

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.



Nancy Garrison '73 and Dana Montalto '13 shared dinner during the Dinner Connections event held during this spring's Executive Committee Meeting.



Anastasia Boyko '05, Kenneth Ebie '06, and Jillian Stillman '09 were among those who attended the discussion with Richard Ravitch '58 in New York.



Susette Acocella '94 and Carmine Boccuzzi '94 at the Constitutional Law Breakfast.

NYC

Students and Alumni Connect Over Meals

DURING ALUMNI WEEKEND 2006, Yale Law Women experimented with an idea that has since blossomed into a very special tradition—connecting alumni and students over a meal. This coming November, Alumni Weekend 2011 will include the 6th annual “Breakfast Connections” gathering.

Breakfast Connections works as follows: Students and alumni who are interested in participating in Breakfast Connections complete a short survey before Alumni Weekend. The Alumni Office then “matches” students and alums based on career interests, personal interests, and geography, and then, a few days before the weekend, sends all the participants an email with information about their match. Typically, more than forty alums and seventy-five students participate, meeting over breakfast on the Saturday morning of Alumni Weekend.

“It’s exciting to hear the buzz of conversation in the room during the breakfast, and to see generations engaged in lively conversations. And it is great fun for the Alumni Office when it can make especially terrific matches—for example, matching a student interested in sports law with an alum who is an executive for a Major League Baseball team, or matching a student who

wants to run for public office with a former U.S. Senator,” said Director of Alumni Affairs **Abigail Roth '94**.

The alumni and students who have participated have greatly enjoyed the experience. One alum stated: “I so enjoyed the Breakfast Connections; it was a real pleasure to participate. I always loved recruiting at Yale when I was at a firm, and the students I met on Saturday reminded me why—bright and engaging and incredibly interesting.” Last fall a student commented about his match: “I really can’t think of a better match—she had been through a lot of the same issues as myself and provided incredible advice. She was also a wonderfully engaging and warm person. I look forward to participating in the Breakfast Connections event next year.”

Breakfast Connections has been such a success that the Alumni Office initiated a similar Dinner Connections event to kick off the spring YLSA Executive Committee gathering. In April 2011, the Law School held the fourth annual Dinner Connections gathering. About eighty students and alums filled the YLS Dining Hall engaged in conversation, well past the official ending time for the dinner. We look forward to many more matches over the years!

NYC Public Interest Mixer

On February 10, more than twenty-five public interest practitioners and YLS students attended the first YLS Public Interest Mixer organized by the Career Development Office and generously hosted by Morrison & Foerster in New York City. The event coincided with the 34th annual Public Interest Legal Career Fair organized by New York University School of Law and co-sponsored by YLS. The Mixer was an exciting opportunity for YLS public interest alumni to connect with their peers and for current students to be inspired and informed of the myriad ways to practice public interest law. Where else can you chat with advocates working on animal rights, mental health, civil rights, housing and criminal justice, among others? The Career Development Office extends a special thank you to **Jennifer Brown '93**, Pro Bono Counsel at Morrison & Foerster, for her invaluable assistance.

Lots of Activity in the Big Apple

On February 16, **Richard Ravitch '58**, the former Lieutenant Governor of New York, led a spirited conversation with a large group of YLS alumni about the fiscal plight facing cities and states. **Richard Zuckerman '75** and his law firm, SNR Denton US LLP, generously hosted the gathering. Then on March 7, another large gathering of YLS alumni met at The Century Association for the first YLS NYC Constitutional Law Breakfast on “Regulating Institutions: The Downtown Mosque.” Dean Post moderated a lively discussion among panelists: YLS Professor **Stephen Carter '79**, YLS Professor **Robert Ellickson '66**, and YLS Visiting Professor Patrick Weil.

A large group of NYC alums had a very different kind of get-together on April 27, when they went to see *Good People*, a “Best Play” Tony Award nominee. After an amazing performance, the group was treated to a private “talk back” session with playwright David Lindsay-Abaire, and the full cast, including Estelle Parsons, wife of YLS alum **Peter Zimroth '66**. And on May 6, many alumni, as well as a group of recently admitted students, met at the Yale Club for the Annual Spring Luncheon. After an introduction by Dean Post, YLS Professor **Bruce Ackerman '67** spoke about “Executive Power and the Rule of Law.”

Reminiscing in Portland, Oregon

Judge **Rick Haselton '79**, of the Oregon Court of Appeals, gave a wonderful talk to a gathering of alumni at a cocktail reception on May 10 in downtown Portland, reflecting on his YLS experience. The talk, titled “Through the Glass, Darkly: Guido, Grant, and Great Expectations,” led to a very special evening of storytelling among the attendees about their professors and experiences at YLS.

Dean Post Heads to Birmingham

On February 25, **Tom Carruthers Jr. '55**, **Michael Sansbury '01**, and **John Wrinkle '55** graciously hosted a reception at the home of Tom and Dale Carruthers, as local alumni welcomed Dean Post to Birmingham, Alabama.

SOUTHERN CA



Cindy Cwik '87 and Dean Robert Post '77 in San Diego



"Education & Citizenship" panelists Rachel F. Moran '81, Ricardo Lara, Katharine Gin, and Thomas Saenz '91



Enrique Schaerer '08 and Professor Ian Ayres '86 in Southern California

A Full Schedule in Southern California

YLS alumni, along with Yale University alumni and UCLA Law School alumni, gathered at UCLA Law School on February 26 to hear a fascinating panel discussion on "Education & Citizenship: El Sueño Americano (The American Dream)." UCLA Law School Dean **Rachel Moran '81** moderated the panel which included, among others, **Thomas Saenz '91**, President, General Counsel, Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund. Hosted by the San Diego offices of Jones Day and **Cindy Cwik '87**, alumni gathered on March 3 to meet Dean Post and enjoy drinks and appetizers. On April 11, a group of alums heard a discussion on "The Provenance of Art and Ownership Disputes" with **Fred Goldstein '82**, Vice President and General Counsel, LACMA, and **Steve Thomas '85**, Partner, Head of the Art Law Practice, Irell & Manella LLP and Adjunct Professor UCLA Law School. The group then toured a David Smith exhibit at LACMA. Finally, on April 17, a large group of alumni gathered at the home of **Christine Adams '94** and Jim Asperger for the 4th annual event honoring the memory of **Stan Tobin '58**. YLS Professor **Ian Ayres '86** spoke to the group about his book *Carrots and Sticks: Unlock the Power of Incentives to Get Things Done*.

NEW HAVEN



Bob Weinberg '58 at the Executive Committee gathering

YLS Association Executive Committee Gathering

On April 7 and 8, members of the YLS Association Executive Committee met in New Haven for their annual spring gathering. They had a full agenda that included attending classes, having a matching dinner with students (see page 60), touring Mory's and Morse College, hearing from YLS Professor **Scott Shapiro '90** and Dean Post at lunch, listening to a presentation on the YLS Library, and meeting students at happy hour. The gathering concluded with a festive dinner. Alumni from a wide range of classes returned to YLS from around the country, allowing for many connections to be forged.

SAN FRANCISCO



YLS Alums Congregate in San Francisco

On January 5, a mix of alums living in Northern California and alums attending the annual Association of American Law Schools conference gathered at Restaurant LuLu in San Francisco. After a reception and dinner, Dean **Robert Post '77** welcomed everyone and introduced YLS Professors **Denny Curtis '66** and Judith Resnik, who gave a fascinating talk reflecting the ideas in their book, *Representing Justice: Invention, Controversy, and Rights in City-States and Democratic Courtrooms*.

TWIN CITIES

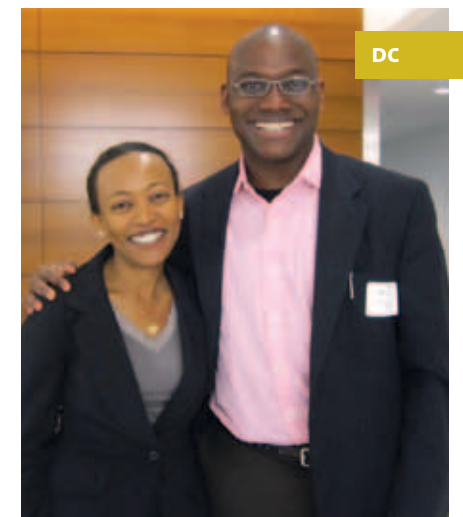


Yale Day of Service volunteers hard at work in Minnesota included **Laura Provinzino '03**, **Peter McElligott '10**, and **Sammy Clark '08**.

YLS Joins in the AYA Day of Service in Seattle and Minnesota

On May 14, alumni in the Seattle area and the Twin Cities sponsored Yale Day of Service sites—assisting the organization Hope-Link with their Letter Carriers' food drive and the organization People Serving People with the upkeep of a shelter. It was a great way to help others while getting to know other alums!

DC



Discussions in Washington, DC

Washington, DC, area alumni heard two interesting talks this winter. On February 1, **Paul Smith '79**, Chair of the Appellate & Supreme Court Practice at Jenner & Block, gave a fascinating talk on video games and the First Amendment, held at Jenner & Block. Then on March 9, a large group of alumni gathered at Jones Day for dinner and a talk by YLS Professor **Bruce Ackerman '67** about his new book *The Decline and Fall of the American Republic*. **Herb Hansell '49** wonderfully helped organize the event.

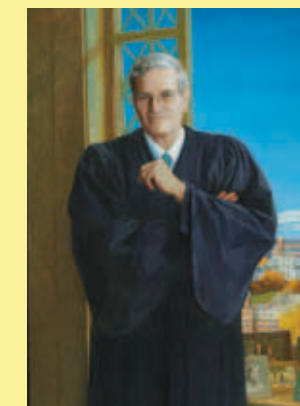
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Professor **John Witt '99** and **David Grove '62** in Philadelphia

A Lunchtime Discussion in Philadelphia

On April 25, Montgomery McCracken Walker & Rhoads LLP graciously hosted YLS alumni from Delaware, Southern New Jersey, and the Philadelphia area. **David Grove '62** gave a terrific introduction of YLS Professor **John Witt '99**, who "wowed" the audience with a fascinating talk titled "Lincoln's Code: The Puzzling History of the Laws of War."



Judge **José Cabranes '65** was honored by his law clerks with a portrait that was dedicated at Yale Law School in May. The portrait now hangs in the Alumni Reading Room. Judge Cabranes is a judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, and was previously a judge on the U.S. District Court for the District of Connecticut, a Trustee of the Yale Corporation, and General Counsel of Yale University.