

Alumni News

The YLSA of **Chicago** invited area alumni and guests to hear William Nelson Cromwell Professor of Law Stephen L. Carter '79 discuss "The Federal Judicial Confirmation Mess" in March. Franklin W. Nitikman '66 graciously offered to host this event at his firm, McDermott Will & Emery. A large group of Chicago graduates attended this luncheon, and found Professor Carter's presentation and the discussion very thought provoking.

In May, Chicago alumni also welcomed Dean-Designate Harold Hongju Koh, Gerard C. and Bernice Latrobe Smith Professor of International Law, to a reception in the lovely Lincoln Park

home of Marc '64 and Tracy Whitehead



(see photo above). Graduates enjoyed viewing the Whiteheads' extensive collection of American folk art from the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. Their collection, comprising mainly art and furniture from the New England region, includes weathervanes (including a large grasshopper), painted furniture, portraiture and other paintings, old wooden signs, textiles, toys and puppets, a chicken coop, and a glass bottle collection. Professor Koh presented his goals for a "Yale Law School of the 21st Century," including some of the challenges facing the School.

Members of the YLSA of **New England** and their guests heard Professor Amy Chua give a public lecture in Cambridge in March on her latest book, *World on Fire: How Exporting Free Market Democracy Breeds Ethnic Hatred and Global Instability*. Afterward, Professor Chua met with alumni at the S & S Deli in Cambridge, Massachusetts, for light food and conversation.

In April, the YLSA of New England hosted an evening with John A. Garver Professor of Jurisprudence William K. Eskridge, Jr. '78, entitled "The Future of Same-Sex Marriage in the United States?" Arnold '65 and Esther Messing hosted the event at their new home. Professor Eskridge gave a spell-binding talk outlining the history of the same-sex debate and theorizing about its future, and responded to numerous



Yale Law School's traditional alumni gathering on the occasion of the annual meeting of the Association of American Law Schools was held on January 3 in **Atlanta**. Dean Anthony Kronman '75 and other members of the Yale Law School community greeted dozens of alumni,

who came to hear keynote speaker Judith Resnik, Arthur Liman Professor of Law. Her talk, "Representing Justice: From Renaissance Iconography to 21st Century Courthouses," was given at Mary Mac's Tea Room in Atlanta, home of some excellent Southern cooking. Professor Resnik's fascinating historical presentation was illustrated by a wide selection of iconography of justice and representations of courthouses.



thoughtful queries posed by the attending graduates (see photos above).

The topic and Professor Eskridge's expertise were an ideal combination for a group of alumni who live in a state that is presently the focus of national attention on this issue.

The YLSA of **Central Connecticut** and the about-to-be-launched YLSA of **Fairfield/Westchester Counties** invited alumni, their guests, and YLS students to attend the acclaimed play *The Exonerated* at New Haven's Shubert Theater in January. This was the first time that the YLS Connecticut alumni held a theater event and it was a great success. More than 200 YLS attendees watched in rapt attention as the actors retold the harrowing stories of former death row inmates. Stephen Bright, YLS Visiting Lecturer in Law, Director of the Southern Center for Human Rights, and one of the nation's foremost death penalty experts, spoke to the group about this powerful docudrama after the performance.

Members of the Yale Law School Association executive committee were in attendance at a special panel in April at the Law School moderated by incoming dean Harold Hongju Koh to discuss "9/11 Litigation and Yale Law School." Panelists included the Honorable Barrington Daniel Parker '69, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit; Jonathan Freiman '98, senior associate,

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Want to Become a Career Mentor? Confused about your Options? Read on!

SINCE 1999, YLS has coordinated the **Alumni Mentoring Network** (or AMN as we like to call it). Through AMN, YLS graduates have the ability to mentor YLS students and alumni or seek advice for themselves. AMN is an absolutely fabulous resource for the YLS community. It was specifically designed for our graduates and has searchable categories that are distinctive to YLS alumni. Both students and graduates can search among the more than 1,000 alumni mentors (almost 10% of the alumni population!) with questions about specific areas of expertise, working in a small or large city, positions in the public interest, nonlaw careers for lawyers, balancing family and career, or any number of other career-oriented matters. What is it like to work in a firm with more than 100 lawyers? How can you balance your life (perhaps as a mother of a two-year-old) and your career as a medical malpractice litigator at a small firm? Joining and searching AMN is simple: just go to the YLS Career Development Office website (www.law.yale.edu/cdo) and choose "Alumni Mentoring Network."

Here is where it gets confusing. Just this spring Yale University launched its own Yale Career Network (www.aya.yale.edu/career), one that YLS graduates can join as well. By joining the University's Career Network, a YLS graduate is offering to provide assistance to current students and graduates from Yale College, the Graduate School of Arts

Life is a highway

Give some directions
or get some for yourself!



Share your career journey

To join or search Yale Law School's
Alumni Mentoring Network go to:

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and Sciences, and all Yale University professional schools (a community of more than 130,000). That means, for example, that Yale College students can contact mentors about entering professions ranging from gastroenterology to environmental law. And a Yale University alumna who has been an engineer but is thinking about becoming a patent lawyer can search the University Network for valuable advice.

YLS graduates can choose to join either or both of these networks. YLS graduates interested in assisting members of the YLS community should join the Law School's Alumni Mentoring Network. YLS graduates willing to make themselves available to students and graduates from the larger Yale University Community, should also join the Yale Career Network.

I hope that clears things up!
And thank you as always for your participation in our community.



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Wiggin & Dana; and current YLS students Tahlia Townsend '05 and Christine Parker '06. Each of the panelists spoke about personal experiences on 9/11, and their subsequent involvement in 9/11 litigation (see photo above).

The YLSA of **New York City** hosted a record number of alumni at this year's New York City luncheon, which took place on April 23 at the Yale Club. On this occasion, both Dean Anthony T. Kronman '75 and Dean-Designate Harold Hongju Koh were in attendance. Dean Kronman was presented with a crystal apple by the YLSA board of directors as a token of thanks for his years of service, and he spoke about his ten-year deanship. Professor Koh spoke on "October Term 2003: The Supreme Court Meets International Law," briefly reviewing some of the most important cases of the Term, many of which involved Law School alumni.

The Yale Law School Center for the Study of Corporate Law held its Sixth Occasional



Dean Anthony T. Kronman and Professor Harold Hongju Koh at the Yale Club in New York.

Breakfast, to which New York City alumni were invited, on April 30. The breakfast's main topic was "Good Corporate Governance as Seen by Investors." Alumni and guests gathered at the Century Association to participate in the program of discussions on current issues in corporate law. Participants were Mark J. P. Anson, chief investment officer, CalPERS; Herbert A. Denton, president, Providence Capital, Inc.; and William N. Goetzmann, Edwin J. Beinecke Professor of Finance and Management Studies, Yale School of Management. An earlier breakfast in November featured New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer discussing "State Law Contributions to Improved Corporate Governance and Fairer Securities Trading."

The YLSA of **PenJerDel** held a May gathering in Philadelphia with Professor Yochai Benkler. Professor Benkler, an Internet and telecommunications law expert, spoke about "What's at Stake in Internet Law." Alumni enjoyed a buffet luncheon while listening to Professor Benkler's discussion of this cutting-edge topic, which included a careful analysis of the historical development of communications and some of the enormous positive changes and challenges posed by the new technology. The event was hosted by John Gough '60 at his firm, Montgomery, McCracken, Walker & Rhoads, LLP.

The YLSA of **Washington, D.C.**, invited alumni to a discussion with the Honorable Eleanor Holmes Norton '64 concerning "The Trials and Tribulations of Representing the District of Columbia in Congress" in January at the offices of Arnold & Porter.

Area alumni were also invited to Georgetown University Law Center in March for the Twenty-Fourth Annual Philip A. Hart Lecture delivered by Guido Calabresi '58. Judge Calabresi spoke on "Equality in the American Constitution."



New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer and Professor Alan Schwartz at a breakfast in New York.

The group also hosted alumni in late March at a talk with the Honorable Jeb Boasberg '90 on "So You Want to be a Judge? Life on the District of Columbia Superior Court Bench." Amy Jeffress '92 and Casey Cooper hosted the event at their home.

April brought the Honorable Stanley S. Sporkin '57 and Stephen M. Cutler '85 to the D.C. area for an extremely timely discussion with alumni entitled "Can American Business Be Saved?" at the offices of Jenner & Block. Stanley Sporkin is the former director, Division of Enforcement, U.S. Securities & Exchange Commission and judge, U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia (Ret.). Stephen Cutler is the director, Division of Enforcement, U.S. Securities & Exchange Commission.

The D.C.-area group welcomed the month of June with Professor Anne Alstott '87, the Law School's incoming deputy dean, and a wine tasting featuring "Old World" vs. "New World" wines on June 2. Elizabeth (Carroll) Wingo '97 and Harry Wingo '98 hosted the event at their home, where

guests enjoyed visiting with Professor Alstott while comparing Old World European wines to their New World California and Australian rivals.

Miami-area alumni got together for Sunday brunch with Dean Kronman in January at the lovely home of John '75 and Sybil Barkett. The Barketts have generously hosted YLS events in the past and this one brought the Miami YLS community together for Tony Kronman's final visit to Miami as dean. Spectacular weather greeted the guests as they gathered around the Barkett's pool to reconnect with their friends and Dean Kronman.

The YLSA of Miami spent a lovely March evening with Dean-Designate Harold Hongju Koh. Rudy '79 and Jeanne Aragon held the reception for approximately fifty people in their tropical garden. Rudy commented, "The festivities were supposed to end at 8 p.m., but a number of folks lingered on until after 10 p.m., the sign of a spirited get-together. Professor Koh gave an extraordinary speech about what he hopes to achieve during his deanship, including internationalization of the school, more involvement of alumni in its affairs, and issues affecting the legal profession in the twenty-first century."

West Coast alumni were invited by the friends of the Glendale Public Library to a lecture in January by Professor Amy Chua on her bestselling book *World on Fire: How Exporting Free Market Democracy Breeds Ethnic Hatred and Global Instability*.

Also on the West Coast, the YLSA of **Southern California** kicked off the new year with its first event in February, inviting alums for hors d'oeuvres and sunset cocktails at the home of Brad Schlei '91. David Marcus '85, partner at Susman Godfrey, former asst. U.S. attorney; Jon Liebman '85, vice chairman and executive vice president/general counsel of Brillstein



Professor Harold Hongju Koh and Miami-area alumni at the home of Jeanne and Rudy Aragon '79.

Grey (entertainment management firm), former asst. U.S. attorney; and others briefly shared their experiences post-law school. A record number of area graduates enjoyed the beach-area home and the chance to reconnect with their YLS friends.

In March, the Southern California group hosted Ian Ayres '86, William K. Townsend Professor of Law, who spoke about "Why Not?: Can Legal Creativity be Taught?" Professor Ayres gave a lively and thought-provoking talk on techniques for generating creative solutions. After his presentation, Professor Ayres talked about current events at the Law School. The dinner and talk were held at the offices of Sheppard Mullin, courtesy of Dan Park '98.

Moving up the coast, the YLSA of **Northern California** invited all Bay Area alumni and guests to a holiday get-together and presentation by Pamela Samuelson '76, professor of law at Boalt Hall and director, Berkeley Center for Law & Technology, in December. Her talk was entitled "What Can (or Should) the Law Do to Respond to Peer-to-Peer File Sharing of Digital Music?" Kyle '01 and Emmeline '01 Graham generously hosted the event in their San Francisco home.

In March, Professor Ian Ayres also gave his "Why Not?: Can Legal Creativity be Taught?" talk both at a Silicon Valley Luncheon in Menlo Park and at a San Francisco dinner at the home of the Grahams. Demonstrating the basic principle that there are creative and different ways of doing things, Professor Ayres provided dramatic proof of his general proposition by revealing to

graduates that the best way to open a banana is to do so by opening it from the other end!

On April 20, the Northern California contingent of YLS alumni held a dinner and discussion with Professor Rory Little '82, Hastings College of Law. The talk was entitled "Is 'Good' the Enemy of the Perfect? The Federal Death Penalty in Perspective." Chimene Keitner '02 and Ram Fish generously hosted the event at their home.

On March 2 the YLSA of **Washington** met for dinner and socializing at Ray's Boathouse. Karol Brown '99 reported: "The twenty alumni who attended enjoyed a fabulous view of the still-snow-capped Olympic Mountains towering over Elliott Bay on a rare sunny day in the Pacific Northwest. The guests included a wide spectrum of YLS alums, from James Strong '52 to Shankar Narayan '01. The featured speaker for this event was Professor Ian Ayres '86, who presented information from his new book, *Why Not? How to Use Everyday Ingenuity to Solve Problems Big and Small*. His suggestions on examining common problems in a new way generated much debate and discussion, reminiscent of our days at the Law School."

The YLSA of **Alabama** welcomed Dean-Designate Harold Hongju Koh to the area for a lovely reception on March 17, thanks to the hard work of Michael Sansbury '01 and John Wrinkle '55, who hosted the event with his wife Louise at his firm Bradley Arant Rose & White. Professor Koh was in Birmingham to help launch the newest alumni group in Alabama, the first Yale Law School Association of Alabama. Almost fifty YLS graduates and their guests, from classes in the '40s through the '00s, gathered together for the first time, enjoying the opportunity to reconnect with other alumni and to meet the Law School's newly appointed dean. ☺