

Alumni News

A dinner for New Hampshire alums of the Law School was held on February 17 at the Hanover Street Chophouse in **Manchester**.

W. Wright Danenbarger '64 arranged the dinner. New Hampshire alumni look forward to a gathering again next year.

On March 6, the Yale Law School Association of **New England** hosted a buffet dinner and presentation by **Jonathan Macey** '82, Sam Harris Professor of Corporate Law, Corporate Finance, and Securities Law. The dinner was held at the law firm of Sherin and Lodgen, LLP in Boston. Professor Macey's talk, "Will 'Law and Economics 101' Survive the Enron and Wall Street Scandals?," focused on the validity of traditional theories of corporate governance and capital markets in light of what has been learned from recent scandals. A lively discussion with area graduates followed the presentation.

The YLSA of New England also hosted John Langbein, Sterling Professor of Law and Legal History, in **Boston** in June. The event brought together YLS area grads as they welcomed new grads, YLS summer associ-



Professor Michael Graetz spoke on "Taxing Inherited Wealth" in Westport, Connecticut.



Harold Healy '49 with Associate Dean Toni Davis '92 LL.M. at the alumni luncheon in New York City.

ates, and admitted students over delicious appetizers and drinks while overlooking the harbor. Professor Langbein spoke on "Torture and the Law: Lessons from Legal History," describing the uses of torture, its "role" in the judicial system for hundreds of years in Europe, and its failures. A lively discussion ensued, bringing these "lessons" to bear on present-day events.

On May 2, Michael Graetz, Justus S. Hotchkiss Professor of Law was welcomed by the Law School's newest alumni group, the YLSA of Fairfield/Westchester Counties, at a reception and dinner at Nistico's Red Barn in **Westport, Connecticut**. Professor Graetz gave a presentation on "Taxing Inherited Wealth," a subject much in the news. Area graduates, who braved heavy rain, fog, and traffic, engaged Professor Graetz in discussion after his talk.

The Yale Law School Association of **New York City** hosted its fourth downtown theater event on February 28. Alumni and their guests enjoyed the Broadway show *Bridge & Tunnel* at The Helen Hayes

Theatre. Producer **Eric Falkenstein** '94 held a question-and-answer period after the performance with Sarah Jones, the remarkable solo actress. The group followed this spectacularly successful event with its annual luncheon on April 7 at the Yale Club in **New York City**. Dean Harold Hongju Koh gave a brief update on the Law School, and Clinical Professor of Law Robert A. Solomon and students **Sameera Fuzili** '06 and **David Wilkinson** '06 spoke on "Forming a Community Development Bank: An Unusual Clinic Experience." Luncheon attendees were highly enthusiastic about the clinic's banking project, and noted it was one of the best presentations given at the annual luncheon.

The 10th Annual Yale Center for the Study of Corporate Law Breakfast was held on May 17, at the Century Association in **New York City**. The topic of this year's breakfast was "Ethics and Professional Responsibility in Corporate and SEC Investigations." Participants included **Gandolfo "Vince" DiBlasi** '78, Sullivan & Cromwell; **Jonathan R. Macey** '82, Yale Law School; Linda

Chatman Thomsen, Director of the Division of Enforcement, U.S. SEC; and **Roberta Romano** '80, Oscar M. Ruebhausen Professor of Law, who served as moderator.

It was a very busy spring for our NYC graduates. A few weeks later, alumni were invited to attend the groups' fifth theatre event on Tuesday, May 30. The group enjoyed the Tony Award-winning play "*The History Boys*," written by Alan Bennett and directed by Nicholas Hytner. The event was held at the Broadhurst Theatre in New York City. After the play, there was a Q&A session with producer **Eric Falkenstein** '94 and five of the actors.

Linda Greenhouse '78 was the guest speaker in **New York City** on July 11. Alumni and guests enjoyed hearing from Linda, who spoke about the late Justice Blackmun and the Roberts Court.

On March 6, **Reva Siegel** '85, Nicholas deB. Katzenbach Professor of Law, delivered the annual Calvin W. Corman

Memorial Lecture at Rutgers School of Law in **Camden, New Jersey**. The lecture was entitled, "Collective Memory and the Constitution: Remembering and Forgetting the Nineteenth Amendment," and focused on the history of the American women's rights movement and its impact on constitutional law today. The lecture was open to area alumni and was followed by a reception at Rutgers.

The YLSA of **New Jersey** enjoyed Professor **Henry Hansmann's** '74 talk, "Law and Freakonomics," which elegantly summarized and commented on the research of a number of Yale professors using innovative social scientific methods to study pressing current issues. A crowd of about 45 enjoyed a delectable meal from Pierre's Wine Bar, a lovely venue in **Morristown**, before Professor Hansmann's talk. A spirited question and answer session ensued after the talk, and Professor Hansmann graciously fielded a number of queries. Elections were also held, with **Frank**

Pasquale '01 to be the group's president for 2006-07, **Debbie Klein** '97 to stay as Vice President, and **Katie Gummer** '90 to remain as Secretary of the Association. The group is still in search of a treasurer; volunteers are welcome!

Jonathan Macey '82 was the guest speaker at a luncheon at the Yale Law School Association of **PenJerDel's** annual spring event on April 5. His presentation was on "Will 'Law and Economics 101' Survive the Enron and Wall Street Scandals?" The luncheon was held at Montgomery, McCracken, Walker & Rhodes in **Philadelphia**, and was arranged by Philly alum **John Francis Gough** '60.

Professor **Kenji Yoshino** '96 visited **Philadelphia** on March 7 to discuss his book *Covering: The Hidden Assault on our Civil Rights* (see page 22) at the National Constitution Center. The discussion focused on what Professor Yoshino describes as the drive for conformity that

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THERE IS something very new at our alma mater. The Law School had what must be called a virtual-world makeover, an entirely new website redesigned with vibrant colors, rotating photos, stimulating articles, new and detailed pages about every aspect of YLS, and thought-provoking opinion pieces by faculty. You've just got to check it out at

www.law.yale.edu!!

Now that the homepage brings you commentaries written by YLS faculty, you can see what your favorite professor thinks about the latest Supreme Court decision or other news item of the day. The new "In Focus" pages offer information on some of the Law School's particular areas of interest. Rotating articles cover our students' experiences in corporate law, criminal defense, human rights, and community development. Upcoming YLS events and news are also highlighted.

The website's new alumni pages welcome you with: "From a law school in Ghana to a law firm in Manhattan to the U.S. Senate in Washington, D.C., more than 12,000 alumni call Yale Law School their alma mater.... a global professional network of lawyers, public servants, law teachers, and entrepreneurs." Wherever you

are in that network, you will want to browse our website to find out more about YLS regional events, Alumni Weekend activities, gift opportunities, memorabilia, volunteer and alumni opportunities, and the online YLS Career Connections (formerly the Alumni Mentoring Network).

Perhaps you have a sister or a child who is considering applying to Yale Law School. Don't simply look at the Admissions pages. The Student Life pages give you a sense of today's numerous and diverse student organizations, journals, conferences, and events.

And, if you really want to try to reconnect with memories of your YLS years, be sure to read the facts on the self-guided tour, or, better yet, take the virtual tour. Watch for my favorites: the "course sampler—" four YLS student paths through YLS, or "details—" a visual tour that will reignite recollections of your Law School days.

Visit the new website and stop in New Haven, too. We look forward to welcoming you back.

Toni Hahn Davis

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Guests enjoyed a luncheon in Philadelphia while listening to a talk by Professor Jonathan Macey '82

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presses racial minorities to “act white,” women to “play like men,” gay people to avoid “flaunting,” and religious believers to downplay their faith.

James Dabney Miller '75 and Mary John Miller hosted a reception for Dean Harold Hongju Koh at their home in **Baltimore** on January 4. All alumni living in Maryland and their guests were invited. The lovely reception provided an opportunity for area graduates to not only meet the dean but also to reconnect with one another.



(From left) Harold Koh chats with alums at the home of James Dabney Miller '75 in Baltimore; Baltimore-area alumni gathered for a reception with Dean Harold Koh.

On January 10, the Yale Law School Association of **Washington, D.C.**, hosted a discussion at Arnold & Porter featuring **William E. Kennard '81**, former chairman, Federal Communications Commission and current managing director for the Carlyle Group, speaking on “The Impact of Telecommunications Policy on the Economy and Society.”

The YLSA of **Washington, D.C.** also held an evening of wine tasting for area graduates at the home of **Amy Jeffress '92** on March 8.

The following month, on April 6, the group invited **D.C.-area** alumni to the law offices of Jenner & Block, LLP to listen to Georgetown law professor **Neal Katyal '95** speak on “Questioning the Legitimacy of Military Commissions Currently Pending Before the Supreme Court in *Hamdan v. Rumsfeld*.” (See article on page 38).

Southmayd Professor of Law **Akhil Reed Amar '84** was the guest speaker at the Yale Club of **Pittsburgh's** Annual Meeting and Dinner on May 1 at the Allegheny HYP Club in Pittsburgh. Professor Amar spoke on “The Story of America's Constitution.” Alumni and guests enjoyed dinner together before Professor Amar's talk.

The Yale Law School Association of **Cleveland** hosted a breakfast presentation on January 27 given by **Akhil Amar '84**, Southmayd Professor of Law, on “The



(From top) Kirsti Langbein and Michael Sansbury '01 at Professor John Langbein's talk in Birmingham in April; Professor John Langbein and Brannon Denning '99 LLM in Alabama.

American Constitution with an Emphasis on Ohio.” The breakfast and presentation were held at The Union Club in Cleveland.

The YLSA of **Cleveland** also invited Cleveland-area alumni to attend a luncheon at the Union Club on April 7 with Vicki Schultz, Ford Foundation Professor of Law. In Professor Schultz's lecture, “Things Are Not Always What They Seem: Toward a Sociological Understanding of the Law,” she used sexual harassment as a case study to illustrate how a sociological view of the law can help reveal what the law really is and how it works in our everyday lives.

The Yale Law School Association of Alabama hosted an alumni dinner at The Summit Club in **Birmingham** on April 5. John H. Langbein, Sterling Professor of Law, spoke on the timely topic, “The Death of the Private Pension System.” While they were delighted to welcome Professor

Langbein to Birmingham, YLS graduates also enjoyed reconnecting with one another.

The Yale Law School Association of **Colorado** invited alumni and guests to a reception and presentation by George L. Priest, John M. Olin Professor of Law and Economics, who spoke on “The Asbestos Litigation Crisis” on Thursday, May 11.

The Yale Club of **Phoenix** hosted a dinner and lecture at the Phoenix City Grille in Arizona on March 10. **Akhil Amar** '84, Southmayd Professor of Law, gave a lecture entitled “The Story of America’s Constitution.”



George L. Priest



The Yale Law School Association of **Southern California** invited alumni and their guests to a reception on January 19 to greet Dean Harold Hongju Koh. The reception was held at the Santa Monica home of **Ken** '91 and Nancy **Christmas**. Mexican food and drink from El Cholo Café was served, as area graduates mixed and mingled.

Joel Hyatt '75 and Susan Hyatt hosted a lovely reception at their **Atherton** home, welcoming a large group of area graduates to meet Dean Harold Hongju Koh. Alumni from across the Bay, **San Francisco**, the **Silicon Valley**, and **other Bay areas** gathered with classmates and other Law School friends. ∞



Graduates mingle at a reception at Joel Hyatt's home in Atherton, California.



Grant Vinik '96, outgoing president of the YLSA of Washington, D.C., and Jeannie Rhee '97, incoming president, flank the honoree and speaker Samuel A. Alito, Jr. '75, Associate Justice, United States Supreme Court, at the annual dinner on June 20 at the Press Club Ballroom. A record crowd of some 400 graduates and their guests were riveted by Justice Alito's comments and humorous remarks, preceded by an update on the Law School by Dean Harold Hongju Koh.



Ken Christmas '91 (right) hosted alumni at his home in Santa Monica in January.



Leonard Horwin '36 chatted with fellow alumni in Santa Monica.