Calendar of Events

Week of March 7, 2011

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

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


TUESDAY, MARCH 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.

3:45 p.m. MacDonald Moot Court Room (room 390). Informational Meeting: Langfan Family First Year Moot Court Competition. Details on page 8, Student Organizations.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 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 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 p.m. Saperston Student Lounge. The Women's Law Coalition: Conversation with Stephanie Wheeler, Litigation Partner at Sullivan & Cromwell LLP. Details on page 8, Student Organizations.

4:30-5:30 p.m. Room G85. Alternative Dispute Resolution Society presents: Non-Violent Communication: An Essential Tool for Dispute Resolution with Mariette Geldenhuys. Details on page 8, Student Organizations.

THURSDAY, MARCH 10
12:15 p.m. Room 277. The Graduate Legal Studies Program and the LL.M. Association presents Paul Blachez, LL.M. Candidate, May 2011, speaking on “1,000 Years of Anglo-French Relations.” RSVP by March 8 for luncheon. Details on page 4, Assistant Dean Cramton’s column.

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FRIDAY, MARCH 11

3:30-5:00 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
• 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 Registrar’s site: http://registrar.lawschool.cornell.edu at the Forms and Requests 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, March 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.

• Law School Prize—Call for Nominations
  I am delighted to announce that the law school will be awarding a prize in memory of John J. Kelly (Law School Class of 1947) to a graduating Cornell Law student who, in the judgment of the Dean of the Law School, best exemplifies qualities of scholarship, fair play and good humor. The prize is a cash gift. Please submit written nominations to me before Thursday, March 31, 2011 at Noon. It will be very helpful to the selection committee if you indicate the reasons why you think the nominee would be an excellent candidate for this award. Many thanks.

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

Nuts and Bolts of the Judicial Clerkship Application Process
Friday, March 11
3:30 p.m.
Room 285

All 2Ls interested in applying for judicial clerkships should attend this program. Presented by: Professor Bradley Wendel, Assistant Dean for Public Service Karen Comstock, Director of Public Service Elizabeth Peck

Topics Covered:
  Overview of federal and state clerkship opportunities
  Distinctive features of the process and how it differs from other legal job search and acceptance protocol
  Strategies for identifying your target judges
  Strategies for selecting recommenders
  Elements of your application packet
  The time line for researching, preparing and sending your applications

The Cornell Law School Judicial Clerkship Handbook will be distributed

Sponsored by the Judicial Clerkship Committee and the Office of Public Service

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
  In preparation for Fall 2011 recruiting events there will be 1L Fall Recruiting Meeting on Thursday, April 7, 2011 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.
FROM CHARLES CRAMTON, ASSISTANT DEAN FOR THE GRADUATE LEGAL STUDIES PROGRAM

Thursday, March 10
12:15 p.m.
Room 277

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FROM LARRY BUSH, THE BERGER INTERNATIONAL STUDIES PROGRAM

• Wednesday, March 9
12:15 p.m.
Room 277

The Berger International Legal Studies Program Speaker Series presents Cassandra Steer, Lecturer and PhD Candidate, Department of Criminal Law Universiteit van Amsterdam, Fulbright Visiting Scholar, Cornell Law School speaking on “Translating Guilt: Can Comparative Law Methodology Inform the Lawmaking Process in International Criminal Law?”

International Criminal Law (ICL) is a nascent branch of international law with specific concerns because of the central role played by individuals. The normative content of ICL is formed essentially by way of an ad-hoc process of comparative law in action (i.e. by way of non-state actors who apply notions from the systems they are familiar with). The critique that Cassandra Steer has is that this can be arbitrary and threaten due process concerns, which are paramount in any criminal justice system. The example of Joint Criminal Enterprise is illustrative of this process and the due process concerns. The solution Cassandra Steer proposes is to consciously apply (and perhaps require) a comparative law methodology as a kind of minimum rule of law restraint on this process. Please RSVP to Dawne Peacock, dfp7@cornell.edu by March 7 for the luncheon.

• Monday, March 14
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.”

Dr. Benjamin Mason Meier’s interdisciplinary research--at the intersection of international law, public policy, and global health--examines the harmful effects of globalization on individual health status and national health systems. As a professor of courses in Ethics & Public Policy, Global Health Policy, and Health & Human Rights, Dr. Meier works collaboratively across UNC’s Department of Public Policy and Gillings School of Global Public Health to advance legal frameworks for global health policy.

Serving additionally as a Scholar at Georgetown Law School's O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law and as a Faculty Fellow at UNC’s Center for AIDS Research, he has written and presented extensively on the development of public health policy pursuant to state, national, and international law.

In addition to a wide range of public health policy projects for nongovernmental organizations, national governments, and international organizations, his recent legal scholarship has appeared in: the Case

- Class of 2013: Invitation to Apply for Dual Degree Programs
  Each Spring semester we issue an invitation to the members of the first year class to apply for admission to one of our international dual degree programs. This year we are inviting applications to two of our programs:

  **The J.D./Master en Droit (Université de Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne),** a four-year program that prepares graduates for admission to the bar in the United States and in France;

  **The J.D./Master of German and European Law and Practice (M.LL.P.) (Humboldt Universität zu Berlin),** a three-year program that provides graduates a profound knowledge of German and European law at both an academic and a practical level.

  We are not able to invite applications at this time to our third program, **The J.D./Master in Global Business Law (Institut d’Études Politiques de Paris (“Sciences Po”) and Paris I),** a three-year program that offers a multi-disciplinary, European perspective on international law and business issues. If it becomes possible to accept applications for the 2012/2013 academic year for this program, we will notify you.

  Our web site describes our dual degree programs in considerable detail. If you are interested, please visit: http://www.lawschool.cornell.edu/international/study_abroad/international_dual_degrees/index.cfm.

  If you would like to apply for admission to one of the two programs currently available, please note that the **deadline is Wednesday, March 16.** By March 16, you must complete the on-line application form: http://www.lawschool.cornell.edu/international/study_abroad/international_dual_degrees/dual_degree_application.cfm and return to my office (107 Myron Taylor Hall) the following hard-copy items:

  a) a current résumé
  b) an unofficial Cornell Law School transcript from the Registrar’s Office, **with G.P.A. shown thereon.**

  If you have any questions about these programs or the application process, please contact me: phone: 1+607-255-3014; fax: 1+607-255-7193, email: LSB13@cornell.edu

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.

- **How to Renew Financial Aid for 2011-2012 Academic Year**
  - **Renew your Federal loans:** follow these easy steps to
    1. **Complete your FAFSA no later than April 15, 2011**
       Send a copy of your 2010 tax return or non-filing statement to the Financial Aid Office.

    2. **Complete the Federal Verification Worksheet**

       **Please note:** If you complete your FAFSA after April 15, please be sure to contact the Financial Aid Office. Late completion of the FAFSA may delay timely payment of loan funds.

  - **Renew your Private loan**
    Contact your lender and apply for a new loan for 2011-2012

  - **Renew your Graduate Plus Loan**
    You will receive an award letter in mid-May that will tell you the maximum amount of Graduate Plus Loan you are eligible for. If you wish to apply for this loan, please complete the application after you receive your letter. The graduate plus loan application will be sent out via email and posted to our website in the forms section.

  **Grants do not need to be renewed.** If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

**FROM RAY MINELLA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CLARKE BUSINESS LAW INSTITUTE**
Monday, March 7
4:00 p.m.
Room 285
Ray Minella, Executive Director of the new Clarke Business Law Institute will host an alumni speaker, Gordon Chang BA ’73, JD ’76, as a guest speaker.
Mr. Chang will speak on “China: Law, Rule of Law, and Business in the World’s Most fascinating Economy.”

**CORNELL LAW SCHOOL INNOCENCE CLINIC AND PRISON SEMINAR SERIES**
Tuesday, March 8
12:15-1:15 p.m.
Room 290
The Cornell Innocence Clinic and the Prison Seminar Series present Exoneree Fernando Bermudez
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.

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 March 7
  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
  Friday: 3:30-5:00 p.m., drop-in

  Or by appointment: (607) 255-0146; John-mollenkamp@lawschool.cornell.edu

- You may not have noticed it, but the sun is starting to shine a little more often now than it did at the beginning of the semester. Of course, for some, it may not be enough (and, in fact, Gannett prescribes light therapy for some students—and they report that it helps them feel better through the dark winter). To the extent you are able, get out in the sunshine when you can. There are only so many sunny days this time of year. As I’m writing this, the sun is shining. I don’t know if it will be sunny when you read it, or if it will be snowing again. But, at some point, the sun will shine—when it does, you should walk out into the sun and enjoy that time.

You may also be planning a Spring Break trip to somewhere warm and sunny. That will be great. It may even be a substantial motivator to help you keep on track with studying from now until then. Or, maybe you find that it is hard to study as you think about what fun you (or your friends) will be having in just a couple weeks. If you want to chat about planning out that time between now and Spring Break (or if you want to get a jump on the time when you get back), please stop by 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

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

- **Alternative Dispute Resolution Society**
  
  Non-Violent Communication: An Essential Tool for Dispute Resolution - Mariette Geldenhuys
  
  Wednesday, March 9
  4:30-5:30 p.m.
  Room G85
  
  Mariette Geldenhuys, Esq., founder of the Ithaca Area Collaborative Law Professionals, will talk about the use of Non-Violent Communication techniques in negotiation and lead an exercise focused on how to be an effective non-adversarial advocate. Co-sponsored by GPSAFC and open to the graduate community. Contact Erin Agee eba26@cornell.edu with any questions.

- **Moot Court Board**
  
  Tuesday, March 8
  3:45 p.m.
  MacDonald Moot Court Room (room 390)
  
  Langfan Family First Year Moot Court Competition - Informational Meeting. Questions? Contact Patrick Blakemore at pwb8@cornell.edu

- **Women's Law Coalition (WLC)**
  
  Wednesday, March 9
  4:00 p.m.
  Saperston Student Lounge
  
  The Women's Law Coalition is hosting a Conversation with Stephanie Wheeler, a Litigation Partner at Sullivan & Cromwell LLP on . Refreshments will be served. Please visit http://www.sullcrom.com/wheelerstephanieg/ to read more about Ms. Wheeler. Co-Sponsored by GPSAFC and Sullivan & Cromwell LLP. Question? Contact Kerry Harnett at kah255@cornell.edu.

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 (ekw26@cornell.edu). Please also indicate how many hours a week you are available.
REQUEST FOR ARTICLES

*Atticus*, the statewide publication of the **New York State Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers** (NYSACDL), covers issues confronting the criminal defense practitioners as well as providing news of NYSACDL’s amicus and legislative activities and sponsored events. The publication is soliciting articles from students, professors and legal professionals regarding current topics in criminal justice. For more information contact the co-editor at cmeyers@tomburton.com. *Atticus* is printed quarterly and is available for download at: [http://www.nysacdl.org/projects/atticus/](http://www.nysacdl.org/projects/atticus/).