

Alumni News

Dean Harold Hongju Koh led a discussion about “Law and Globalization” at a March 13 meeting of the Yale (College) Alumni Association of **Greenwich** and Yale Law School Association of **Fairfield and Westchester Counties**. The dinner and discussion took place at The Milbrook Club in Greenwich, Connecticut.

Boston-area alumni, summer associates, and YLS admitted students met on the evening of June 12 at Goulston & Storrs for a summer reception overlooking Boston Harbor. Professor Christine Jolls spoke informally about her first year teaching at the Law School and a current research project on bias.

The Yale Law School Association of **New York City** hosted several events this winter and spring, beginning with a gathering at the Booth Theatre on January 10 for an evening performance of *Butley*, starring Nathan Lane. Following the performance, graduates and their guests enjoyed a “talk-back” led by **Eric Falkenstein** '94, one of the play's producers.

The second Law and Globalization Breakfast took place at **Manhattan's**



Eric Falkenstein '94 chats with a New York City alumnus after the Butley performance.

Century Association on March 6. The discussion focused on the question “Should Alleged Terrorist Detainees Have Access to U.S. Courts?” The breakfast gathering included discussion of the recent Fourth Circuit argument in the *Al-Marri* case, the applicability of the Uniform Code of Military Justice and Common Article III of the Geneva Conventions to recent detainee cases, the prospects for legislation, and the potential of Supreme Court review of such issues as availability of habeas corpus and the President's authority to detain suspected terrorists. Panelists for the event included: Eugene R. Fidell, Military Practice Group, Feldesman, Tucker, Leifer, Fidell, LLP, Washington, D.C.; **Jonathan Hafetz** '99, Director of Litigation, Liberty and National Security Project, Brennan Center for Justice, NYU School of Law; and **Michael B. Mukasey** '67, Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler, formerly Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York. Dean Harold Hongju Koh was the moderator.

Members of the YLSA of **New York City** gathered at The Yale Club for their annual luncheon on April 13. Dean Koh gave a brief update on happenings at the Law School and third-year students **Jason Pielemeier**, **Alicia L. Bannon**, and **Dai Ellis** spoke about their human rights related activities in Moscow, Guatemala, Kenya, and Rwanda, and their Yale Law School globalization projects in a presentation titled “Yale Law and Globalization: A View from the Student Body.”

Fashion law was the focus of YLSA of **New York City** events held on April 24 and May 1. **Susan Scafidi** '93, an expert in the emerging field of fashion law and the author of the website www.counterfeitchic.com, discussed the history leading up to proposed legislation to protect fashion designs and



Graduates were treated to a discussion with Professor Jolls during a June 12 event in Boston.

the details of the bill. Fashion designer Zac Posen and his mother Susan Posen (CEO and corporate attorney) joined the gathering to discuss the challenges of the fashion industry and the evolution of the Zac Posen label. The gathering included a nice mix of recent grads and very accomplished lawyers in the field. The May 1 event was held in the Nolita boutique of designer Emmett McCarthy. Scafidi gave a wonder-



New York City graduates and their guests at the second Law and Globalization Breakfast.

ful PowerPoint presentation on the realities of U.S. fashion design protection over time and compared it to other countries. McCarthy spoke about the many challenges facing a young designer.

On May 8, the ever-busy YLSA of **NYC** hosted their second 2007 theater event. Graduates and their guests attended *Spalding Gray: Stories Left to Tell* at the Minetta Lane Theater and enjoyed an after-show discussion with producer Eric Falkenstein '94.

On May 23, **Mike Solender** '89 hosted a luncheon for **New York** area members of the Class of 1989 at his Bear Stearns office. The luncheon gave fourteen area classmates a chance to reconnect.

The Law School's Center for the Study of Corporate Law hosted a breakfast at The Century Association in **New York City** on June 4. The program was titled, "Executive Compensation: Where have we been, where are we now, and where are we going?"



Alums enjoyed intellectual property and fashion events in April and May.

On January 16, the Yale Law School Association of **Illinois** gathered for a pizza dinner hosted by **Frank Nitikman** '66. The dinner featured a discussion with **Lori Andrews** '78 about her recent forensic thriller, *Sequence*. It was especially interesting to hear how Lori's interest in fiction developed and was affected by her expertise in bioethics.

Chicago-area graduates also visited with Dean Koh at the home of **Marc** '64 and Tracy **Whitehead** on May 20, enjoying

Marc and Tracy's hospitality and wonderful American crafts collection.

On January 5, the Law School held a dinner in **Washington, D.C.**, in connection with the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Law Schools. Dean Harold Hongju Koh and other familiar YLS faces attended the dinner, which was held at Acadiana. Professor Heather Gerken, one of the country's leading experts on voting rights and election law, gave a talk enti-

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WHAT AN ACTION-PACKED last few months these have been! We have had more than two dozen regional alumni events from California to Connecticut since January 2007.

Many of these YLS events were inspired and planned by small committees of Yale Law School alumni in various cities across the country. Steering committee members meet once or twice a year to brainstorm and plan regional YLS alumni events in their area. Committee members report that the planning meetings themselves are great fun and a wonderful way to meet fellow YLS graduates. The committees

plan for all types of events—from intellectual property and fashion design events to panel discussions, from theater events to wine tastings, from major league baseball games to women's basketball games, from faculty talks to legal debates.

The steering committees are always looking for new ideas and willing volunteers. If you would like to join a committee in your area, or are interested in starting a new regional group, please give me a call at 203 432-1655 or email me at toni.davis@yale.edu. I would be happy to hear from you.



Graduates in Boston are planning a September 4 Red Sox event.



The NYC Board of Directors plans future events.

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tled “Diversity, Dissent, and Democratic Governance.”

On February 27, the Yale Law School Association of **Washington, D.C.**, gathered at the offices of WilmerHale for a conversation about blogging with **David Lat** '99, who runs the blog *Above the Law*.



Professor Heather Gerken spoke during the AALS dinner in January.

Neera Tanden '96, Policy Director for **Hillary Clinton**'s '73 Presidential Campaign, was the featured speaker during a May 16 gathering in **D.C.** Graduates met at the home of **Christopher** and **Jeannie Rhee** '97.

The following month, the YLSA of **Washington, D.C.**, held its annual dinner at The National Press Club. The group honored Senator **Arlen J. Specter** '56, with



Lori Andrews '78 discussed her recent novel with Adrienne Drell '92 MSL and Carey August.



Dean Koh presented host Marc Whitehead '64 with a Koh bobblehead in Chicago.

further remarks by Dean Koh during the June 27 dinner.

William K. Townsend Professor of Law **Ian Ayres** '86 spoke to the YLSA of **Kansas City** (his hometown) on March 13 and the YLSA of **Louisiana** on March 29. The Kansas City reception was hosted at Spencer Fane Britt & Browne by six YLS graduates: **Donald Giffin** '57, **Carl Helmstetter** '68, **James Hudek** '69, **Robert Lyons** '52, **Kenneth Mason** '84, and **Gad Smith** '61.

The New Orleans gathering was hosted by **Max Nathan Jr.** '60 and held at Sessions, Fishman & Nathan.

YLS Dean Harold Hongju Koh gave a talk entitled “Human Rights in Cuba: A View from Havana” during a February 8 gathering of the Yale Law School Association of **Miami**. Dean Koh's PowerPoint presentation showed highlights of his recent trip to Cuba. Graduates and their guests gathered for a reception, dinner, and talk under a tent at the home of **John** '75 and Sybil



Shelawsau Crier '05, Professor Ian Ayres '86, Antonia Ayres-Brown, and Max Nathan Jr. '60.

The meeting of the Yale Law School Association Executive Committee in New Haven on March 30 coincided with a special tribute to **Gerald Ford** '41. **Carla Hills** '58, Chairman & CEO, Hills & Company, International, and former Secretary of Housing and Urban Development during the Ford Administration, began the program by speaking about her work under the late President. Following Hills's talk, Dean Koh moderated a discussion about Ford's legal legacy. Joining Hills as panelists were: **Jack Fuller** '73, former president of Tribune Publishing Company, current board member of The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, and former Special Assistant to U.S. Attorney General Edward Levi; **John Shattuck** '70, CEO, John F. Kennedy Library Foundation, former Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, and former Executive Director, ACLU, Washington, D.C. office; and **William Michael Treanor** '85, Dean, Fordham University School of Law. The panelists explored some of the legal legacies of President Ford—the pardon of Richard Nixon, the rule of law and the Edward Levi appointment as attorney general, the Helsinki Treaty, and the appointment of Justice John Paul Stevens.



Carla Hills '58 spoke about Gerald Ford '41 during a special tribute to the late President at YLS this spring.

Barkett. A record number of YLS alums, including many recent graduates, enjoyed reconnecting on the balmy evening.

Brandt Goldstein '92, author of *Storming the Court: How a Band of Yale Law Students Sued the President AND WON*, was the featured speaker at two West-Coast Yale Law School Association events. Goldstein spoke first to the YLSA of **Northern California** during a gathering hosted by Goldstein's classmate **Steven N. Sherr '92** at Howard Rice Nemerovski Canady Falk & Rabkin on March 7. Goldstein also led a discussion of *Storming the Court* on March 8 during a gathering of the YLSA of **Western Washington**. The Seattle contingent followed the book discussion with a dinner



Northern California alums visited during a May dinner.



Miami area graduates enjoyed a dinner hosted by John '75 and Sybil Barkett.



Classmates met at a recent Southern California dinner.

hosted by **Karol Brown '99** and **Ron Slye '89** at Il Terazzo Carmine Restaurant.

The YLSA of Southern California gathered in **Santa Monica** on May 16. Dean Koh gave an update on the state of the school at a lovely dinner and reception. Professor Carol Rose followed with a talk titled "Whatever happened to racially restrictive covenants? Not as much as you might think..."

Southern California graduates met again for a "Night at the Opera" on June 12. YLS alumni and their guests mingled during a pre-performance reception at the Dorothy Chandler Pavillion before enjoying *Luisa Fernanda*, starring Placido Domingo. Lee Weinberg '87 organized the event.

On May 17, **Bay Area** YLS grads attended a reception and dinner featuring Dean Koh and John A. Garver Professor of Jurisprudence **William Eskridge, Jr. '78**, who spoke about "What the Evidence from Europe Shows Us About Same-Sex Marriage."

The YLSA of **Colorado** hosted a reception for Dean Koh on the evening of May 31 at The University Club in Denver.



In March, a luncheon was held for members of the Founders Society to celebrate and honor their support of Yale Law School. The luncheon speaker was Justus S. Hotchkiss Professor of Law Michael J. Graetz.

The Founders Society honors those special alumni and friends who have made the Law School a beneficiary of a bequest, trust or other planned gift. Donors who remember Yale Law School in this way support the ambitions of our talented students and help ensure Yale Law School's tradition of excellence for generations to come.



(From left) Randall K.C. Kau '74, Professor Michael Graetz, and Barry Bryan '55 at the inaugural Founder's Society luncheon.



(From left) Christine Layton, Robert Layton '54, and Margaret Loss '70 were among those treated to a special performance by the YLS a cappella group Six Angry Men during the luncheon.