Calendar of Events

Week of November 28, 2011

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

This is the last issue of Scoops for the fall semester.
Good luck on your exams.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28
8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Room 321. Drop-In Office hours with John Mollenkamp. Details on page 5, John Mollenkamp’s column.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29
3:30-5:00 p.m. Room 263. Office hours for students with Dean Schwab. Details on page 2, Dean Schwab’s column.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30
1:30-4:30 p.m. Room 155A. 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 2, Associate Dean Lukingbeal’s column.

4:00-5:00 p.m. Mancuso Amphitheater (room G90). Mandatory Exam Procedure Session for LL.M. and Exchange Students. Details on page 3, Assistant Dean Cramton’s column.

4:00-7:00 p.m. Saperston Student Lounge. End of Semester Therapeutic Massage Party sponsored by Offices of the Dean and the Dean of Students, the Cornell Law Students Association, LexisNexis and Themis. Details on page 2, Associate Dean Lukingbeal’s column.

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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, by email (es232@cornell.edu) or by phone (607-255-3539).

FROM NAN COLVIN, REGISTRAR
Fall 2011
• **Fall Term Examination Period**
  Examinations begin **Wednesday, December 7**
  Examinations end **Friday, December 16**

• **First Year Students Lawyering** for the 2012 Spring Term begins **Tuesday, January 17, 2012**.

• **Grades** - Assuming no unusual computer difficulties either here at the Law School or in the University Registrars Office, grades for Fall 2011 will be available to view online at the University Student Center on **Monday, January 9, 2012**.

• **Tuition Statements** - Students are reminded to check their billing address, for Spring 2012 tuition statements, in the University system by using the online Student Center (http://studentcenter.cornell.edu)

• **Summer/Winter Study** - Students may petition the faculty for permission to take law courses in summer-school of other ABA-approved law schools, and upon their successful completion, to receive credit toward their Cornell J.D. degree. In no case is credit in excess of 6 hours granted for all such summer law studies. **Petition forms are available on line at the Registrar’s site in the Forms and Requests section:** https://support.law.cornell.edu/students/forms/Summer_Winter_Credit_Petition.pdf. Interested students should submit this form request to the Law School Registrar’s Office (addressed to Dean Lukingbeal) by **April 1 for summer 2012 programs**.

• **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, November 30
  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.

• **End of semester Massage Party**
  On Wednesday, November 30, the Offices of the Dean and the Dean of Students, the Cornell Law Students Association, LexisNexis and Themis present a therapeutic massage party in the Saperston Student Lounge from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Please stop by and enjoy a free 10-minute chair massage from one of seven licensed massage therapists. Healthy snacks will be served. Faculty and staff are welcome from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

FROM PAT HALSTEAD, CERTIFICATION COORDINATOR
Registration with the Bar Authorities. Deadlines may be approaching. The rules of certain states (not New York) require either notifying the bar admission authorities of intent to begin the study of law or registering with the authorities when law studies begin. Students should obtain instructions from the
proper source (usually the state board of bar examiners or the clerk of the court of highest jurisdiction) in the state in which they intend to practice. Failure to comply with the instructions may substantially delay admission to the bar. For current bar requirements, applicants should consult the *Official American Bar Association Guide to Approved Law Schools* (call number: KF 266.A512.), published annually by the American Bar Association. See me in the Law School Registrar's Office for more information.

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

- **Appointments During Exams and Break**
  Karen Comstock and Liz Peck are available to counsel students, in person or by phone, throughout the exam period and winter break. (They will not be taking appointments from December 23/11 to January 2/12, due to the holidays and University’s closure.) To make an appointment, contact Molly Brewton at mb105@cornell.edu or 607-255-1458.

- **Register Now for the Public Interest Legal Career Fair (PILC)**
  February 9 and 10, 2012
  New York University School of Law, New York, NY
  At the PILC job fair, public interest and government employers interview 1Ls and 2Ls for summer internships and 3Ls for post-graduate jobs. More than 200 employers typically attend. These employers are primarily, but not exclusively, from the Northeast.

  To participate you must register by Thursday, December 1. It is OK to register and ultimately not attend, but you cannot apply for any interviews if you do not register by the deadline.

  To register:
  - Go to [http://pilcfair.law.nyu.edu/studentinformation/index.htm](http://pilcfair.law.nyu.edu/studentinformation/index.htm)
  - Select “PILC Fair Student Registration”
  - Complete and submit the registration form.
  - You will be asked for a student ID number. Please use your Cornell net ID (e.g., kvc2).

  Within a day or two you will receive an email that your registration was approved. That email will contain instructions for utilizing the employer database and deadlines for uploading resumes. While the deadlines occur after exams, you should read the instructions as soon as you receive them.

  1Ls: do not worry about doing anything else until after exams are over
  2Ls and 3Ls: you should begin uploading resumes ASAP.

**FROM CHARLES CRAMTON, ASSISTANT DEAN FOR GRADUATE LEGAL STUDIES**

- Wednesday, November 30
  4:00-5:00 p.m.
  Mancuso Amphitheater (room G90)
  Exam Procedure Session for LL.M. and Exchange Students
  Nan Colvin and Nancy Osborn from the Registrar’s Office and I will review examination procedures at the law school. This session is mandatory for all LL.M. and Exchange students.

**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 THE LAW LIBRARY

• Study Spaces in the Law School
  When you want to get together with a group of students to study together, you can use informal spaces, such as the Atrium and the Student Lounge. Or more formally, you can use reserve rooms G80, G81, 273, 387, 389, and the Library’s Casual Reading Room (these six rooms are referred to collectively as the “Study Rooms”).

  Same-day reservations for Study Rooms can be made in the afternoon and/or evening, on a sign-out sheet available at the Circulation Desk in the Library Reading Room. Reservations shall be made in person at noon or thereafter – not earlier. Only same-day reservations will be accepted – no advance reservations permitted.

  Evening reservations must be made prior to the last sign-up time for the day. In cases in which a room reservation extends beyond 7:30pm Sunday through Thursday, or beyond 4:30 p.m. on Friday or Saturday, the student making the reservation will be responsible for securing the room in question (closing windows and locking doors) at the end of use. Evening reservations that begin after 7:30 p.m. (Sunday-Thursday) or 4:30 p.m. (Friday & Saturday) must be reserved as of those times to insure the room remains open for their use. Students making such reservation will be responsible for the room starting at 7:30 or 4:30, respectively. If no reservation is made for a room to be used after hours, the library staff will lock it at 7:30 or 4:30.

  During study periods, Study Rooms will be available on a first-come, first-served basis 24 hours a day, with no reservation procedure.

• Call for Papers
  The Cornell Law Library invites 2Ls, 3Ls, and LLMs to submit scholarly research papers to be considered for the Cornell Law Library Prize for Exemplary Student Research. All papers must have been written in the time period spanning June, 2011 – May, 2012. Entries may include, but are not limited to, papers written for a class or journal notes. Work product generated through summer or other employment will not be accepted. Papers must be a minimum of 10 pages in length, must be written in proper Bluebook format, and must be properly footnoted. First prize is $500, second prize is $250, and both winners will be invited to publish their papers in Scholarship@Cornell Law, a digital repository of the Cornell Law Library. For submission procedure and selection criteria, please visit the Law Library homepage, click on “For Students” and then on “Publication and Prizes.” Papers will be accepted on an ongoing basis through May 2, 2012.

• Faculty/Pet Matching Contest
  Have you heard the old adage that people look like their pets? Visit the Law Library’s Reading Room display case for a glimpse at the variety of pets kept by Cornell Law School faculty and see if you can match each pet to its rightful owner. From iguanas to horses to dogs, the critters vary from large to small, slippery to cuddly. Perhaps at some point in your law school career, your professors made mention of their pets and you can draw on those memories. If not, no worries – the law library will be providing clues on Facebook and Twitter throughout the month of November. Make your matches, complete the contest entry form, and submit it at the circulation desk during regular library hours for a
chance to win a $50 gift card to Amazon. Contest forms are available at the display case. Contest ends November 30, 2011

FROM MICHAEL PADO, FACILITIES MANAGER

• Study Rooms: Monday, December 5 through Thursday, December 15, 2011. The following rooms (G80, G81, 273, 387 and 389) will be available as study rooms, no reservations required. Daytime hours may vary, so please check the daily schedule, available at the Registrar’s Office, for the exact hours the rooms will be open. And of course, the daytime schedule is subject to change if room(s) are needed for exams.

• A reminder to law students that you need to carry your Cornell picture ID and your pink authorization card when you are in the Law School after hours. You need to have both these cards to remain in the building after it is closed; Law School Monitors, library staff, and Cornell Police may request to see them. The Law School has not authorized law students to have guests with them after hours and all guests are required to leave when the library and building closes. As of December 2, monitors work to make sure non-law school people are out of the building at closing time: 5:00 p.m. If you need an authorization card, you may request another from the Facilities Office, room G62, during business hours.

• Reminder. Almost every semester at about this time, at least one unsuspecting student loses precious outlines, notes, or even their entire backpack due to theft. Sadly, not all students seem to understand that such an item left unattended for a mere five minutes in a carrel can disappear. Of course, the police are called and certainly investigate, but it is generally too late. Please do not leave your belongings unattended for any amount of 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: Counseling is available from 1:30 to 4:30 this Wednesday, November 30 and Wednesday, December 7 this semester. Counseling sessions will resume on January 23.
Call Gannett 607-255-5155 for 24/7 phone consult.
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

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

• Office Hours the week of November 28 (room 321)
  Monday, November 28: 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. drop-in hours

• This is the last week of classes, but it’s also my last week of being the Director of Academic Support. I’ll be having extended “everything must go” office hours on Monday as my final drop-in hours for the semester (and, for that matter, ever). Please feel free to stop by and ask any questions you might have. I’m glad to give advice (as you know) and will be glad to talk about whatever topics you might wish to discuss. Good luck on finals.
POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Professor Eisenberg would like to hire: (1) a research assistant to help update a chapter in a treatise on Debtor-Creditor Law, and (2) LL.M. students or J.D. students with relevant expertise to update materials on reorganizations for the following countries: England, France, Germany, India, Argentina, Brazil. Please submit resumes to Adrienne Masler or Karen Wilson in room 115.

UNIVERSITY SEEKING GRADUATE COMMUNITY ADVISORS (GCAS) FOR 2012-13 ACADEMIC YEAR

Information sessions about the 2012-2013 Graduate Community Advisor (GCA) selection process. Attendance at the information sessions is not mandatory but highly encouraged.

Thursday, December 1
3:30-4:30 pm
International Coffee Hour, Big Red Barn

Friday, December 2
4:00-5:00 pm
Big Red Barn

Friday, December 2
7:00 pm
Maplewood Community Center, Television Room

What GCAs do: GCAs are graduate and professional students who live and work within their respective communities. GCAs provide programs, advocate for residents, and help to provide an overall sense of community.

Eligibility Requirements: Must be a full-time registered graduate or professional student (in good standing) at Cornell University and must have completed at least 1 semester of graduate study at Cornell.

Applications Due: Friday, February 3, 2012. Online application link opens November 30, 2011.

Remuneration: Housing, bus pass, gym membership, annual stipend. For a complete job description and additional information, please visit:
http://housing.cornell.edu/campuslife/housing/graduate-community-advisor-program.cfm

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