UPCOMING EVENTS

Responding to Iraq’s Displacement Crises: Options and Obstacles
12:15-1:30 P.M., April 17  ■  G85  Myron Taylor Hall

The Asylum and Convention Against Torture Clinic will present Arafat Jamal, head of refugees for twenty countries in the Middle East for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees. Mr. Jamal’s current functions involve coordinating, monitoring, and supporting refugee resettlement from the Middle East and North Africa region. The flagship operation for 2007 aims at resettling some 20,000 Iraqis from the Middle East to the United States and other resettlement countries.

Annual Clarke Lecture
4:30-6:00 P.M., April 17  ■  Weiss Faculty Lounge

The Clarke Program in East Asian Law and Culture will present Professor Zhiyuan Cui of Cornell Law School and the School of Public Policy and Management at Tsinghua University, China, to deliver “Towards a Law and Economics of Public Property: China and Beyond,” with commentary by Dean Stewart J. Schwab and Professor Gregory S. Alexander. A Reception will follow in the Berger Atrium.

Electronic Discovery in Civil Litigation
10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M., April 18  ■  Weiss Faculty Lounge

The Northern District of New York Federal Court Bar Association, in conjunction with Bond, Schoeneck & King, PLLC, a CLE-accredited provider, is co-sponsoring the following continuing legal education program: “Electronic Discovery in Civil Litigation: Coping with the 2006 Amendments to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.” Serving as panelists are Magistrate Judge George H. Lowe; Magistrate Judge David E. Peebles; Valerie L. Cross, Associate University Counsel, Cornell University; Edward R. Conan, Bond Schoeneck & King; and Alan J. Pope, Pope, Schrader & Murphy, LLP.
Faculty Workshop
12:00-1:30 P.M., April 20  ■ Weiss Faculty Lounge
Alon Harel, the Phillip P. Mizock and Estelle Mizock Chair in Administrative and Criminal Law at the Hebrew University, Israel, and current faculty fellow at the Centre of Ethics, University of Toronto, will present his paper entitled “Why Only the State May Inflict Criminal Sanctions: The Vices of Privately-Inflicted Criminal Sanctions.” A buffet luncheon will be served. Please RSVP to Heidi Best at shb5@cornell.edu.

The Past, Present, and Future of Anti-discrimination in Employment in China
12:00-1:30 P.M., April 24  ■ 273 Myron Taylor Hall
Yanchun Cao, visiting researcher at Cornell Law School and associate professor of law at Yanshan University, China, will present “The Past, Present, and Future of Anti-discrimination in Employment in China.”

Faculty Workshop
12:00-1:55 P.M., April 27  ■ 165 McGraw Hall
Michael J. Perry, professor at Emory University School of Law, will present his paper entitled “Thayer, Abortion, and Same-sex Marriage.” A buffet luncheon will be served. Please RSVP to Heidi Best at shb5@cornell.edu.

Law School Convocation
12:00-5:00 P.M., May 13  ■ Bailey Hall and Myron Taylor Hall
The convocation ceremony begins at 2 p.m. in Bailey Hall, with overflow in Myron Taylor Hall. Tickets are required for both. A reception will follow in Myron Taylor Hall.

University Commencement
All Day, May 27  ■ Schoellkopf Stadium
Students will meet in the foyer of Myron Taylor Hall at 9 a.m. and walk over to the Arts Quad to line up for the processional into Schoellkopf Stadium. Reception to follow in Myron Taylor Hall.

Dedication of the Cornell Center for Documentation on American Law
Tuesday, July 17  ■ Grand’Chambre de la Cour de cassation, Paris
The Cornell Center will be dedicated and a commemorative plaque will be officially unveiled on July 17 as part of a groundbreaking judicial conference that will be taking place between the chief justices of European Union countries and the United States.
UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS

Los Angeles Alumni Reception
7:30-8:30 P.M., April 18  ■  The Comedy Store, Los Angeles, CA
Come enjoy an alumni reception and an evening at the world famous comedy club, The Comedy Store.

San Francisco Alumni Reception
5:30-7:30 P.M., April 20  ■  Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal LLP, San Francisco, CA
Special guest Barbara J. Holden-Smith, associate dean for academic affairs and professor of law, will speak about “Lawyering Across Cultures: Lessons from Cornell’s Summer Law Institute in China.” Please RSVP by Wednesday, April 18.

Boston Alumni Reception
5:30-7:30 P.M., April 25  ■  Goodwin Procter, LLP, Boston, MA
Featured speaker David Wippman, Cornell University vice provost for international relations and professor of law, will present “Applying the Laws of War to the War on Terror.” Please RSVP by Monday, April 23.

Rochester Alumni Reception
5:00-7:00 P.M., May 2  ■  Genesee Valley Club, Rochester, NY
Visit with Law School alumni of the Rochester area. Hors d’oeuvres, beer, and wine will be provided. Please RSVP by Monday, April 30.

New Jersey Annual Alumni Dinner
6:00-9:00 P.M., May 16  ■  Maplewood Country Club, Maplewood, NJ
Justice Barry T. Albin ’76 of the Supreme Court of New Jersey will be the featured speaker for the evening. Please RSVP by Friday, May 11.

Cornell Law School Reunion 2007
June 7-9  ■  Myron Taylor Hall
**Reforming the Court: Term Limits for Supreme Court Justices**

Carolina Academic Press, 2006

Edited by Roger C. Cramton and Paul D. Carrington

The Supreme Court today exercises power over the lives of citizens that, in important respects, exceeds that of other branches of the federal government. Life-tenured justices wield this enormous power for two or three decades and the only process that provides some accountability to the people occurs as new appointments regenerate the Court. Because justices now serve so long, that process occurs only rarely and irregularly and may be affected by a justice’s desire to have a successor appointed by a like-minded president. Some presidents have great influence on the Court’s future decisions by the happenstance that they receive three or more appointments; other presidents have little or no influence because no vacancies arise during their terms. This collection of essays by eminent legal scholars provides a comprehensive, balanced, and compelling examination of a largely neglected, but very important, subject. What are the harmful consequences of the lengthening tenure of Supreme Court justices? Do those consequences suggest that reform is necessary or desirable? Can the problem be remedied by congressional enactments or is a constitutional amendment required?

**Security, Reconstruction, and Reconciliation: When the Wars End**

University College London Press (Routledge), 2006

Edited by Muna B. Ndulo

This key text brings together a team of leading contributors to address the complex issues of security reconciliation and reconstruction in post-conflict societies. The book is organized into four main sections: the social, political, and economic dimensions of conflict; the impact of conflict on women and children; reconstruction and past human rights violations; and disarmament, demobilization, reintegration, post-war reconstruction, and the building of a capable state and the role of the international community in the peace process. The chapters offer a detailed and succinct exposition of the challenges facing post-conflict societies by articulating the vision of a new society. With a foreword by Francis Deng, the UN secretary general’s special representative on internally displaced persons, the authors discuss the issues in the context of possible solutions and lessons learnt in the field. This new book is a valuable resource for researchers, policy makers, and students in the fields of conflict resolution, security studies, law, and development.
Documents: Artifacts of Modern Knowledge

The University of Michigan Press, 2006
Edited by Annelise Riles

This publication reflects on the new challenges to humanistic social science in a world in which the subjects of research increasingly share the professional passions and problems of the researcher. Documents are everywhere in modern life, from the sciences to bureaucracy to law; at the same time, field-workers document social realities by collecting, producing, and exchanging documents of their own. Capping off a generation of reflection and critique about the promises and pitfalls of ethnographic methods, the contributors explore how ethnographers conceive, grasp, appreciate, and see patterns, demonstrating that the core of the ethnographic method now lies in the way ethnographers respond to, and increasingly share the professional passions and problems of, their subjects.

Can Might Make Rights? Building the Rule of Law after Military Interventions

Cambridge University Press, 2006

By Jane Stromseth, David Wippman, and Rosa Brooks

This book looks at why it is so difficult to create “the rule of law” in post-conflict societies such as Iraq and Afghanistan, and offers critical insights into how policy makers and field workers can improve future rule of law efforts. A must-read for policy makers, field workers, journalists, and students trying to make sense of the international community’s problems in Iraq and elsewhere, this book shows how a narrow focus on building institutions such as courts and legislatures misses the more complex cultural issues that affect societal commitment to the values associated with the rule of law. The authors place the rule of law in context, showing the interconnectedness between the rule of law and other post-conflict priorities, such as reestablishing security. They outline a pragmatic, synergistic approach to the rule of law which promises to reinvigorate debates about transitions to democracy and post-conflict reconstruction.

FACULTY PUBLICATIONS: Articles

“Complete Preemption and the Separation of Powers”


by Trevor W. Morrison

ABSTRACT: This is a short response, published in Pennumbra (the online companion to the University of Pennsylvania Law Review), to Gil Seinfeld’s recent article, “The Puzzle of Complete Preemption.”

The Secrets of Law, Austin Sarat, ed., Stanford University Press, Forthcoming

by Bernadette A. Meyler

ABSTRACT: This article takes as its starting point the priority that Anglo-American legal thought has, in recent centuries, placed upon transparency, a priority that has relied, in large part, on the notion that the law should increasingly be recorded and publicly accessible. Through his representation of trial narratives – an extremely popular quasi-literary form during the nineteenth century – as well as the work of William Blackstone in his supposedly comprehensive Commentaries on the Laws of England, nineteenth-century novelist Wilkie Collins calls into question the idea that simply disseminating textual versions of the law or the records of legal processes will be able to furnish transparent access to the law for the lay reader.

“The Intent-to-Benefit: Individually Enforceable Rights under International Treaties”

Stanford Journal of International Law, Vol. 44, Forthcoming

by Sital Kalantry

ABSTRACT: Professor Kalantry applies the modified intent-to-benefit test to a case study, the Sanchez-Llamas case, in which the Supreme Court decided last term that the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations does not provide individuals with any remedies.

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