

alumni news



Laurence T. Sorkin '67,
President of the
Executive Committee



Executive Committee member Eugene Landy '58 and
Professor Akhil Amar '84



Executive Committee members Chip Becker '97,
Laura Appleman '98, and Kianga M. Ellis '98

The YLSA Executive Committee

THE EXECUTIVE Committee of the Yale Law School Alumni Association had a busy spring gathering on April 3–4 in New Haven, planning the upcoming Alumni Weekend and spending some quality time on campus. They began their meeting with an Alumni-Student dinner during which Committee members were matched with students to discuss career choices and life at the Law School. The following day, Committee members had additional chances to reconnect with the school as they attended Dean Koh's Introduction to Transnational Law class and were treated to tours of Yale's new "West Campus" and the recently-renovated Bass Library (formerly Cross Campus Library).

During a Planning Committee meeting, members discussed Alumni Weekend 2008. A business luncheon included important updates from subcommittees, as well as a talk entitled "Hyperpowers and Tolerance: The Rise and Fall of World Dominant Powers" by Professor Amy Chua. After an afternoon that included a panel about the various Centers operating at the Law School, an update by Dean Koh, and a

happy hour with current students and faculty members, Committee members joined Dean Koh and his wife, Christy Fisher, for a dinner at their home.

"The experience is energizing and rejuvenating," Committee member Grant Vinik '96 said about the meeting. "I can't come back from an Executive Committee meeting without being reminded of how lucky I am to have attended YLS and how pleased I am that the school is in such fine hands... Dean Koh, the faculty, and administration strike a perfect balance between soliciting opinions from the Executive Committee about the school and bringing us up to date on the latest developments."

The Executive Committee includes approximately 180 alumni from the U.S. and abroad. With nine officers at the helm, the Committee is tasked with providing graduates the opportunity to reconnect with each

other and to give informal advice to the Dean and others on behalf of the alumni body. A nominating committee meets to select each twenty-member class of Executive Committee members from a list of candidates recommended by faculty, administrators, Executive Committee members, or by self-recommendation. Members are then chosen on the basis of geographic area, area of expertise, class year, and diversity, among other factors.

Interested in being a member of the Executive Committee or want to recommend a fellow alumnus? Contact the Office of Alumni Affairs at alumni.law@yale.edu or 203 432-1690.



Nelson Dong '74 (right) and three students at the dinner.

NEW YORK



Sandra Guerra Thompson '88, Sara Bronin '06,
and Luke Bronin '06



Donald Schapiro '49 and his son
Robert Schapiro '90

Shakespeare (& AALS) in NYC

More than 100 alumni, faculty, and guests gathered for drinks and dinner in **New York City** for the annual YLS AALS dinner in January. The audience was treated to a fascinating talk by Professor **Kenji Yoshino '96**, which was entitled: "The Trial of the Three Caskets: Law, Equity, and Mercy in The Merchant of Venice."

Other recent YLSA of NYC events included an outing to *Traces*, a non-traditional music concert; a production of *Thurgood* with a talkback by Professors **Stephen Carter '79**, Owen Fiss, and Dan Kahan (all former Marshall clerks), producer Eric Falkenstein '94, and actor Laurence Fishburne; and the Annual Spring Luncheon held at the Yale Club in May.

A Night at the Theater

The Yale Law School Association of New England held a theater event in **Boston** in January. YLS alums and their guests attended Michael Frayn's *Copenhagen* at the American Repertory Theatre after a buffet dinner at Café of India.



NEW ENGLAND



Calling All OutLaws!

OutLaws, the law school's lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender student organization, is having a reunion for all gay alumni of Yale Law School.

For more than twenty years, OutLaws has promoted LGBT rights at Yale and in the nation through debate, activism, and civic engagement. This fall our alums will be welcomed back to New Haven for our first-ever gala celebration to be held Saturday, December 6.

To ensure a successful reunion, we need to know who you are. LGBT alumni, please email José Miñán '09 (jose.minan@yale.edu) with your name and contact information.



PASADENA
YLSA of Southern California alumni and guests with former Dean and Judge Guido Calabresi '58



Lamar Baker '01 and Michael Russell '72



Jason Wolff '94 and Curt Hess '73

Gathering to Honor Stan Tobin '58

In April, more than 120 YLS alumni and their families met at the Pasadena home of Christine Adams '94 and Jim Asperger for the first memorial address honoring the late Stan Tobin '58. The Honorable Guido Calabresi '58 was the guest of honor, presenting a remembrance of Tobin and then discussing "What Does the Judge Do When the Law Is Not Just Wrong, But Is Immoral?"

Also taking place in Southern California recently was a reception with Professor John Langbein hosted by Bob Bookman '72; a private tour led by Abe Ordovery '61 at the San Diego Natural History Museum; a talk on immigration by Professor Peter Schuck, held at Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman; and a June outing to watch the WNBA's LA Sparks, which is co-owned by Carla Christofferson '92.

Corporate Law Breakfast

On January 16, YLS graduates in the Washington, D.C., area attended a panel discussion at Covington & Burling sponsored by the Yale Law School Center for the Study of Corporate Law on "The Long Arm of the Law: Criminal and Civil Enforcement in Corporate Governance after Enron and the Backdating Scandal."

Other events in D.C. included an Alumni Happy Hour event held at the Palette Restaurant and Bar in March; a Law & Globalization Breakfast on June 6; and a "mini-reunion" for the Class of 1956 held the first week in June.



D.C.
Steven Salky '81



Cindy Alexander, Yoon-Ho Lee '06, and Professor Kate Stith

HOUSTON



Alumni and their guests took part in a wine tasting as part of the Houston event in February

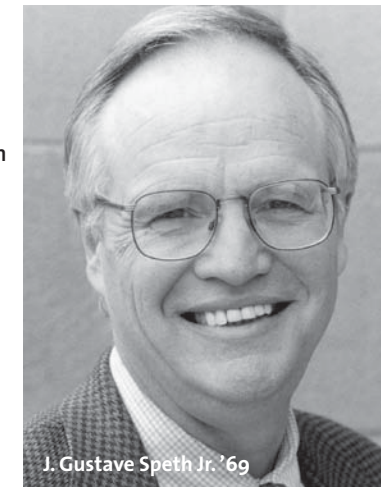
Food and Wine in Houston

In February, YLS alums and their guests gathered in Houston for the first time in years. They enjoyed a wine tasting at Haynes and Boone, LLP, as they listened to Robin Goldstein '02 (aka *The Fearless Critic*) talk about his new book critiquing Houston restaurants. We have no doubt this was just the first of many events for YLS alums in Houston!

Northern California

In January, a group of alumni and their guests gathered at the law firm of Farella Braun + Martel LLP in San Francisco. Over hors d'oeuvres and drinks they listened as Professor Vicki Schultz discussed her current research on the issue of whether marriage will make gay and lesbian couples less egalitarian.

Other Northern California events included an evening with J. Gustave Speth Jr. '69, Dean of the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies and author of *The Bridge at the End of the World*. Speth met with YLS and F&ES alumni at San Francisco's Delancey Street Restaurant in April.



J. Gustave Speth Jr. '69



SAN FRANCISCO
Professor Vicki Schultz

ALSO SEEN AND HEARD...OTHER YLS ALUMNI EVENTS

New Jersey

Professor Jerry Mashaw and his wife Anne MacClintock discussed their book *Seasoned by Salt: A Voyage in Search of the Caribbean* in New Brunswick in April.

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Professor Tony Kronman '75 discussed his recent book *Education's End: Why Our Colleges and Universities Have Given Up on the Meaning of Life* in Philadelphia in March.

Maryland

Dean Harold Hongju Koh attended a buffet dinner at the home of Jim '75 and Mary Miller in May.

Georgia

Deputy Dean and Professor Jonathan Macey '82 attended an informal luncheon hosted by Scott Killingsworth '75 at Powell Goldstein in Atlanta in April.

Illinois

Mary Hutchings Reed '76, author of *Courting Kathleen Hannigan*, discussed her book at the Chicago home of Brett '77 and Carey August in April.

Minnesota

In March, the YLSA of Minnesota organized an outing at the Guthrie Theater for a performance of Wendy Wasserstein's *Third*, followed by a private discussion with cast members.

Western Washington

The YLSA of Western Washington gathered for a happy hour in Seattle in March.

Europe

Professor J.L. Pottenger Jr. '75 attended a dinner with YLS alumni and their guests at Goodenough College in London in March.

Australia

Professor Peter Schuck attended dinners with YLS alumni in both Melbourne and Sydney in January and February.

HAWAII



YLS alumni toured the William S. Richardson School of Law.

Hawaii

More than twenty Yale Law School alumni and their guests gathered for a first-ever tour of the William S. Richardson School of Law this spring. Hosted by Dean **Avi Soifer '72**, the gathering was initially the idea of **Ted Tsukiyama '50**, a member and the historian of the famous 442nd Regimental Combat Team and the first Yale Law graduate of Japanese ancestry. The most recent alumnus attending the event was **Marc Wallenstein '06**, currently teaching as an adjunct at the Richardson School of Law while also clerking for federal Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Judge **Richard Clifton '75**, who also attended.

Above from left to right, front row: The Honorable Harry T. Tanaka '52, Helene Tanaka, Jeanne Katayama, Emmanuel Tipon '61 LL.M., Kenneth Chong '62, Lishan Chong, Robert Katayama '55, Fuku Tsukiyama, Ted Tsukiyama '50. Back row: Presley Pang '85, The Honorable Richard R. Clifton '75, Dean Aviam Soifer '72, A. James Wriston, Jr. '54, Mark A. Levin '83, Marc Wallenstein '06, Stephen A. Jones '81, Douglas Codiga '99 LL.M., Professor Emeritus Richard Miller '59 LL.M., Betty Sugarman, and Sayoko J. Blodgett-Ford '94.



Indiana Jones

On June 4, alumni across the country met for screenings of *Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull*. In New Haven, a private screening was held at the Whitney Humanities Center while YLS alums in Seattle, Philadelphia, Manhattan, and Minneapolis got together for drinks and a night at the movies. Parts of the movie were filmed in the Law School, including a key scene in which the faculty dining room appears as a Dean's office.