

Alumni News

News

Don't Miss the Class Reunions that Mean the Most to You!

Every graduate of Yale Law School is invited to our annual Alumni Weekends. More than 900 graduates and guests came back to New Haven this past October to reconnect with one another, to meet other YLS alumni, and to participate in and attend panels, portrait unveilings, speeches, and a special moot court appeal of *Hamlet*. Early on Saturday morning the halls were packed with alumni and guests rushing to attend the four panels with their reading materials in tow.

But most of all, graduates return to their alma mater to see their Law School friends. At Friday night dinner, returning graduates arrive and find friends to join them in open seating at Commons. But the Saturday luncheon has seating by class, and the Saturday reunion dinners and Sunday brunches are entirely separate for each class celebrating a five-year reunion.

But what if you began your law school career in one class, for example, as a member of the Class of 1962, but turned your final paper in some months after your class graduated, in January of 1963? All your small group classmates, your first-year roommates, and your closest YLS friends will receive the special letters for reunion dinners and brunches for the Class of '62, but you'll receive the mailings for the Class of '63.

How can you change that? It's easy. Just send us a note or email asking to "affiliate" with the Class of 1962. While we can't change the year of your graduation, we can be sure that you receive the reunion materials that are mailed out to the class with which you feel the closest bond. (Email ylsalum@pantheon.yale.edu; fax 203 436-1235; or write Office of Alumni and Public Affairs, PO Box 208215, New Haven, CT 06520-8215.)



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In August attendees at the ABA Annual Meeting in **Washington, D.C.** and area alumni attended a buffet luncheon with speaker **William N. Eskridge, Jr.** '78, John A. Garver Professor of Jurisprudence. Eskridge spoke on "The Impact of Identity-Based Social Movements on Constitutional Law in the 20th Century." YLS alumni and friends met for an end-of-the-week break in late September at the Gordon Beirsch Brewery Restaurant for Happy Hour. The nation's capital was also home to the AALS Faculty Recruitment Conference in October, where a reception was held for Yale Law School alumni in teaching. In November, the YLSA of Washington, D.C., invited alumni to an evening at the Gross National Product Comedy Improv's performance of "Son of a Bush!" On a more serious note, the group hosted Judge **Patricia Wald** '51 later in November; she spoke on "A Perspective on the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia."

The YLSA of **New York City** hosted a special evening of film excerpts and discussion with documentary filmmaker **Fred Wiseman** '54 in September at the Yale Club. A large crowd of more than 200 attendees enjoyed Fred's commentary and, despite their large numbers, joined him in an analysis of the subjects in the varied excerpts. The YLS Center for the Study of Corporate Law held its Fourth Annual Occasional Breakfast in New York City, also in September. The breakfast topic, "Corporate Governance and Listing Standards," was particularly timely because the SEC was reviewing the proposed NYSE and NASDAQ listing standards. **Dean Kronman** '75 served as moderator for the program, and Richard Bernard, executive vice

president and general counsel, Office of the General Counsel, NYSE; **Robert Todd Lang** '47 of Weil, Gotshal & Manges; and **Roberta Romano** '80, Alan Duffy/Class of 1960 Professor of Law served as speakers on the panel.

Sally J. Katz '82 writes that an enthusiastic group of alumni turned out to meet Professor **John Simon** '53 when he was in **Paris** during June. John graciously took time out from his holiday to meet everyone and to speak about nonprofit organizations and the clinic that he founded at YLS. Sally invited non-law Yalies Jorge Braga de Macedo, president of the Development Centre of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development and former Minister of Finance of Portugal, and Marilyn Yakowitz, head of the South America, Brazil, Baltics and Exploratory Programmes, Sustainable Development and Knowledge Economy Forums, OECD, to join the group. **Gamal M. Abouli** '96 hosted the lunch at the Paris office of Cleary, Gottlieb.

The YLSA of **Chicago** welcomed Jean Koh Peters, Clinical Professor of Law and Supervising Attorney, to a reception hosted by **Frank Nitikman** '66 at McDermott, Will & Emery in November. Professor Peters also gave a lecture on "Five Habits of Cross-Cultural Lawyering" at the Northwestern University School of Law later that week, to which area YLS alumni were also invited. The Children and Family Justice Center at the Bluhm Legal Clinic at Northwestern sponsored the talk.

The YLSA of **New England** was ready to play ball when they held a reception and dinner in September with **Larry Lucchino** '71, president and CEO of the Boston Red Sox, at



Fenway Park in **Boston**. Lucchino was formerly with the Washington Redskins, Baltimore Orioles, and San Diego Padres. He was also instrumental in developing Camden Yards, which heralded a renaissance in the design of baseball fields. Surrounded by walls of giant television screens playing a Red Sox game and Red Sox memorabilia in every corner of the Fenway Park dining area, Lucchino gave a lively talk and fielded questions from a large group of eager YLS graduates and their guests, including some young baseball enthusiasts. ∞

Boston-area alumni (left) are addressed by Jimmy Golen '99 MSL (top) and Larry Lucchino '71 (bottom), president and CEO of the Boston Red Sox, at an event in September.



Liz Blumenfeld '93 and Hillary Rodham Clinton '73 at last summer's annual dinner of the Washington, D.C., alumni association.