

Alumni News

On June 28 the Yale Law School Association of **Illinois** held a welcome reception hosted by **Frank Nitikman '66**, McDermott Will & Emery, to welcome recent area graduates, summer associates, and admitted students. New Haven-style pizza, a taste reminiscent from Law School days, was served. Chicago Law School Professor Tracey L. Meares (now a faculty member at Yale Law School) was the guest speaker. An insightful commentator on race, crime, and the law, she spoke informally about "Attention Felons: Reducing Gun Crime in Chicago."

On July 21 alumni in the **San Francisco** area were invited to attend the 16th Annual Phillip Burton Immigration and Civil Rights Awards sponsored by the Immigrant Legal Resource Center. **Dean Harold Hongju Koh** received the 2006 Advocacy Award. Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee (wife of **Elwyn C. Lee '75**) received the 2006 Policy Award. The awards ceremony followed cocktails and dinner.



Back row: (left to right) Joan Fread '77, Steve Weiner '57, Bob Dinerstein '77; Peter Rosenblatt '57. Front row: (left to right) Peter Weiss '52, Hazard Gillespie '36, Arnold Zack '56, Pat Taylor '71, Jon Macey '82, John Firestone '85, Bob Herbst '72, and Pat's husband, Howard Taylor '66 Yale Ph.D. at the third annual Martha's Vineyard get-together in August.



IT IS GREAT that we have the benefits of a technological revolution with so many new ways to receive and deliver information, but the images of people staring into a computer screen or a BlackBerry with thumbs in a flurry should remind us that personal connections also remain invaluable.

Yale Law School graduates meet face-to-face with current students as a result of a variety of initiatives. For example, gatherings here at the School to involve alums interested in particular student organizations have introduced an entirely new dimension to the YLS student-alumni connection. Current clinic students, faculty, and alumni now meet during Alumni Weekend in a Jerome N. Frank Legal Services Organization reunion. And, at summer regional events across the country and abroad, YLS area graduates welcome admitted students and recent graduates, and, most recently, even prospective students.

During this year's Alumni Weekend, Yale Law Women, a student organization with Guilia C. S. Good Stefani '08 at the helm of its alumni relations, enriched the traditional student/alumni

breakfast. Prior to the weekend, the students created a web-based survey to match the interests of students and attending alumni. By 8:20 a.m., almost 400 alums and current students—male and female—were sitting in small groups munching on croissants, drinking coffee, and talking about things of common interest.

One alumnus sent in his assessment: "It was a wonderful idea, and I very much enjoyed meeting the students. Thanks for developing this way of connecting the generations at our wonderful school."

And many students concurred: "It was great to see what very different paths have been followed even though they all began their professional careers at YLS...It was a chance to see what our classmates, now all in the same boat, might be doing in 20 or 30 years... A formalized structure was enormously helpful so that even the shyest but no less interested student could join in."

Please continue to keep in touch—any way you can!

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Associate Dean

Several days later, on July 26, the Yale Club of **Korea**, headed by **Young-Moo Shin** '76 LL.M., '77 JSD, welcomed Dean Harold Hongju Koh to **Seoul** at a dinner. Dean Koh was warmly greeted by many friends, including **Dae Yun Cho** '76 LL.M., who also helped with the arrangements. Yale Law School graduates in the area and other dignitaries were invited to attend.

Email messages to YLS graduates in New York City, Washington, D.C., and New England and notices in the local **Martha's Vineyard** newspaper alerted Law School graduates that the third annual Vineyard cocktail party would take place on August 17. About twenty-five graduates and their guests met at John Firestone's family cottage, "The Ark." As indicated in the accompanying photograph, graduates enjoyed a wonderful summer evening together. The group was especially pleased that **Hazard Gillespie** '36 was in attendance. The next annual Martha's Vineyard YLS gathering will take place on August 17, 2007. Please contact John Firestone at 917 693-5195 (JFirestone@pavialaw.com) or Arnold Zack (zackam@earthlink.net) next summer for details.

Almost at the same moment that the YLS alums gathered on Martha's Vineyard off the East Coast, another group of YLS graduates gathered in sunny **Santa Monica**, California, on the West Coast with another Class of 1936 graduate in attendance. On August 24 **Lee Weinberg** '87 and the firm of Alschuler Grossman Stein & Kahan LLP hosted a well-attended lunch with Professor **Akhil Amar** '84 who discussed "America's Constitution, As Seen from the Pacific Ocean." Martha's Vineyard attendee Hazard Gillespie's classmate **Leonard Horwin** '36 attended the summer California YLS event.

Earlier in the summer, the YLS alums of Southern California also got together, this time to welcome the YLS "new kids on the block" (YLS summer associates, admitted students, and recent graduates) and introduce them to the "old neighborhood of YLS folks" at a reception hosted by **Mike Swartz** '92 at Hennigan, Bennett & Dorman. The event took place on June 21 in **Los Angeles**.

The YLSA of **New England** gathered for brunch on October 8 at the home of **Arnold Messing** '65 and his wife Esther with guest speaker **Linda J. Greenhouse** '78 MSJ, Supreme Court Correspondent for *The New York Times*. Speaking about "Continuity and Change on the Supreme Court," Linda offered alums and their guests information about the past and present happenings on the Supreme Court. Linda is also the author of the recently published book *Becoming Justice Blackmun: Harry Blackmun's Supreme Court Journey*.



Professor Heather Gerken speaks to a guest at a discussion on election law in Westport, Connecticut.

Members of the YLSA of Fairfield/Westchester Counties gathered over dinner for a discussion on "Elections on the Brink: Are We Heading for Another Election Crisis and What Can Be Done to Avoid It?" led by guest speaker Professor Heather Gerken, one of the Law School's new faculty members and an expert on

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The Class of '03 had a mini-reunion in New York City in September. Commencing a very busy fall for our New York City graduates, the Class of 2003 celebrated a mid-year reunion on September 16 at the B-Bar and Grill in New York City that they organized themselves. Classmates greeted each other warmly, some two years before their first official five-year reunion.

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election law. The October 26 event was held at the historic Nistico's Red Barn in **Westport**, Connecticut.

A couple of weeks later, the Yale Law School Center for the Study of Corporate Law held its Eleventh Occasional Breakfast on October 4 at the Century Association in **New York**, featuring a program of discussions on current issues in business law. The program's theme was "Dealing with the 'Eyeshades': Accounting in the Post-Enron Era." Panelists included Rick Antle, William S. Beinecke Professor of Accounting, Yale School of Management; **Jonny Frank** '83 LLM, PricewaterhouseCoopers and Senior Faculty Fellow, Yale School of Management; **Robert Giuffra, Jr.** '87, Sullivan & Cromwell; and Daniel L. Goelzer, Member, Public Company Accounting Oversight Board. **Roberta Romano** '80, Oscar M. Ruebhausen Professor of Law and Director of the Center, was the moderator.

Completing the array of fall **New York** events was the December 5 Corporate Law Center's Breakfast on "Tightening the Screws on Nonprofit Organizations." Exploring developments in both legislation and enforcement at both the state and federal levels, including initiatives currently underway by the ABA and the ALI to reform nonprofit corporation law, was an all-YLS group of panelists: **Robert Boisture** '79, Caplin & Drysdale; **Dietrich Snell** '82, Deputy Attorney General for Public Advocacy, State of New York; **Gerson**



Scenes from the October Corporate Law Breakfast in New York City, which focused on "Accounting in the Post-Enron Era."

Zweifach '79, Williams & Connolly; and **Sharon Cott** '85, Vice President, Secretary, and General Counsel of the Metropolitan Museum of Art. The panel was moderated by **Henry Hansmann** '74, the Augustus E. Lines Professor of Law at Yale.

Washington, D.C., alumni began the academic year's programming with Professor **John Simon's** '53 presentation of "The Army-McCarthy War of 1954: A Combatant's Account." Sharing his experience as counsel for the Army during the hearings, Professor Simon spoke about the two months of publicly televised hearings

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Yale Law School held its first Law and Globalization Breakfast at the Century Association in **New York City** on November 29, with more than 80 alumni and their guests in attendance for "The Changing Dynamics of International Arbitration." The November program was the brainchild of **David Rivkin** '80 of Debevoise & Plimpton LLP who, along with Carolyn Lamm of White & Case LLP and **James Carter** '69 of Sullivan & Cromwell LLP, participated in the panel discussion. It was a lively session featuring presentations by the panelists and provocative questions from moderator **W. Michael Reisman** '64 LLM, '65 JSD, and an introduction by The Honorable **Howard M. Holtzmann** '47. The breakfasts will be offered several times a year in New York City. Possible future topics include globalization and international human rights, the environment, trade, health law, and information technology. Visit the Yale Law School Alumni website (www.law.yale.edu/alumni) for information about future breakfasts. And, as always, make sure the Alumni Affairs Office has your correct contact information so they can send you notice of these events. Email alumni.law@yale.edu.



From left: The Honorable Howard M. Holtzmann '47, former judge of the U.S.-Iran Claims Tribunal; David W. Rivkin '80, Debevoise & Plimpton LLP; moderator W. Michael Reisman '64 LLM, '65 JSD, Myres S. McDougal Professor of International Law; Carolyn B. Lamm, White & Case LLP; and James H. Carter '69, Sullivan & Cromwell, LLP.



Malcolm Busch '58 and Eugene Landy '58 at the New Jersey dinner in December.

On November 13, six days after the November 7 election, **Bud Holman '56** hosted a reception for the YLSA of NYC at Kelley Drye & Warren at which Professor **Pamela Karlan '84**, Sidley Austin-Robert D. McLean '70 Visiting Professor of Law, one of the nation's leading experts on voting and the political process, gave an informal talk titled "Did the Law Shape the Election?" Professor Karlan gave an absolutely fascinating talk that detailed how laws and the legal process itself shaped the results of the election.



PANA Seeks Participants

The Pacific Islander, Asian, and Native American Law Students Association (PANA) is a coalition that seeks to promote community among its members and create a more diverse educational environment. PANA organizes a year-round calendar of academic, educational, professional, cultural, and social events. The group hosts panels on various topics, receptions with Asian-American faculty, and an annual Lunar New Year banquet. Additionally, there is a strong student mentorship program within the organization. PANA also works with the other affinity groups to recruit students of color, as well as to broaden the cross-racial dialogue through discussions of issues affecting people of color and the role of law in addressing these concerns. This year PANA is trying to build relationships with alumni, including building a database of alumni contact information and hosting an inaugural PANA Alumni Award Dinner in New Haven. The dinner will honor a prominent Yale Law School alumnus for distinguished service and contributions to the community at large. All alumni are invited to attend. If you would like more information, please contact pana@yale.edu.

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in 1954 pitting then-Senator Joseph McCarthy against the U.S. Army amid accusations of security violations and disloyalty on the part of the U.S. government officials. Law School graduates and their guests gathered for the event at the law offices of Jones Day, hosted by **Herb Hansell '49**, on October 24.

Several weeks later on November 30, graduates in **D.C.** were invited to join other YLSA of D.C. alums at the home of **Jeannie '97** and **Chris Rhee '97** for what has become an annual tradition—a wine tasting event with wine expert Jose Gonzalez.

Pamela Karlan '84, Sidley Austin-Robert McLean '70 Visiting Professor of Law, a nationally respected law professor who is perhaps best known to the American public for her *PBS NewsHour* and *ABC Nightline* commentaries on the Bush v. Gore election in 2000, spoke informally at a Yale Law School Association of **New Jersey** dinner on December 7 and at a YLSA of **PenJerDel** (Pennsylvania, Southern New Jersey, and Delaware) luncheon hosted by **John Francis Gough '60** at Montgomery, McCracken, Walker & Rhoads on December 8, about the effect that the law had on the recent U.S. elections. ♣

The season's second corporate law breakfast featured an all-alumni panel on nonprofit corporation law.

