Calendar of Events
Week of February 28, 2011
All events will be held in Myron Taylor Hall unless otherwise noted

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3:30 p.m. Room G85. Why Clerk? The Advantages of Post-Graduate Judicial Clerkships. Program presented by Public Service Office. Details on page 4, Public Service Office column.

4:30 p.m. Room 285. Informational meeting about the Office of Judicial Codes Counselor (JCC) Associate Judicial Codes Counselor position and application process. Details on page 10, Judicial Codes Counselor Office.

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1:30-4:30 p.m. Room 206. Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS). Free and confidential consultation for law students. Details on page 7, 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.

4:00-6:00 p.m. Mancuso Amphitheatre (room G90). Financial Aid Office program: “*Take Charge of Loan Repayment—Strategies for Success*” presented by Dr. Jeffrey Hanson. Details on page 6, Financial Aid Office column.

6:00 p.m. Room 285. Cornell Law Students for Reproductive Justice, the Native American Law Students Association, and Cornell Advocates for Human Rights will be screening “*Rape on the Reservation.*” Details on page 8, Student Organizations.

THURSDAY, MARCH 3


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FRIDAY, MARCH 4
12:30 p.m. Room G85. *The Anatomy of a Death Penalty Case* with Professor Keir Weyble. A National Lawyers Guild *Week Against the Death Penalty* event. Details on page 9, Student Organizations.

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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
• **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, March 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.

**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 nalp.org for more information.
• **1L Students**

In preparation for Fall 2011 recruiting events there will be **1L Fall Recruiting Meeting on Thursday, April 7 in Anabel Taylor Hall**. You will receive more information about this meeting but please mark your calendars now. **We encourage all 1L students who plan to participate in Fall Recruiting to attend** as you will receive very important information regarding the bidding process, deadlines, and preparation tips.

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

**Why Clerk? The Advantages of Post-Graduate Judicial Clerkships**

**Tuesday, March 1**

**3:30 p.m.**

**Room G85**

Would you like:
- ♦ a glimpse into the practical workings of a judge’s chambers?
- ♦ unique knowledge and unparalleled skills development?
- ♦ a mentor who is a knowledgeable jurist in a position of influence and authority?

**Featured speakers and their clerkships:**

- **Justin Pfeiffer ’07**, New York State Court of Appeals
- **Elizabeth Carr ’09**, Hon. Joseph L. Tauro ’56, U.S. District Court, DMA and Hon. Michael A. Chagares, U.S. Court of Appeals, 3rd Circuit
- **Owen Roth ’09**, Hon. Allyson K. Duncan, U.S. Court of Appeals, 4th Circuit and Hon. Alvin Hellerstein, U.S. District Court, SDNY
- **Joe Ronca ’10**, Hon. Richard Wesley ’74, U.S. Court of Appeals, 2nd Circuit
- **Professor John Mollenkamp**, Hon. Elwood L. Thomas, Missouri Supreme Court.

**Introduction to the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI)**

The **Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI)** is a framework for understanding yourself and others and helps clarify preferred ways of taking in information and making decisions. These preferences can effect career satisfaction and may help you think about choosing a practice area and work setting.

On **Wednesday, March 16, from 5:45-8:00 p.m. in the Saperston Student Lounge**, we will hold a workshop, open to all students, at which we will introduce MBTI concepts and work with students to determine their MBTI type. Attendance is limited to 30 participants. Dinner will be provided. To participate in the workshop, you must:
1) Register
To do so, sign your name to the MBTI registration list posted outside of my office (room 145) by Noon, Thursday, March 3.

2) Complete and return the MBTI
We will flex you the MBTI materials on the afternoon of Friday, March 5. Complete the MBTI and return it to Molly Brewton by Wednesday, March 9 at 5:00 pm. Molly is located in room 115, which is the administrative assistant suite which is located off the Atrium on the first floor.

3) Attend the workshop
Because attendance is limited and we will tailor the workshop to the individuals attending, it is essential that registered students attend the workshop.

Should there be overwhelming interest, we will try to repeat this program later in the semester. Also, if you would like to discuss the MBTI individually, please contact us. We look forward to working with you!

FROM LARRY BUSH, THE BERGER INTERNATIONAL STUDIES PROGRAM
This event has been cancelled and will be rescheduled to another date.
Thursday, March 3
12:15 p.m.
Room 277
The Berger International Legal Studies Program Speaker Series presents Dr. Benjamin Mason Meier, BA'98, JD/LLM '01, PhD, Assistant Professor of Global Health Policy Department of Public Policy University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill speaking on “Global Health Governance and the Contentious Politics of Human Rights: Mainstreaming the Right to Health for Public Health Advancement.”

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.

  • “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 for 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.

CORNELL LAW SCHOOL INNOCENCE CLINIC EVENT

The Cornell Law School Innocence Clinic presents: Exoneree Fernando Bermudez
Tuesday, March 8
12:15-1:15 p.m.
Room 290

In August of 1991, a man was shot to death after an altercation outside a Manhattan nightclub. Fernando Bermudez, then 22, was convicted of the murder and sentenced to 23 years to life in prison. In November 2009, at the age of 40, Fernando was exonerated, after 11 appeals and having served 18 years in prison for a crime that he had nothing to do with. Mr. Bermudez’s highly publicized wrongful conviction was based on the false testimony of a key witness and mistaken photo identifications by four teenage eyewitnesses, all of whom subsequently recanted.

Since his release, Fernando has been an active speaker, seeking to increase social awareness of the causes of wrongful convictions. He will be joined at Cornell by his wife, Crystal, who stood by him throughout his incarceration. The presentation is open to all members of the Cornell community and to the public. For more information on this event, contact Adjunct Professor Christopher Seeds and the Cornell Innocence Clinic at cws5@cornell.edu.

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 JOHN MOLLENKAMP, ASSOCIATE CLINICAL PROFESSOR AND DIRECTOR OF ACADEMIC SUPPORT

• Office Hours the week of February 28
  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: 3:30-5:00 p.m., drop-in
  Or by appointment: (607) 255-0146; John-mollenkamp@lawschool.cornell.edu

• Congratulations on finishing your Lawyering persuasive assignment. You will likely feel a great weight has been lifted. You earned a weekend off, but now that it’s over, you should be planning ahead for the rest of the time between now and Spring Break. After Spring Break, 1Ls will be busy with Langfan Moot Court, the revision of the Lawyering paper, and oral arguments in Lawyering class. There’s no benefit to coasting now, because it will be busier after break than it was last week. **Now is the time to get ahead (or at least caught up)** so that the push three weeks from now won’t be overwhelming. In fact, now would be a good time to start your reviewing and taking some simple practice questions to test the first half of the semester. Maybe you could add CALI to your daily regimen. Whatever you’re doing, make sure you are making as much use of your time now as you will wish you had later. Get rested and get ready.

  Please feel free to stop by office hours or make an appointment so that I can talk with you about the best use of your time.

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

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

• Cornell Law Students for Reproductive Justice, the Native American Law Students Association, and Cornell Advocates for Human Rights
  Wednesday, March 2
  6:00 p.m.
  Room 285
  Screening of “Rape on the Reservation,” a documentary about the extent and causes of gender-based violence on reservations in the United States. This documentary is part of Current TV's award-winning documentary series, Vanguard. Pizza will be served. For any questions, please email Jennifer Holsey at jfh95@cornell.edu. This event is co-sponsored by GPSAFC.

• National Lawyers Guild
  Week Against the Death Penalty events
  All events open to the graduate community. For more information, contact Chuck Guzak at cmg258@cornell.edu
**Film: The Deadline**
**Monday, February 28**
**4:30 p.m.**
**Saperston Student Lounge**
Sponsored by NLG, co-sponsored by Death Penalty Project, GPSAFC, and CLSA.

**Illinois, Fall 2002: Governor George Ryan** faces shocking findings about flaws in his state’s capital punishment system that call his long-held beliefs into question. Suddenly, he must make one of the most difficult decisions of his life—to ignore this disturbing evidence, or to transform the entire Illinois capital punishment system. The stakes of this decision are the lives of over 170 people, and Ryan’s own political career. And he has only a few months to issue his final decision. *Deadline*, captures the ensuing dramatic series of events as they unfold.

**Ray Krone, Death Row Exoneree**
**Tuesday, March 1**
**12:15 p.m.**
**Saperston Student Lounge**
Sponsored by NLG, co-sponsored by Death Penalty Project, GPSAFC, and CLSA.

**Ray Krone** was convicted of the murder and kidnapping of a thirty-six year old female bartender who was found nude and stabbed to death in Phoenix, Arizona in 1991. At trial, the prosecution relied upon bite mark evidence, but Mr. Krone maintained his innocence. He was sentenced to death and a consecutive 21 year term of imprisonment. After ten years in prison, he was exonerated on the basis of DNA evidence which pointed to another individual as the perpetrator. He is the 100th former death row inmate freed because of innocence since the reinstatement of capital punishment in the United States in 1976.

**A Career Against the Death Penalty: Naomi Terr ’01**
**Wednesday, March 2**
**12:15 p.m.**
**Saperston Student Lounge**
Sponsored by NLG, co-sponsored by Public Service Office, GPSAFC, and CLSA.

**Naomi E. Terr** received a Master of Science in Social Work from the University of Texas at Austin in 1993 and is a licensed Master Social Worker. She received a law degree from Cornell Law School in 2001. Ms. Terr has devoted her legal practice exclusively to death penalty defense. A major focus of her work is developing mitigation evidence in capital cases. She has worked extensively in cases with defendants who show evidence of mental retardation. She is also a program attorney with the Mexican Capital Legal Assistance Program, a program funded by the Foreign Ministry of Mexico to assist Mexican nationals facing the death penalty in the United States. She is licensed to practice law in Texas and admitted to practice before the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

**Lethal Injection: Emerging Issues** with **Lucy Larkins** of Reprieve
**Thursday, March 3**
**12:15 p.m.**
**Saperston Student Lounge**
Sponsored by NLG, co-sponsored by Death Penalty Project, GPSAFC, and CLSA.

**Lucy Larkins** works for Reprieve, an international non-profit organization that provides direct services to defendants facing the death penalty in states with underfunded capital defense systems. Ms. Larkins will discuss the effect of the shortage of sodium thiopental, a key ingredient in lethal injection mixtures, on the death penalty in the United States and the defense of foreign nationals who are subject to the death penalty in the United States.
The Anatomy of a Death Penalty Case with Professor Keir Weyble
Friday, March 4
12:30 p.m.
Room G85
Sponsored by NLG, co-sponsored by Death Penalty Project, GPSAFC, and CLSA.
Professor Weyble is Director of the Death Penalty Project and Adjunct Professor of Law at Cornell Law School. He has represented prisoners in capital cases in the state and/or federal courts of Alabama, Indiana, Mississippi, South Carolina, Texas and Virginia, and has served as co-counsel for the prisoner in four habeas corpus cases decided by the Supreme Court of the United States.

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. Please send a cover letter and resume to Rebecca Vernon at rbv23@cornell.edu. If you have any questions or would like more information on the project, please contact Rebecca for that as well.

- 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 New York State Bar Association announces the Professor William R. Ginsberg Memorial Essay Contest. Essays may be on any topic in environmental law, provided they are written by a JD student currently enrolled in a New York State law school and were not prepared as a part of paid work. Course papers and law review submissions are permitted. The maximum length is 35 double-spaced pages. Entries must be submitted by June 1, 2011 to New York State Bar Association, One Elk Street, Albany, NY 12207. Contest details are available in the Law School Registrar's Office.

- The American Judges Association annual Law Student Essay Competition is open to any student regularly enrolled in and attending classes at an accredited law school in the United States or Canada. Essays submitted must be under the topic: “Must a minor student be given his or her rights, including a Miranda warning and the right to have a parent present, before being questioned by police on school grounds.” Entries must be postmarked no later than June 1, 2011. Competition rules are available at their website: http://aja.ncsc.dni.us/essay-contest/pdfs/essayrules.pdf

- The Committee on Animals and the Law of the New York State Bar Association is pleased to announce the Committee on Animals and the Law Student Writing Competition. Law students (which include J.D., L.L.M., Ph.D., and S.J.D. candidates) are invited to submit to the Committee on Animals and the Law an article on any topic on animal law. The deadline for submission is June 30, 2011. Competition rules and submission information are available at:
OFFICE OF THE JUDICIAL CODES COUNSELOR (JCC) SEeks APPLICANTS

The Office of the Judicial Codes Counselor (JCC) is seeking applicants from the 1L class for the paid position of Associate Judicial Codes Counselor. The office anticipates hiring three applicants. The JCC provides free assistance to anyone accused of violating the Campus Code of Conduct or Code of Academic Integrity. The JCC advises accused students of their rights under the disciplinary codes of the University, and represents students in informal and formal meetings, hearings, and appeals related to disciplinary infractions. In just the past year members of the office have advised students on a range of matters including but not limited to assault, drug and alcohol possession, disorderly conduct, and plagiarism.

The JCC seeks applicants with a strong desire to participate in advocacy on behalf of fellow students, both graduate and undergraduate. The preferred applicant possesses a leadership or advocacy background with strong organizational and interpersonal skills.

An informational meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 1, in room 285 at 4:30 p.m. for those interested in learning more about the JCC. Additionally, persons interested should prepare a one page resume to be submitted between March 1 and March 4. Finally, the first round of interviews will take place on March 7 and 8. Please submit any questions or concerns to Ashley Garry, mag363@cornell.edu, or Kyle Hogan, kph48@cornell.edu.