

# 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.

## GENEVA

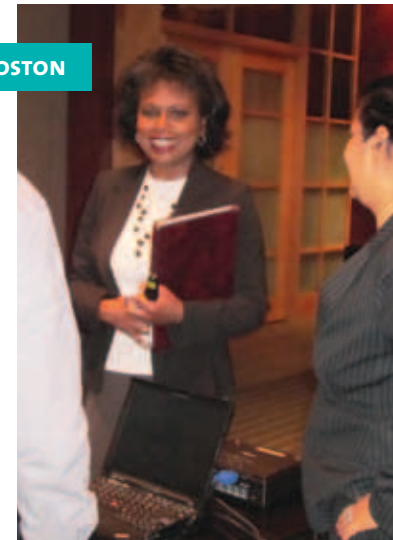


## Yale Law School Summer Gathering in Geneva, Switzerland

ABOUT SIXTY YLS ALUMNI and their guests spent three very full days, from June 30 to July 2, 2010, exploring Geneva and its outskirts with **Dean Robert Post '77**. The trip included briefings from officials from international organizations including: the Principal Legal Officer of the World Health Organization; the United Nations Deputy High Commissioner for Refugees, **Alex Aleinikoff '77**; the Director General of the World Trade Organization; the head of the Legal Division of the International Committee of the Red Cross; and the Legal Officer and Communications Officer of the Global Fund to Prevent AIDS, Malaria, and Tuberculosis. U.S. Ambassador Betty King and **Melanie Khanna '97**, Legal Advisor to the U.S. Mission to the United Nations and Other International Organizations, also spoke to the group, as well as **Ed Girardet '91 MSJ**, who discussed Media21, a Geneva-based initiative launched in 2006 by a team of international journalists to expand and improve media coverage of key global issues. Christian Bovet, Dean of the University of Geneva's Law School, and Professor Andrew Clapham, Director of the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights, also met with the group, telling them about the exciting international law programs run by the Geneva Academy.

Other highlights of the trip included fascinating tours of CERN, the Patek Philippe Museum, Old Town Geneva, and the magnificent Bodmer Foundation and Museum, the last of which was arranged by **Marc André Renold '82 LL.M.** and Foundation Vice-President **André Tombet '54 LL.M.** There were many delicious meals in lovely settings, as well as wine provided by **Bruce Littman '70**, from his nearby vineyard. **Rory MacMillan '94 LL.M.** provided much patient advice as the trip was being planned. The Geneva trip provided a wonderful opportunity for a broad range of alumni to meet each other. Alums ranged from the Class of '47 to '07. A current student spending the summer in Geneva also joined the group. Participants came from across the U.S. and Europe, from Southern California to Helsinki, Finland. Everyone greatly enjoyed meeting our Geneva-based alums, who graciously welcomed the group to their dynamic and beautiful city!

## BOSTON



## A busy summer in Boston

On June 16, the YLS Association of New England held a summer reception for alumni, summer associates, and admitted students at Goulston & Storrs, overlooking the Boston Harbor. **Anita Hill '80**, Professor of Social Policy, Law, and Women's Studies at Brandeis University, gave a fascinating presentation entitled "Reimagining Equality: Gender, Race and Home in America."

Three months later, on a wet, windy, and cold day, a hardy group of YLS alumni and their families came from all across New England for the annual Fenway Park gathering. While the August 24 game itself was rained out, the group enjoyed a terrific tour of the ballpark and socializing over a hotdog/hamburger dinner.

## DC



## Large alumni gatherings in Washington, DC

On June 24, YLS kicked off its new Constitutional Law Breakfast series with a program titled "Breakfast for Supreme Court Watchers." Nearly 100 YLS alumni, summer associates, and admitted students met at Arnold & Porter LLP for a fascinating discussion about the current Supreme Court term. Dean Post moderated a lively discussion that included panelists **Beth S. Brinkmann '85**, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Appellate Civil Division, U.S. DOJ; **Linda Greenhouse '78 MSJ**, Senior Research Scholar in Law, Knight Distinguished Journalist in Residence and Joseph Goldstein Lecturer in Law at YLS; and Andrew J. Pincus, Clinical Visiting Lecturer in Law at YLS and Partner, Mayer Brown.

Then on July 15, nearly 200 area alumni, current students, admitted students, and guests attended the Annual Dinner. Dean Post reported on exciting and innovative clinical programs being developed at YLS. After dinner, **Marian Wright Edelman '63**, founder and president of the Children's Defense Fund, gave an inspiring talk about the need to focus on children in the United States.



## An annual tradition on Martha's Vineyard

On August 12, a lively group of YLS alums and their guests gathered at the Martha's Vineyard home of **John Firestone '85** and his wife, Sandra, for a delightful evening of cocktails and conversation. In what has become a wonderful tradition, John, **Pat Taylor '71**, **Arnold Zack '56**, and **Brent Henry '73** annually host a gathering for all YLS alums who happen to be in Martha's Vineyard on the day of the event.

## MARTHA'S VINEYARD



PHILADELPHIA



An indoor garden party in Philadelphia

On September 12, alumni from the YLSA of PenJerDel gathered for the group's 3rd Annual Garden Party. Because of a cool drizzle, it was an indoor garden party! However everyone appreciated the wonderful hospitality of hosts **Sarah Ricks '90** and **Tom Dolgenos '90**. Everyone also enjoyed listening to **Wendell Pritchett '91**, Chancellor of Rutgers University, Camden, speak about the state of higher education in the U.S.



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NYC



Andrew Ross Sorkin speaks to the YLS Association of NYC

Eighty NYC-area alums, summer associates, and admitted students spent an extraordinary evening on June 22 listening to a presentation by Andrew Ross Sorkin on his bestselling book *Too Big to Fail: Capitalism on the Brink—the Inside Story*. Hosted by **Justina Geraci '05** at WilmerHale, the event was hailed a huge success as the Q&A continued well beyond the planned end of the session. Sorkin is pictured above with his parents, Joan Ross Sorkin and **Larry Sorkin '67**.

CALIFORNIA



A talk—and talking—in Northern California

On June 17, the YLS Association of Northern California, the Yale Club of Silicon Valley, the Yale School of Management Alumni Association, and the Commonwealth Club Silicon Valley co-hosted a reception and book talk with YLS Professor **Ian Ayres '86** about his book, co-written with Barry Nalebuff, *Lifecycle Investing: A New, Safe, and Audacious Way to Improve the Performance of Your Retirement Portfolio*.

On July 8, more than thirty YLS students, recent alums, and some not-so-recent alums gathered at Waterbar in San Francisco for a happy hour welcoming the students to Northern California for the summer. **Paul Friedman '80** and **Michael Jacobs '83** generously hosted the event.

MINNEAPOLIS



An annual tradition in the Twin Cities

Several years ago, the YLS Association of Minnesota launched an annual summer happy hour. This year's event was held on July 21 when a group of YLS alums and summer associates gathered in the courtyard of D'Amico Kitchen in Minneapolis on a perfect summer evening.



ALSO SEEN AND HEARD...other YLS alumni events

**Missouri** The YLS Association of Missouri held its inaugural Happy Hour on July 1. **Chad Flanders '07** organized the gathering at Brennan's Pub in St. Louis. The group looks forward to more get-togethers!

**Westport** On August 21, the YLS Association of New York City sponsored an outing to the Westport Country Playhouse to see the musical *I do! I do!* Before the show, Barbara and **John Streicker '67** generously hosted a cocktail reception for the group.

**The Hague** **Alexandros Zervos '05** organized an informal dinner get-together in July for YLS alums in The Hague. It was a small, but very lively gathering!

**Houston** **Sandra Guerra Thompson '88** and **Mark Tractenberg '98** organized an informal happy hour at the beginning of the summer so that YLS students spending the summer in Houston could meet a number of area alums. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the evening!

**Class of 1951 mini-reunion** On September 25, more than thirty classmates and spouses from the Class of 1951 gathered at the Yale Club in NYC for a mini-reunion described as a "rollicking success." **Henry King '51** took the lead in organizing the gathering. A highlight was a toast to Justice Elena Kagan, the daughter of a much-loved classmate, the late **Bob Kagan '51**.

CHICAGO



Two outings at the Chicago Yacht Club

The July 13 YLS Association of Illinois summer happy hour at the Yacht Club was a great chance for alumni and summer associates to socialize on a lovely summer evening. **Chris Suarez '11** treated the group to a lively talk about Yale Law School's Education Adequacy Project, including its recent victory in the Connecticut Supreme Court.

On November 4, alumni and their guests met again at the Yacht Club and enjoyed dinner with fellow YLS graduate **David Hamilton '83**, the newest judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. Judge Hamilton (pictured above with Judge Richard Cudahy '55, also of that court and with whom Judge Hamilton clerked) spoke about "A Rookie's Thoughts on the Seventh Circuit, and a Survivor's Thoughts on the Confirmation Process."