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During the spring 2010 semester, we welcome your participation in the new Empirical Legal Studies Colloquium. Each week, top empirical legal scholars from Cornell and elsewhere will present and discuss their current research. The Colloquium offers an excellent opportunity to learn from and engage with faculty members who are at the forefront of this exciting domain of legal scholarship.

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Speakers

February 8
Professor Jeffrey Rachlinski
Cornell University Law School

Does Unconscious Racial Bias Affect Trial Judges?

February 15
Professor Theodore Eisenberg
Henry Allen Mark Professor of Law and Adjunct Professor of Statistical Sciences, Cornell University

U.S. Chamber of Commerce Liability Survey: Inaccurate, Unfair, and Bad for Business

February 22
Professor Bert Kritzer
Marvin J. Sonosky Chair of Law and Public Policy, University of Minnesota Law School

Lawyers in the Mist: Observing Lawyers in Their Natural Habitat

March 1
Professor Setsuo Miyazawa
Aoyama Gakuin University Law School (Japan); and Bok Visiting International Professor, University of Pennsylvania Law School

Empirical Legal Studies and Penal Populism in Japan
(co-sponsored with The Clarke Program in East Asian Law and Culture)

March 8
Professor Michael Heise
Cornell University Law School

An Empirical Analysis of Juries, Judges, and Punitive Damages: Who Listens to the Supreme Court?

March 15
Professor Geoffrey Miller
Stuyvesant P. Comfort Professor of Law, and Director, Center for the Study of Central Banks and Financial Institutions, New York University Law School

Attorneys’ Fees and Expenses in Class Action Settlements: 1993-2008

March 29
Professor Emily Owens
Department of Policy Analysis and Management, Cornell University

Sentencing Guidelines and Judicial Discretion

April 5
Professor Laura Beth Nielsen
Department of Sociology and Director of Legal Studies, Northwestern University; also Research Professor, American Bar Foundation

Situated Justice: Plaintiffs’ and Defendants’ Perceptions of Fairness in Employment Discrimination Cases

April 12
Distinguished Professor and Chair Jeffrey Segal
Department of Political Science, Stony Brook University

Congress, the Supreme Court, and Judicial Review: Testing a Constitutional Separation of Powers Model

April 19
Professor Jennifer Robbennolt
Professor of Law and Psychology, and Guy Raymond Jones Faculty Scholar, University of Illinois College of Law

Attorneys, Apologies, and Settlement Negotiation

April 26
Dr. Gregory Parks (Cornell Law ’08)
Law Clerk to the Hon. Andre Davis, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

Hazing Culture and the African American Elite: An Empirical Analysis