≈ Calendar of Events ≈
Week of October 3, 2011

All events will be held in Myron Taylor Hall unless otherwise noted. *Scoops* will not be published during Fall Break.

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 3**
4:00 p.m. Room G85. Small Firm Alumni Panel. Details on page 3, Public Service Office column.

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4**
3:30 p.m. Room G85. Making the Most of the Equal Justice Works Job Fair (EJW). Details on page 4, Public Service Office column.

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5**

3:00-4:00 p.m. Foyer. The Weekly Perk-Faculty/Student Coffee. Stop by for a cup! Details on page 3, Associate Dean Lukiingbeal’s column.

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7**
11:15 a.m.-2:20 p.m. Room 321. Office hours with John Mollenkamp. Details on page 5, John Mollenkamp’s column.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8-SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16**
Fall Break.

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FROM NAN COLVIN, REGISTRAR

Fall 2011

- **First-Year Practice Exam: Class of 2014**
  A practice exam is given each year for students enrolled in first-year courses during the fall semester. Each student will be given an exam in one of his or her courses. The scheduled date for the practice exam is **Thursday, October 20, 4:30-5:20 p.m.** You are encouraged to take the practice exam, but you are not required to do so. The exam roster will be posted on in the glass-enclosed bulletin board the day before the exam.

- **Using laptop for 1L Practice Exam**
  Students in first-year courses received information about using Exam4 software for the Practice Exam on Friday, September 30.

- **Fall break for Law School**
  Begins **Saturday, October 8**
  Classes resume **Monday, October 17**

- **University Course Pre-registration for spring 2012**
  **Courses in Divisions Other than the Law School** - Students interested in enrolling in courses in other divisions of the University for the Spring 2012 semester may pre-enroll using the University Enrollment process. Law students will use the University system to select their non-law courses. The pre-registration period for law students to select non-law courses is scheduled for **October 19-21, 2011**. To pre-enroll you must use the Student Center at: [http://studentcenter.cornell.edu](http://studentcenter.cornell.edu). The University Registrar’s Office strongly encourages you to review the Enrollment information at: [http://registrar.sas.cornell.edu/Student/enroll.html](http://registrar.sas.cornell.edu/Student/enroll.html) to optimize your enrollment period.

  **Please Note:** Pre-enrollment does not guarantee enrollment in the course. Students enrolling in non-law courses for JD credit will also need to complete the required petition with the Law School Registrar's office, at the Registrar’s website ([http://registrar.lawschool.cornell.edu](http://registrar.lawschool.cornell.edu)) at the Forms and Requests tab; **Law Credit for Non-law Courses**. A student electing a course outside the Law School for credit or otherwise, must also register for at least 9 credit hours in the Law School each term. Regardless of the number of courses elected outside the Law School, a student must earn 72 semester credit hours in professional law subjects. This applies to all law students, including those in joint degree programs.

- **Law School Course Pre-registration for spring 2012**
  **To the Classes of 2012 & 2013** - On-Line Pre-Registration for Spring 2012 Law School courses is scheduled for **October 18-November 11, 2011. You will be notified by email when the pre-registration site is available.** Instructions and details for on-line Law School Course Pre-registration, updated course information, registration forms, and degree requirements will be available on-line after Fall break.

- **Fall Term Examination Period**
  Examinations begin **Wednesday, December 7**
  Examinations end **Friday, December 16**

- **Using your laptop for fall 2011 final exams**
  **Installation of Exam4 software:** You will receive information about the process by email to your Cornell NetID email address at the end of October.
• Fall 11 Final Examinations - Exam Conflicts
Students who have exam conflicts are reminded to notify the Law School Registrar's Office, in writing, using the online Deferral Request link, which is available at the Registrar’s website: http://registrar.lawschool.cornell.edu/ by Wednesday, November 9, 2011, of the conflict, and should note which exam they wish rescheduled. The exam schedule is available at the Registrars website at: https://support.law.cornell.edu/students/forms/Fall_Exam_Schedule.pdf

• Exams and dictionaries
New JD students whose native or working language is not normally English may request the use of a non-legal dictionary for examinations by submitting a written request to the Dean of Students by Wednesday, November 9, 2011. Continuing JD students who received permission to use a non-legal dictionary previously do not need to make another request. The non-legal dictionary must be supplied by the student and the dictionary may be in print or electronic format; provided, however, that any electronic dictionary must be a stand-alone dictionary with a set memory (e.g., a dictionary program that is loaded on a laptop computer does not qualify). All electronic dictionaries must be approved by the Registrar well in advance of the examinations.

LL.M. students with questions regarding the use of a non-legal dictionary for examinations should contact Assistant Dean Charles Cramton.

• Examinations - For J.D. students who are studying in English for the first time, please make an appointment with Dean Lukingbeal, room 165, by Wednesday, November 9, to discuss examination procedures.

• 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, October 5
3:00-4:00 p.m. in the 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 fall break.

• Extra time on exams for J.D. students studying in English for the first time
Cornell Law School has a policy which allows a student additional time on law exams if he/she has not previously studied in English for at least a year. If you have not previously studied in English and would like to request extra time on your exams this year, please make an appointment to see me by November 9, 2011. To schedule an appointment, please call my assistant, Rosemary Lacey, at 255-0565 or come to the Registrar’s Office.

FROM KAREN COMSTOCK, ASSISTANT DEAN FOR PUBLIC SERVICE AND LIZ PECK, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE
• Small Firm Alumni Panel
Monday, October 3
4:00 p.m.
Room G85
Come to this program to hear recent graduates and seasoned alumni practicing at smaller firms discuss their work, their career paths, and the secrets to job-searching success. These grads work for a wide
variety of clients and matters in cities large and small. And, for public-interest minded students, don’t miss this panel, as one of our speakers works for a public interest law firm.

• **Making the Most of the Equal Justice Works Job Fair (EJW)**  
  Tuesday, October 4  
  3:30 p.m.  
  **Room G85**
  Attending EJW for the first time? Join us for this program. We’ll discuss how to prepare for prescheduled interviews, make the most of “table talk,” and navigate event logistics.

For personalized counseling re: EJW (or anything else public-service related) make an appointment with Liz Peck or Karen Comstock by emailing Molly Brewton at mb105@cornell.edu. We will be here during fall break and are happy to speak with students by phone.

**FROM JOHN DEROSA, ASSISTANT DEAN FOR STUDENT AND CAREER SERVICES AND LYNDSEY BULLOCK, CAREER SERVICES ASSOCIATE**

• **All Students**  
  Thursday, October 20  
  4:00-5:00 p.m.  
  Saperston Student Lounge
  Alum David Pierce of Pierce Law Group LLP, a boutique entertainment law firm in Beverly Hills, will be speaking on Careers in Entertainment Law. Mr. Pierce represents some of the most respected independent film and television production companies in Hollywood. He will speak and answer questions about entering a career in entertainment law, how he developed his own entertainment practice, advising filmmakers, and about his involvement with film and television festivals, associations, and magazines.

• **1L Students**  
  Tuesday, November 1  
  4:00 p.m.  
  Anabel Taylor Hall Auditorium
  The Career Services Office & the Office of Public Service will be holding the Introduction to the 1L Summer Job Search. Attendance is strongly suggested!

• **2L and 3L Students**  
  If considering offers from law firms, please keep in mind the NALP Standards for Timing and Offers of Decisions. The full text of the guidelines can be found at www.nalp.org. Speak to a counselor if you have any questions.

**FROM PATINA JANISKO, DIRECTOR OF FINANCIAL AID**

**Drop In Office Hours for the Academic Year 2011-2012**
  Monday: 2:00-3:00 p.m.  
  Tuesday: 2:00-3:00 p.m.  
  Wednesday: 10:00-11:00 a.m., 2:00-3:00 p.m.  
  Thursday: 2:00-3:00 p.m.  
  Friday: 10:00-11:00 a.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 unavailable.
FROM JOHN MOLLENKAMP, ASSOCIATE CLINICAL PROFESSOR AND DIRECTOR OF ACADEMIC SUPPORT

- Office Hours the week of October 3 (room 321)
  - Tuesday: 12:20-1:20 p.m.
  - Thursday: 12:20-1:20 p.m.
  - Or by appointment: (607) 255-0146; John-mollenkamp@lawschool.cornell.edu

- As the 1Ls are wrapping up their closed memo assignment, and the 2Ls and 3Ls are hitting their post-callback stride, the entire student body is probably thinking the same thing—“Isn’t it Fall Break, yet?” It is. That’s a great time to get some relaxation in and rest for the coming months of study.

But, I suspect a lot of folks are planning to use the time to get caught up on reading, to get a start on outlining, or basically to get an idea of their plan for the next stretch of the semester. I’ll be posting a recorded PowerPoint on Blackboard that is intended to help the 1Ls get a sense of the best way to start outlining. After Fall Break, we’ll have more live sessions on how to make good use of the time remaining and how to study for and take exams. In the meantime, I’m glad to meet with anyone who wants to talk more about a good plan for using the Fall Break. Stop by drop-in hours or make an appointment. I’m glad to help.

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 155A
Who: Maurice Haltom, LMSW, Counselor from Gannett Health Services
For additional hours and counselor biographies: www.gannett.cornell.edu/LetsTalk

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

- **Professor Chutkow** would like to hire several law students to serve as Teaching Assistants for her undergraduate course, Constitutional Politics for Spring 2012. The class meets MW, 2:55-4:10 p.m.. The course investigates the Supreme Court’s role in American politics and government by examining major constitutional law decisions, their political contexts, and the social and behavioral factors that affect federal court jurisprudence. TAs assist with comments and grading on 2 short papers and one longer final paper, and meet with students. Please email **Professor Chutkow** at dmc66@cornell.edu for further details if you are interested.

- **Professor Hay** would like to hire several law students to serve as Teaching Assistants in his undergraduate course, Economics and Law for Spring 2012. The course meets MW, 2:55-4:10. There are no “section hours” for the TAs so the main assignments are: 1) know the course material well enough to help students when they ask for help; 2) make up (under my guidance) and grade two prelims and a final; 3) grade and comment on a term paper. Some economics background (at least Econ 101) is necessary and ability to write and critique writing in English is essential. The preferred payment is 2 hours of Supervised Teaching credit. Other options might be possible if a student is not eligible to receive Supervised Teaching credit. If interested, email **Professor Hay**: george-hay@lawschool.cornell.edu

- **Law Library Student Assistant/ Security Monitor**. Needed: A law student who is punctual, reliable, communicative, and has a keen attention to detailed work. 2L, 3L, LLM, or JSD preferred. The law
student will be responsible for locking the library in the evenings and making rounds of the library for security purposes. The student will also check pink cards for all people in the building, and complete other library duties as assigned. These duties include, but are not limited to, updating and/or shelving new library materials and processing bindery shipments. The student may also serve as a liaison between the library and the student body. Hours: Sunday through Thursday 6:00-8:00 p.m. Pay: $12.10/Hour. Interested students should apply to Janet Gillespie at jmg32@cornell.edu or 255-5854.

WRITING COMPETITIONS

• The Center for Alcohol Policy (CAP) is accepting entries for its Fourth Annual Essay Contest. The contest is intended to foster debate, analysis and examination of state alcohol regulation and its implications for citizens across the United States. The topic for this year’s contest is “The Importance of Toward Liquor Control to Modern Alcohol Policy.” The contest is open to all persons over the age of 18. Students, academics, practicing attorneys, policymakers and members of the general public are encouraged to submit essays. The deadline for submissions is December 19, 2011. For information on entry rules, essay guidelines and the submission form, please visit the Center’s website at: http://www.centerforalcoholpolicy.org/essay-contest/

• The Human Rights Student Scholars Writing Competition sponsored by the Human Rights Program of the University of Virginia School of Law and the Virginia Journal of International Law (VJIL) invites papers relating to human rights law from current J.D., L.L.M. and S.J.D. students from the United States and abroad. May 2011 graduates may also submit papers written as part of their law school curriculum. Submission deadline: January 13, 2012. Visit http://www.vjil.org/information/hrsswc for specific guidelines and eligibility requirements.

• The Seventh Annual Constitutional Environmental Law Student Writing Competition (2011-12) co-sponsored by the Environmental Law Institute (ELI), The American Bar Association Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources (SEER) and The National Association of Environmental Law Societies (NAELS). The U.S. Constitution has long been interpreted by the courts and understood by most Americans to support comprehensive environmental protections. However, arguments questioning the constitutional legitimacy of environmental law have continued to gain traction in the federal courts. In response to this trend, ELI, ABA SEER’s Constitutional Law Committee, and NAELS invite law students to submit papers exploring current issues of constitutional environmental law. Entries must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. ET on Friday, April 13, 2012. Detailed information about topics, eligibility and submission requirements can be found at: http://www.eli.org/writing_contest.cfm

UNIVERSITY STUDENT CHILD CARE GRANT PROGRAM

The Office of the Provost, the Graduate School and the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly are pleased to announce the availability of child care grants to subsidize childcare expenses for full time Cornell student families which fall within the eligibility guidelines.

The Student Child Care Grant Program will be administered through the College Financial Aid offices and Graduate School and will not be the same as the faculty/staff child care grant in timing, process or amount. Applications will be due by October 14, 2011 and awards will be made in early December 2011 for the entire academic year.

Click here for the 2011-12 guidelines and application for the student with children child care grant application.

For further questions, please email the Office of Graduate Student Life at gradstudentlife@cornell.edu
UNIVERSITY EVENTS

• October 3
  7:00-9:00 p.m.
  Hollis E. Cornell Auditorium, Goldwin Smith Hall
  Institute for the Social Sciences
  ISS Immigration Public Panel
  DREAM Act: A Pipe Dream or Eventual Reality?
  Panel Moderator: Steve Yale-Loehr, Adjunct Professor of Law and ISS Immigration Team Associate.

  Panelists: Josh Bernstein, Director of Immigration Strategy and Policy, Service Employees International Union (SEIU); Katherine Gin, Co-founder and Executive Director, Educators for Fair Consideration (E4FC); Roberto G. Gonzales, Assistant Professor, School of Social Services Administration, University of Chicago; Tania Penafor, Cornell University ’09.

• Thursday, October 13
  4:30 p.m.
  Ives 105
  “The FMCS’s New Role in Facilitating Public School Reform: Advancing Student Achievement Through Labor-Management Collaboration”
  George H. Cohen, Director of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service in Washington, D.C., will be giving a public lecture. The lecture is free and open to the public. If you are unable to attend the lecture in person the webcast link is: George Cohen public lecture