

2009 CAMBRIDGE STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM

A second informational meeting concerning the 2009 Cambridge study-abroad program will be held on Wednesday, **January 21**, room **115**, at **3:30 PM**.

The meeting will offer relevant material for students who have not yet registered and, as well, additional information for students who have registered and would like additional information. Interested students should register with **Professor Floyd** (room 220-B) or **Meg Flowers** (room 220-A) at their earliest convenient time.



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CALLED TO THE BAR

The next program in the Called to the Bar series is scheduled Thursday, **January 22** at **11:00 AM** in the **Moot Court Room**. In this session, first year students will have an opportunity to hear from representatives from the Law Review, American Journal of Trial Advocacy, Moot Court Board, Trial Board and Cordell Hull Speaker's Forum.

1L ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY



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SCHOLARSHIP CANDIDATE INTERVIEW DAY RECEPTION

On Wednesday, **January 21**, the Admissions office will welcome a few of our entering students to Cumberland. These newly admitted students will be interviewing for scholarship assistance. Following their interviews will be a reception in the Great Room. The reception will be attended by the candidates, some of Cumberland's advisory board members and law school faculty and staff.

LAW ADMISSIONS OPEN HOUSE

The admissions office will be hosting an Open House on **January 23** from **10:30 AM - 12 noon** in the **Murfee Court Room** of Robinson Hall.

Please R.S.V.P. to Mary Ashley Powell:

mpowell@samford.edu or 1-800-888-7213

WORKS-IN-PROGRESS PROGRAM

Stefan J. Padfield, Assistant Professor of Law at the University of Akron School of Law, is the first in the series of Works-in-Progress programs for the spring semester. He will present his paper entitled "*Finding State Action When Corporations Govern*" to the Cumberland faculty Friday, **January 23** at **noon** in the **Dean's Conference Room**.

Professor Padfield's profile may be found by following this link:

<http://www.uakron.edu/law/lawfaculty/padfield.php>

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED



1L PRACTICE INTERVIEW PROGRAM

Career Services will hold its annual Practice Interview Program for 1Ls at the law school on **Tuesday, January 27** and **Wednesday, January 28**.

This is your opportunity to receive valuable feedback from a local attorney before you start interviewing for summer employment. You will find this experience very valuable, whether or not you intend to participate in Spring On-Campus Interviewing.

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If you wish to register for an interview, you must: (1) sign the registration sheet in the Career Services Office and (2) e-mail Anne Marovich a copy of your résumé (preferably in Microsoft Word format) **no later than Wednesday, January 21st**. Career Services will assign students to an interviewer and an interview time. Practice interviews will last about 30 minutes and will begin each day at **6:00** or **6:30 PM**. Typically, there is time for a 20-minute interview and a 10-minute critique.

Historically, this has been a very popular program. Since the number of interview slots will be limited based on the number of attorneys available to interview, the CSO will assign interviews to students on a first come, first served basis.

SBA AND AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE



**American
Red Cross**

The Student Bar Association will be partnering with the American Red Cross to sponsor a blood drive at the Cumberland School of Law on **January 28, 2009**. The blood drive will take place in the **Great Room** of Memory Leake Robinson Hall from **10 AM to 3 PM**.

If you would like to donate during the blood drive, please be on the lookout for sign-up sheets that will be placed in the law school and around campus or you can sign-up via the internet by going to www.givelife.org and entering sponsor code - cumberlandlaw. Please join us in helping save lives by making a donation.

CORDELL HULL SPEAKER'S FORUM



Dr. Saul Kassin will address students at the Cordell Hull Speaker's Forum scheduled Thursday, **January 29** at **11:00 AM** in the **Moot Court Room**. He is Distinguished Professor of Psychology at John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York City. Although on leave of absence, Dr. Kassin is also Massachusetts Professor of Psychology at Williams College in Williamstown, Massachusetts.

He is the author of several books and research articles and has co-authored or edited various scholarly books, including: *Confessions in the Courtroom*, *The Psychology of Evidence and Trial Procedure*, *The American Jury on Trial: Psychological Perspectives*, and *Developmental Social Psychology*.

In 2007, Dr. Kassin received a Presidential Citation Award from APA (The American Psychology-Law Society) for his work on false confessions. He lectures frequently, has appeared as an analyst on ABC, CNN, and NBC and has served as a consultant and expert witness in federal, military, and state courts.

The topic of Dr. Kassin's presentation will be: ***Inside Interrogation: Why Innocent People Confess***. Lunch will be provided immediately following the forum presentation in the Great Room. All are invited to attend.

BIRMINGHAM ALUMNI LUNCHEON

The annual Birmingham Alumni Luncheon is scheduled Thursday, **January 29** at **noon** at the Harbert Center.

Please contact **Mary T. Miller** in the Office of Alumni Relations with questions:

mtmiller@samford.edu

or

205.726.2444

SPECIAL PREVIEW SCREENING OF “AT THE DEATH HOUSE DOOR”

You are invited to a special preview screening of **“At the Death House Door.”** The Alabama Criminal Defense Lawyers Association and Cumberland School of Law invites students and faculty campus wide as well as the general public to this screening on Thursday, **January 29** at **3:30 PM** in the **Moot Court Room** in Robinson Hall.

“At the Death House Door” is a personal and intimate look at the death penalty in the State of Texas through the eyes of Pastor Carroll Pickett, who served 16 years as the death house chaplain to the infamous “Walls” prison unit in Huntsville. During Pickett’s remarkable career journey, he presided over 95 executions, including the world’s first lethal injection. After each execution, Pickett recorded an audiotape account of his trip to the death chamber.

The film also focuses on the story of Carlos De Luna, a convict Pickett counseled and whose execution troubled Pickett more than any other. He firmly believed De Luna was innocent, and the film tracks the investigative efforts of a team of Chicago Tribune reporters who have turned up evidence that strongly suggests he was.

This new film is from award-winning directors Steve James (“Hoop Dreams”) and Peter Gilbert (“Vietnam: Long Time Coming”) and was the winner of the Inspiration Award at Full Frame Documentary Film Festival and Best Documentary Feature at the Atlanta Film Festival.

STREET LAW

Cumberland law students are invited to participate in **Alabama Law and Civic Education’s Street Law Program**. Street Law is both a curriculum in practical law for students and a program designed to train law students and legal professionals as classroom educators. Street Law teaches law-related topics to elementary, middle and high school students in public and correctional schools.

To become involved, you must attend a two hour Monday night seminar (one night a week for six weeks) to be held at the law school beginning February 2. Using the lessons learned in the seminar, you teach your assigned class. An orientation meeting is scheduled **January 26** at **6:30 PM** in the **Great Room**. Please RSVP to bfhardis@samford.edu if you plan to attend the Orientation. **Dinner will be provided.**

AWARD FOR BEST STUDENT PAPER IN REAL PROPERTY LAW

Attorneys' Title Insurance Fund will award \$500 to the Cumberland student who writes the best legal paper on any subject related to the field of real property. The paper may be one prepared for a class or for publication in a journal or law review (all suitable papers qualify).

All papers must have a minimum of 3000 words (exclusive of footnotes) and must be typewritten, double-spaced, on one side of each sheet of letter size paper. The submission deadline is **April 20, 2009**. See **Professor Snoe** for more information.

FACULTY NEWS

PROFESSOR BELLE STODDARD

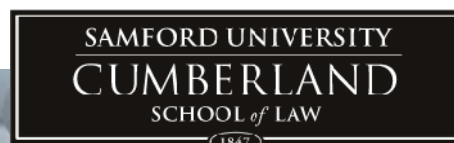
Professor Belle Stoddard was a speaker for the Birmingham Bar Association's Future Leaders Forum 2009 on January 14, 2009. This is the inaugural program for 34 young lawyer participants from the Birmingham area. Augusta Dowd is the moderator of the program. First there was an "Ice Breaker" in which Professor Stoddard led the participants and Bar Association officers in telling "fabulous facts" about themselves. Former Cumberland students Jamie Tharp Wilson and Robin Beardsley helped lead the participants in cheerful revelry. Former Birmingham Bar President Lee Benton and current Bar President Jack Neal jumped in with their famous tales as well. This Ice Breaker proved that the participants are an interesting and diverse group.

Then came "Birmingham and its Beginnings," a joint program presented by Circuit Judge Helen Shores Lee and Professor Stoddard. Judge Lee's story of growing up in segregated Birmingham including having Justice Thurgood Marshall as her "horse" as a little girl, to practicing law with her father, Arthur D. Shores had the crowd spellbound.

From the Bar Association office, the participants traveled to the Civil Rights Museum and the 16th Street Baptist Church for a tour and a program on the church bombing by former United States Attorney, Doug Jones. Later in the afternoon, Alabama Bar President Mark White addressed the participants on "Looking Ahead for Birmingham." The Bar Association plans for the Future Leaders Forum to be an ongoing program.

PROFESSOR WENDY GREENE

Professor Wendy Greene is in Washington, D.C. this week for her work with the National Bar Association Law Professors Section and NBLSA. She was invited to serve as an official volunteer for the Presidential inaugural events to be held Monday, January 19 and Tuesday, January 20.



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