

alumni news

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

NEW YORK



Summer Fun with Mimi and Elliott Meisel '71

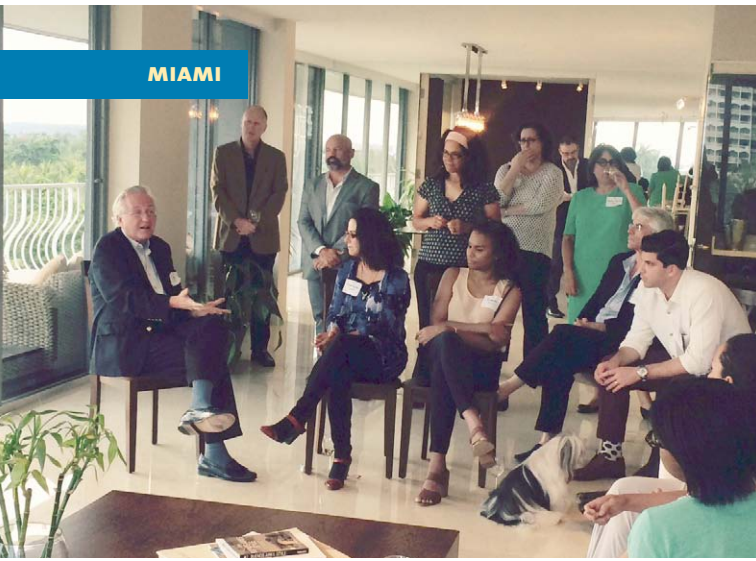
THE THIRD ANNUAL YLS Hamptons Summer Cocktail Party took place at the home of Mimi and **Elliott Meisel '71** in Sagaponack, NY on Saturday, August 20. Composed of alumni, current and admitted students, and their guests, the Hamptons group enjoyed lovely weather and the gracious hospitality of the Meisels.



Civil Rights Dinner Panel

ON SEPTEMBER 15, more than forty YLS alumni and their guests met at Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher in New York City for a reception, dinner, and panel discussion. Panelists **Nusrat Choudhury '06**, Senior Staff Attorney, ACLU Racial Justice Program; **Matt Alsdorf '04**, Vice President of Criminal Justice, Laura and John Arnold Foundation; and **Farrin Anello '05**, Visiting Assistant Clinical Professor, Center for Social Justice, Seton Hall University School of Law, explored the topic of "Civil Rights on Offense and Defense: Criminal Justice Reform and Immigrants' Rights."

MIAMI



YLSA of Miami Event with Bill Eskridge '78

ON MAY 14, Miami-area alumni gathered at the home of hosts Carolina and **Fred Phillips '90** to examine and discuss the implications of the *Obergefell* decision. Guest speaker **William Eskridge, Jr. '78**, John A. Garver Professor of Jurisprudence, Yale Law School, offered insights and moderated a discussion about family law, gay rights, and religion in the aftermath of this landmark U.S. Supreme Court case.

VINEYARD



Thirteenth Annual YLS Martha's Vineyard Summer Cocktail Party

ON AUGUST 11, Rhona and **Don Friedman '73** graciously hosted about forty Law School alumni and their guests for the Annual YLS Martha's Vineyard Summer Cocktail Party in Vineyard Haven. Alumni and students ranging from the Class of 1952 to the Class of 2019—and their guests—enjoyed an evening by the waterside. Many thanks to **John Firestone '85** for organizing once again.

ILLINOIS

“The 2016 Race: How *Citizens United*, Political Polarization, and Donald Trump are Changing the Rules of the Game”

ON OCTOBER 10, the YLSA of Illinois welcomed fifty alumni and their guests for a reception and dinner with featured speaker Heather Gerken, J. Skelly Wright Professor of Law, Yale Law School.

Gerken led a timely discussion on some of the major factors influencing this year's election. Thank you to Sidley Austin LLP for graciously hosting this event.

Ninth Annual Garden Party

PENJERDEL



THIS YEAR, THE PENJERDEL Annual Garden Party was hosted by **Sarah Ricks '90** and **Tom Dolgenos '90**. With plenty of time to catch up with old YLS friends and meet new ones, attendees also heard talks by **Debby Freedman '92**, outlining her work at Community Legal Services of Philadelphia, and **Shira Goodman '95** speaking about her role at CeaseFirePA.

NEW YORK



Annual Luncheon

THE YALE CLUB OF NEW YORK CITY was the meeting place for more than 150 alumni, current and admitted students, and their guests on June 10 for the YLSA of New York City Annual Luncheon. Doug Kysar, Joseph M. Field '55 Professor of Law at Yale Law School, explored the topic of "Living with Owning: Property, Community, and the Zanesville, Ohio Animal Release." **Abbe R. Gluck '00**, Professor of Law and Faculty Director of the Solomon Center for Health Law and Policy at Yale Law School, began the luncheon presentation with a Yale Law School update.

DENVER

"Libertarian Gun Control and Voluntary Taxation"

ON JUNE 1, THIRTY DENVER-AREA YLS, SOM, and Yale College alumni gathered for a reception at the Renaissance Denver Downtown Hotel. They were treated to a thought-provoking presentation by **Ian Ayres '86**, William K. Townsend Professor of Law at Yale Law School and Professor at Yale's School of Management. In his interactive presentation, Professor Ayres argued that by adopting freedom-enhancing government policies, hundreds of gun deaths might be prevented each year, and millions of Americans might volunteer to pay additional taxes.



Supreme Court Watchers

ON JUNE 29 in New York and June 30 in Washington, DC and Chicago, several hundred Yale Law School alumni enjoyed breakfast panels with thoughtful and wide-ranging analyses of the Supreme Court's Term followed by spirited Q & A sessions.

Hosted by Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom in its New York City office, the first discussion was moderated by **Linda Greenhouse '78 MSL**, the Knight Distinguished Journalist-in-Residence and Joseph Goldstein Lecturer in Law at Yale Law School with panelists **Boris Bershteyn '04**, Partner, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, New York, NY; **Andrew J. Pincus '77 BA**, Partner, Mayer Brown, Washington, D.C. and Visiting Clinical Lecturer in Law at Yale Law School; **Paul M. Smith '79**, Partner, Jenner & Block, Washington, D.C.; and **Kenji Yoshino '96**, Chief Justice Earl Warren Professor of Constitutional Law, NYU Law School.

Hosted by Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson LLP in the Washington, DC office, Linda Greenhouse moderated the second discussion with panelists **Beth S. Brinkmann '85**, Deputy Asst. Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Division, Washington, DC; **Martin Lederman '88**, Associate Professor, Georgetown University Law Center; Andrew J. Pincus; and Paul M. Smith.

On June 30, approximately 60 Yale Law School alumni, current and admitted students, and their guests enjoyed the inaugural Chicago Supreme Court Watchers panel, also hosted by Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP in its Chicago, IL office. Moderator **Renato Mariotti '02**, Partner, Thompson Coburn LLP, led the discussion with panelists Boris Bershteyn; **Nicole C. Henning '05**, Partner, Jones Day, Chicago, IL; and Mark E. Schneider, Partner, Kirkland & Ellis, Chicago, IL.



CALIFORNIA



Annual Summer Gathering

ON JUNE 18, approximately 125 alumni from the Southern California area gathered for a dinner at the home of **Christine Adams '94** and Jim Asperger in Pasadena. Featured speaker Tom Tyler, Macklin Fleming Professor of Law and Professor of Psychology at Yale Law School, explored the recent rising public pushback against police and why the public is mistrustful of them, the courts, the law, and the government. His talk examined what these high levels of mistrust say about popular legitimacy in contemporary America.



“The Inside View: Perspectives from Silicon Valley General Counsels”

ON JUNE 15, more than fifty alumni, current and admitted students, and their guests gathered at Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP in Palo Alto, CA for a reception and panel composed of Yale Law School alumni serving as general counsels of Silicon Valley based organizations—**Eleanor Lacey '94** of SurveyMonkey; **Michael Nichols '99** of HealthTap; **Elizabeth Peters '05** of The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation; and **Nikhil Shanbhag '03** of Instacart. They discussed their professional paths, the issues they tackle daily, and their visions for their roles going forward.

The Hammer Museum

ON JULY 12, nearly fifty alumni, current and admitted students, and their guests joined **Linda Greenhouse '78 MSJ** in Los Angeles, CA for an exclusive Yale Law School reception and book signing of *The Burger Court and the Rise of the Judicial Right* (2016), coauthored by Greenhouse and Michael J. Graetz, Justus S. Hotchkiss Professor Emeritus of Law. Following the book signing, the Hammer Museum hosted a public forum titled “Justice in the Balance,” which examined recent decisions from an evenly divided Supreme Court.

A Conversation with David W. Rivkin '80

MORE THAN FIFTY DC-AREA alumni and their guests gathered on May 16 at Hogan Lovells for a reception and dinner, with a presentation by **David W. Rivkin '80**, the first American in 25 years to serve as President of the International Bar Association. David presented on the IBA's activities in several fields including Judicial Integrity and Corruption, Climate Change Justice and Human Rights, Independence of the Legal Profession, Business and Human Rights, and Human Trafficking. He also offered thoughts on recent developments in international arbitration.

WASHINGTON, DC



Annual Dinner

ON JUNE 22, NEARLY 300 ALUMNI, current and admitted students, and guests gathered at the National Press Club for the YLSA of Washington, DC's Annual Dinner. Attendees visited with friends at the reception before heading to dinner, where Dean **Robert C. Post '77** gave an update on Yale Law School. After dinner, keynote speaker Senator **Cory Booker '97** of New Jersey shared stories of experiences and people in his life who inspired him to public service.

