respect, understanding, and harmony on campus.

The Perkins Prize is administered through the Office of the Dean of Students. Kent L. Hubbell ’67 and members of the selection committee, which consist of students, faculty, administrators, and staff who review the applications and select the Prize recipients. Completed applications are due by Friday, February 25, 2011. Applications and guidelines can be found at: http://dos.cornell.edu/dos/cms/about/awards/perkins/index.cfm

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