

# alumni news

Yale Law School alumni have been gathering around the world. Here is a sampling of the get-togethers that have taken place over the past six months.

## Alumni Weekend

2010: A Weekend Odyssey Exploring Science and Law, October 8–10, 2010

EACH FALL, more than one thousand alumni and their guests return to Yale Law School to see classmates and friends. This year, the Law School's reunion weekend will take place October 8–10. All YLS alumni are invited to attend, but classes ending in 0s and 5s will be celebrating reunions with Saturday dinners, Sunday brunches, and other special activities. In addition to opportunities to visit with classmates, faculty, and students at meals and receptions, the weekend will include five panels devoted to the theme of science and law.

At Saturday's luncheon, the Yale Law School Association Award of Merit will be presented to four environmental leaders who were cofounders of the Natural Resources Defense Council:



Richard Ayres '69, John Bryson '69, James Gustave Speth '69, and Edward Strohbehn Jr. '69. And there will be terrific opportunities to meet students over the weekend—both at a student activity fair on Friday afternoon and at a matching breakfast on Saturday morning, where students and alumni are paired after completing surveys about their professional and non-professional interests.

To learn more about Alumni Weekend 2010, visit the reunion website at [www.law.yale.edu/AW10](http://www.law.yale.edu/AW10). There you can find all sorts of information including the 2010 Alumni Weekend schedule, lodging information, registered attendees, and (later this summer) a link to register online. If you have questions, please call the Alumni Affairs Office at 203 432-1690.



DELHI

### YLS Alums Gather in Delhi and Beijing

A newly formed group of YLS graduates in India met over dinner at the Jindal Guesthouse in Delhi on April 2. The dinner was generously hosted by Raj Kumar, Vice-Chancellor of Jindal Global University, on behalf of the new Jindal Global University. Yale Law School Professor Peter Schuck spoke to the group of graduates, their guests, and two newly admitted graduate students. **Jasdeep Randhawa '09**, **Rohit De '06 LL.M.**, and **Shahana Kanodia '99** also assisted in making this event take place.

It was a real "first" when a group of YLS graduates in Beijing met on May 19 over dinner at Lakeview Hotel with Professor Dan Esty '86, who was visiting from Yale Law School. Graduates from a variety of academic institutions, law firms, companies, and from government enjoyed a lovely dinner organized by Yingmao Tang '00 LL.M., '05 JSD.



BEIJING

PHILADELPHIA



### Philly Museum Lecture and Tour

**Jessica A. Sebeok '04**, Assistant General Counsel, Yale University, spoke about "Current Legal Issues Affecting Museum Collections, including Repatriation and Provenance Disputes" on May 1 to YLS alumni from the Philadelphia/New Jersey/Delaware region and their guests, as well as members of the Yale Club of Philadelphia. The lunch lecture took place at the University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archeology and Anthropology. After the talk, the group was given a tour of the museum's collection of jewelry from various continents.

PORTLAND



### Oregon Gathering with Judge Susan Graber '72

An enthusiastic group of alumni in the Portland area gathered for a reception at the Governor Hotel in February. Ninth Circuit Judge **Susan Graber '72** spoke to the alumni and guests about her experiences sitting on the Oregon Supreme Court and the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals.

### Annual Spring Meeting of the Executive Committee

On April 15 and 16, more than seventy Executive Committee members attended the Spring YLS Executive Committee gathering, which provided an opportunity for members to learn about some exciting things happening at YLS. Many committee members arrived on Thursday afternoon to attend classes, followed by a matching dinner with students. After breakfast on Friday, they attended a presentation by professors and students participating in the YLS Clinical program. Other highlights of the gathering included a tour of the Yale Center for British Art; an update on YLS by Dean Robert Post '77; a lecture by Professor John Langbein; and a happy hour with faculty, students, and staff.



NEW HAVEN



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA



### Third Annual Stanley E. Tobin '58 Memorial Address

On a picture-perfect first day of spring, about sixty YLS alums and their guests—as well as a few recently-admitted students—gathered at the home of **Christine Adams '94** and **Jim Asperger**, for the third Stanley E. Tobin '58 Memorial Address. Judge **John Farrell '66** delivered opening remarks about Stan Tobin. **Greg Stone '77** then introduced Dean **Robert C. Post '77**, who spoke on "Democratic Constitutionalism."

CHICAGO



Chicago Alums Discuss Iran

On March 10, **Marc Whitehead '64** and Narimon Safavi, board member of the Iranian-American Council, led an evening discussion about Iran entitled "What's It All About and What Should the West Do?" with YLS Chicago-area graduates and their Yale Club guests. The two speakers described an American's view of Iranian culture and provided an analysis of recent developments in Iran and a view to what the United States and other countries should do in the future.

A Texas Dinner

On April 7, YLS and Yale University alums and their guests gathered at Maggiano's Little Italy in Houston. Over dinner, University of Houston Law Center **Professor David Dow '85** spoke to the group about his recently-published book, *The Autobiography of an Execution*, which has won accolades from the likes of *The New York Times Review of Books* and *O Magazine*. Professor Dow is also the founder of the Texas Innocence Network and the Litigation Director at the Texas Defender Service.

HOUSTON



MINNEAPOLIS



Siri Marshall '74 Speaks with Minneapolis Alums

On April 20, the Yale Law School Association of Minnesota held an informal luncheon conversation with **Siri Marshall '74** about her career as Senior Vice President and General Counsel at both Avon Products and General Mills and her involvement with Yale Law School's Center for the Study of Corporate Law.

NEW YORK



Alumni Events in the Big Apple

The Yale Law School Center for the Study of Corporate Law hosted two corporate law breakfasts. During the first breakfast, held in February, panelists addressed the question "Too Big to Save? How to Fix the U.S. Financial System," discussing the pending legislation on financial market and institution regulatory reform proposed in response to the recent financial crisis. The panelists were: **Robert Pozen '72**, Chairman, MFS Investment Management; Jeffrey E. Garten, Juan Trippe Professor in the Practice of International Trade, Finance, and Business and former Dean, Yale School of Management; **Roberta Romano '80**, Oscar M. Ruebhausen Professor of Law and Center Director; and **Henry Hansmann '74**, August E. Lines Professor of Law (moderator). Almost 100 alumni attended the event.

During a second breakfast held in May, panelists focused their discussion on the question: "Citizens United: Mountain or Mole Hill?" Panelists were **Floyd Abrams '60**, Cahill Gordon & Reindel, LLP, who argued the case for the plaintiff *Citizens United* at the Supreme Court; Heather Gerken, YLS J. Skelly Wright Professor of Law; and **Sam Issacharoff '83**, NYU Bonnie and Richard Reiss Professor of Constitutional Law. The panelists analyzed the issues raised by the opinion and its implications for future campaigns, along with potential legislative responses. Dean Robert Post '77 moderated the discussion.

NEW ORLEANS



YLS Alumni Meet Up at AALS

On January 7, almost sixty YLS alumni, many of whom were in New Orleans for the Annual Conference of the Association of American Law Schools, met for a festive dinner at Latrobe's on Royal. **Max Nathan '60** helped organize the gathering. After a cocktail reception and buffet dinner, Dean **Robert Post '77** introduced Sterling Professor Emeritus and Judge **Guido Calabresi '58**, who spoke to the group about "Federalism and The Use of Foreign Law."

ALSO SEEN AND HEARD... other YLS alumni events

**New York** The Yale Law School Class of 1977 held a mini-reunion in New York on April 17 featuring a multi-course Chinese banquet dinner.

The YLSA of New York City held its Annual Spring Luncheon on May 7 at the Yale Club. Dean Robert Post '77 discussed "Democratic Constitutionalism."

**D.C.** *New York Times* correspondent **Adam Liptak '88** spoke about "Covering the Roberts Court: A Reporter's Reflections" at the D.C. office of Williams & Connolly on March 18. Then on May 18, D.C.-area alums gathered again for "Immigration Reform: Views from the Hill" at the office of Wiley Rein. Panelists included **Leon Fresco '03**, Immigration Counsel for Senator Charles E. Schumer; **Serena Hoy '00**, Senior Counsel for Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid; and **Tom Jawetz '03**, Counsel for the Immigration Subcommittee of the U.S. House of Representatives' Committee on the Judiciary.

**Georgia** Georgia State Law University invited YLS alumni to the 46th Henry J. Miller Distinguished Lecture Series with Professor **Ian Ayres '86** who spoke on "Legal Barriers to Diversification."

**Miami** The Yale Law School Association of Florida held a reception, dinner, and discussion with Professor Heather Gerken on April 22.

**Chicago** Dean Robert Post '77 joined alumni and guests for a reception and dinner at the Rosebud Theater District restaurant on May 17.

**Salt Lake City** Professor Ian Ayres '86 was the guest speaker at a gathering of the Yale Club of Salt Lake City on April 23. After the luncheon talk on "Lifecycle Investing: A New, Safe, and Audacious Way to Improve the Performance of Your Retirement Portfolio," Professor Ayres met privately with Law School alums.

**Seattle** On May 20, the YLSA of Western Washington gathered at the ACT Theater for an hors d'oeuvres reception at which guests were able to hear from the theater's artistic director. Following the reception, alumni and their guests attended a performance of the classic play *Trip to Bountiful*.

**Northern California** The YLSA of Northern California held a post-Valentine's day discussion with Professor **Daniel Markovits '00** at the Menlo Park office of Davis Polk & Wardwell in February. Professor Markovits addressed the question "Are Love and Promising Compatible?" in his talk on contract law and the ethics of intimacy.

**Southern California** Professor Daniel Markovits '00 met with fellow alumni in the Los Angeles office of Irell & Manella on February 27, where he discussed "Does Teaching Law and Economics Create Selfish Lawyers?"