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Professor Blumin Speaks on Streetscapes as Windows on Modern Culture

Thursday, April 7th, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.
The Charles Sumner School
1201 17th Street, NW

The Cornell Club of Washington invites all alumni and guests to this year's Faculty Speaker event, "The Streetscape in Early Modern Art and Culture," featuring Cornell-in-Washington Program Director and History Professor Stuart Blumin. This event, to be held on Thursday, April 7th from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m., is open to all Cornell alumni and friends, free of charge.

The streetscape emerged as a genre in European painting and engraving during the 17th century in Rome and Amsterdam and by the 18th century had spread all across Europe and even to America. Apart from the pleasure one takes in looking at these fascinating scenes of city streets and squares, there are reasons to examine the appearance and development of the genre itself. Could these streetscapes provide a window for gazing at the early stages of city-based modernization in the Western world?

Professor Stuart Blumin has taught at Cornell for thirty years and directed the Cornell-in-Washington program for the last six years. Author of a number of books on American history, Professor Blumin's most recent book, now in press, is entitled, *The Encompassing City: Streetscapes in Early Modern Art and Culture*.

Professor Blumin's presentation will take place in the Great Hall, preceded by an informal reception beginning at 6:30 p.m. in one of the Galleries on the floor below the Great Hall. The Sumner School was built in 1872 by the Freedmen's Bureau under the leadership of General Oliver Otis Howard (for whom Howard University is named). The Sumner School was designed and built of the best materials as a showplace and it was Washington, DC's first public school for emancipated slaves.

Location: Two Metro stations within four blocks, Farragut North (Red Line) and Farragut West (Orange/ Blue Line). Metered street parking is available after 6:30 p.m. Parking garages are located on 17th Street, M Street, and Rhode Island Avenue.

Please RSVP to Adriano Sabatelli '95 at aas11@cornell.edu by Thursday, March 31st.

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Cornell Professor Caron Speaks at Holocaust Museum

Wednesday, April 20, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
100 Raoul Wallenberg Place, S.W

Professor Vicki Caron, the Diann G. and Thomas A. Mann Professor of Modern Jewish Studies at Cornell, will lecture on "Prelude to Vichy: Antisemitism in France during the 1930s" at the invitation of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum's Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies on Wed., April 20. A reception follows the free lecture. Dr. Caron is the 2004-2005 J.B. and Maurice C. Shapiro Senior Scholar in Residence at the Holocaust Museum. Metro stop: Smithsonian on the Blue and Orange lines.

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Hans Bethe (1906 - 2005)



Hans Bethe at the Newman Laboratory of Nuclear Studies, Cornell University, 1967. ©Russ Hamilton/CU

The Cornell Club of Washington notes with sadness the death of Cornell Professor Hans Bethe on March 7 in Ithaca. Professor Bethe taught nuclear physics at Cornell for over 70 years and was described in the *Washington Post* as having helped Cornell "become one of the East Coast's centers of physics" and a man who was "perhaps the last survivor of the scientific titans who created nuclear physics and nuclear weapons."

Dr. Bethe was one of the leaders of the Manhattan Project which produced the first atom bombs that ended World War II and a winner of the 1967 Nobel Prize for Physics.

In addition, Dr. Bethe also had a special, and not nearly as well known, relationship with the Cornell Club of Washington. Shortly after winning the Nobel Prize, Professor Bethe helped establish the Club's Faculty Lecturer program when, as one of the first Cornell faculty to come to Washington for these programs, he addressed an auditorium packed with alumni and high school students who were hoping to be admitted to Cornell. The Club has had the honor of receiving distinguished faculty speakers ever since.

Coming Events...

April

Friday, Apr. 1- ISSC, Kiplinger Gallery, 1729 H St. NW, 6:30-9 p.m. Contact: Steve Piekarec, spiekare@cs.com or 703/281-4311.

Sat., Apr. 2- Capitol Area Food Bank, 645 Taylor Street, NE, 9am-noon. Contact Joyce Nicholas at JNCHLS202@aol.com

Sun., Apr. 3 - Big Red Softball practice, Huntley Fields, Alexandria, VA, 3:00 p.m. Contact: Steve Piekarec, spiekare@cs.com or 703/281-4311.

Thu., Apr. 7 - Annual faculty Speaker, Sumner School, 1201 17th St., NW, 6:30-9:30 p.m. RSVP: Adriano Sabatelli at aas11@cornell.edu.

Sat., Apr. 9 - Big Red Softball practice, the Ellipse, 3:00 p.m. Contact: Steve Piekarec, spiekare@cs.com or 703/281-4311.

Mon., Apr. 11 - YoYo Man, Kennedy Center, 8:00 p.m. Contact: Tomoko Morinaga at 301/907-0806 or tm58@cornell.edu

Tues., Apr. 12- CCW Board Meeting, 2148 O St., 7:30 p.m.; Programming Meeting, 6:30 p.m.. Contact: Danielle Alsop, dalsop@verizon.net

Tues., Apr. 12 - Albee's *The Goat*, Arena Stage, 1101 16th St, NW, 7:30 p.m. Contact: Robin Larkin at 301/ 897-9314.

Sat., Apr. 16 - Old Rag XXXIX Hike, 2148 O St, NW, 8:00 a.m. Contact: Bob McKinless at 703/ 256-5452 or rfm10@cornell.edu or Clint Brass at ctb14@cornell.edu

Fri., Apr. 20- Cornell prof lecture, Holocaust Museum, 100 Raoul Wallenberg Place, S.W, 7-8:30 p.m. Contact: Helen Schwartz at hjs29@cornell.edu or 301/907-3238

Sat., Apr. 21 - CALS Centennial, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, 1779 Mass., NW 6:30 p.m. Contact: June Losurdo at 607/ 255-7771 or JML235@cornell.edu

Fri., Apr. 22 - Christine Lavin, The Barns at Wolftrap, 8:00 p.m. Contact: Steve Piekarec at spiekare@cs.com or 703/281-4311.

Quick Club Announcements...

● CCW Meetings

Tuesday, April 12th: Members are invited to attend the monthly Board Meeting at 7:30 p.m., preceded by the Programming Meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Club headquarters, 2148 O St. NW, Washington, D.C. Pizza for all attending. For questions contact Danielle Alsop at dalsop@verizon.net. Metro: Dupont Circle, Red Line.

● Community Service: Tutoring at Jefferson Junior High

Saturday mornings, 10:00-11:30 a.m., 801 7th St. SW

Join in the Saturday Academy tutoring program with the 7th, 8th, and 9th graders at Jefferson. Tutors are needed in all subjects, from Algebra and Reading to Spanish and Physics. Typical activities include helping students with homework assignments, test preparation or research. Volunteers need not commit to every weekend.

Jefferson is located at the intersection of 7th Street SW and Maine Avenue. There's plenty of free parking, and the school is four blocks south of the L'Enfant Plaza Metro. For more information, contact Dan Lavanga '89 at 703/548-8349 or dlavanga@hotmail.com.

● Cornell Job Bank

Those with jobs to post and those wishing to apply should contact the new coordinator Steven Oppenheimer using procedures listed at

<http://ccw.alumni.cornell.edu/career/career.html>

Job Offerers: Replies can either be sent directly to you, if you wish your contact information to be public (for CCW job seekers only, of course); or your reply information can be anonymous, and replies can be routed through the coordinator Steve Oppenheimer, as you prefer.

Yo-Yo Ma and the Silk Road Ensemble concert

**Monday, April 11, 8:00 p.m.
Kennedy Center Concert Hall**

The Cornell Club of Washington (CCW) and the Cornell Asian Alumni Association (CAAA) invite you for a special evening at the Concert Hall at the Kennedy Center featuring the cellist Yo-Yo Ma and the Silk Road Ensemble.

Yo-Yo Ma founded the Silk Road Project in 1998 to promote the study of the cultural, artistic and intellectual traditions along the ancient Silk Road trade route from the Mediterranean to the Pacific Ocean. Ma currently serves as the artistic director for the Silk Road Project.

CCW and CAAA have reserved seats for three different sections and members from either association will receive a discount. (Non-members pay the regular price.)

Second Tier Center	Member Price \$55, Non-Member \$65
Second Tier Side	Member Price \$40, Non-Member \$45
First Tier Side	Member Price \$35, Non-Member \$40

Contact Tomoko Morinaga '89 MPS at 301/907-0806 (H) or tm58@cornell.edu to hold seats before sending in payment. She will advise you about availability of seats and the address for sending send checks. Metro: Foggy Bottom (Orange, Blue Lines); parking available.

Support the Capitol Area Food Bank

**Saturday, April 2, 9:00 a.m.-noon
645 Taylor Street, NE**

Many low-income individuals rely on the Capitol Area Food Bank to meet their basic dietary needs.

CCW has helped this organization many times through the years and we are looking for volunteers to continue this tradition on April 2nd when CCW is scheduled to stock CAFB's food pantry from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon.

Interested in volunteering? Please contact Joyce Nicholas, CCW Community Service Chair, JNCHLS202@aol.com.

It's Time For Old Rag XXXIX

Saturday, April 16, 8:00 a.m.

Alumni and Cornell-in-Washington students will climb Old Rag Mountain near Sperryville, VA. One of the Washington Area's most popular excursions, we expect a large turnout (25-40) from CCW and the Cornell Club of Central Virginia (Richmond & Charlottesville).

The first two-thirds of the strenuous, 9-mile hike is on a trail through the trees, while the upper part is open and rocky. Bring lunch and water in a day-pack, and wear a hat and sturdy shoes. Total time is about 6 hours. The Park Service has a \$5 fee per person and allows no more hikers after the parking lot is full, so a prompt 8:00 a.m. start from the Cornell Center is needed for this full-day event.

Contact Bob McKinless '48 at 703/256-5451 or rjm10@cornell.edu or Clint Brass '90 at 703/516-0142 or ctb14@cornell.edu. Please contact them by **April 13** so they can arrange transportation for the students and carpools among the alumni. Give your name, home phone number or email address and how many passengers you could carry comfortably - or if you NEED a ride.

[NOTE: In order to bring CCW into conformance with University policy, we will be asking all hikers to sign a standard 3 release form.]

Christine Lavin at the Barns of Wolftrap

Friday, April 22, 8:00 p.m.
The Barns at Wolftrap

Come join us at one of Washington's unusual venues for music, the Barns of Wolftrap. The Barns are two transplanted 18th century barns from Upstate New York, that have been transformed into a unique casual performance space with renowned acoustics that let you hear every note. Grab a drink at the bar or at your seat, and enjoy a performance of Christine Lavin.

Christine Lavin is a folk singer/songwriter and founding member of the group Four Bitchin' Babes and has become the classic American troubadour. Her music includes the humor of "Cold Pizza For Breakfast" and "Sensitive New Age Guys", but also serious commentaries on life, "I Was in Love with a Difficult Man" and "Firehouse", a commentary about her neighborhood NYC firehouse on 9/11. Her performance is more than just songs, there is comedy and social insights too.

After the performance - for those who need more music, we will gather at the piano bar at Le Canard restaurant in Vienna, 10 minutes from the Barns.

Reservations: All tickets must be paid for IN ADVANCE. Only 20 tickets are available and will be allocated on a first paid basis. Send your check for \$22 to Steve Piekarec, 2535 West Meredith Drive, Vienna, VA 22181, by Saturday, April 16th. Make checks payable to "The Cornell Club of Washington" and note your school on the check.

Directions

From the Capital Beltway (495) - Take exit 45 to Route 267 West (Dulles Toll Road), follow signs to local exits, pay a 50-cent toll and exit at the Wolf Trap ramp. Make a U-turn at the Filene Center, drive 1/4 mile. The Barns and the Center for Education will be on your left.

From Route 7 West-bound (3 miles past Tysons toward Leesburg) - Turn left on Towlston Road, drive one and 1/4 miles. The Barns and the Center for Education will be on your left. There is no Metro service to the Barns, but the closest stop is West Falls Church. For more information please see our website at <http://www.ivysinglesdc.com>.

The Ivy Singles Social Club (ISSC) is a coalition of Ivy League, Seven Sister and other prestigious schools' regional alumni associations that sponsors social activities. Our events are open to all single alumni of member schools and their guests. The majority of our attendees are in their 30's, 40's or 50's, but all ages are welcome.

Become a Lifetime Member of the Cornell Club!

Show your commitment to the Cornell community and become a lifetime member of the Cornell Club of Washington. If you act by June 30, 2005 - you can receive your lifetime membership at the 2004 rate of \$300 for a single and \$350 for a couple. Next year, rates will increase to \$350 for a single and \$400 for a couple, so join now!

If you have any questions, please contact Nicole Driebe '94 ndriebe@voa.org or 703/341-5035. Thank you!

Save The Date!

Urbanauts to Visit South African Embassy

Tues., May 24, 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.
Briefing at the Embassy of South Africa. Details to follow. Questions or responses to Marge Loory 202/625-6312 or mloory@aol.com

Dragonboat Paddlers Needed; April/May Practice Times Set

Dragonboat team captain Jack Chiu '95 announces that practice times for CCW's "Big Red Dragons" are tentatively set for 3-4:00 p.m. on: **Sunday, April 24; Saturday, April 30; Sunday, May 22.**

Washington's Fourth Annual Dragon Boat Festival will be held May 28 and 29, and our boats will race both days. This year, a gala evening for participating athletes is being arranged at the Twin Oaks Residence of Taiwan's Representative to the United States, Dr. Chen.

Please try to make all three of the one-hour training sessions! Practices are crucial in helping organize our roster and getting us all up to speed and working as a team. All practice sessions will be held at the Anacostia Community Boathouse, located next door to the Washington Navy Yard at 1115 O Street S.E.

Contact Jack Chiu '95 (jackwc@hotmail.com) to sign up or contact team co-captain Bob Day '56 (dayhaven@starpower.net or 301/438-7755) for directions or questions.

Modern Drama Discussion Group

Albee's *The Goat*

Tues., April 12, 7:30 p.m.
Arena Stage
1101 Sixth Street, SW

Performance: Albee's *The Goat* on Tuesday, April 12 at 7:30 p.m. at Arena Stage. Tickets are \$36 and include a post-show discussion. Send your check to Footlights, c/o Robin Larkin, 5403 Nibud Ct, Rockville, MD 20852.

Payment must be received by **March 30**; no refunds after this date. Call or e-mail Robin to let her know your check is on the way—301/897-9314 or rlarkin@footlightsdc.org.

Still time to attend

ISSC Visits Kiplinger Gallery

Friday, April 1, 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.
1729 H Street NW

Enjoy hors d'oeuvres and Cash Bar at the Kiplinger Gallery prints, paintings, and photographs, most of which feature Washington architecture. Walk-ins \$30. If possible, please RSVP at <http://www.evite.com/spiekare@cs.com/kiplinger>

Metro: Farragut North (Red Line) and Farragut West (Orange/Blue). Street parking available after 6:30; parking garages nearby (check on closing times).

Big Red Softball Starts Season

Cornell had another successful softball season in the Capital Alumni Network (CAN), finishing the regular season at 13-1 and entered the tournament as the number 4 seed in the 48-team field.

The Cornell 2005 softball season is starting. The first practices are at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 3 at Huntley Fields in Alexandria and Saturday April 9, on the Ellipse. The season starts on April 11th and finishes with the all-team (48 last year, more this year) tournament in mid-August. The CAN league schedule will be out the last week of March (www.dcalum.org). Games are usually on the Monument, Ellipse or Mall, but we also do weekend doubleheaders on real fields (and barbeque too). It's often serious, but partying is encouraged.

Many veteran players (young and not so young) will be returning, but we need more skilled players, who can help us go beyond the successes of the past seasons in the very competitive CAN league. Players need to become CCW members to help meet the league's alumni requirements. The coaching staff does much of the organizational work, but everyone needs to help and the team funds itself. Contact Steve Piekarec at spiekare@cs.com or 703/281-4311.

Centennial Celebration for College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

Thursday, April 21, 6:30 p.m.
Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
1779 Massachusetts Avenue NW (Metro: Dupont Circle, Red Line)

Open to all Cornellians and their guests! Join us for a special Centennial event featuring Dean Susan A. Henry, The Ronald P. Lynch Dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Science and a distinguished faculty panel:

William Lesser, Professor and Chair, Department of Applied Economics and Management
Learn more about Cornell University's thriving Undergraduate Business Program and about the issues related to intellectual property and the marketing of biotechnology.

Susan McCouch, Ph.D. '90, Professor, Departments of Plant Breeding and Plant Biology
Hear from an internationally renowned expert about her work with rice — a crop that feeds nearly half the world's population.

Larry Walker, Professor, Department of Biological and Environmental Engineering
Learn more about how CALS is developing opportunities to use agriculturally-based resources to produce energy, industrial chemicals, and novel natural products.

Marie Van Deusen '74 will be the evening's moderator.

6:30 pm Reception with hors d'oeuvres and a host bar
7:30 pm Welcome by Dean Susan Henry
7:45 pm Distinguished faculty panel
9:00 pm Gourmet desserts and coffee

Registration: \$20 per person, RSVP by Thursday, April 14 Register online at http://www.cals.cornell.edu/dc_event_registration.cfm or call in your registration to 607/255-7651. Mail registrations should be sent to D.C. Centennial Event, 274 Roberts Hall Ithaca, NY 14853. Checks and major credit cards accepted. For more information, contact June Losurdo, Centennial Director, 607/255-7771 or JML235@cornell.edu

A Note for CCW President Danielle Alsop

A special thanks goes to Mr. Gary Pokrant and Mr. Ramiro Lindado of the Reznick Group for providing excellent accounting and tax services to the Cornell Club of Washington for the past two years. As the Club expanded, so did the complexity of its finance, making it an insurmountable task for the Treasurer to complete the tax returns accurately. However, with the pro-bono assistance of the Reznick Group, our problems have been solved! Thanks again to Mr. Pokrant and Mr. Lindado for their time and assistance. As a token of our appreciation we are printing an advertisement describing their services. 5

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Save the Date! Thursday, May 19

Annual Dinner Speaker Announced



Our featured speaker at this year's Annual Dinner and Silent Auction, May 19, will be Angela Gonzalez, a Hopi Indian and an Assistant Professor of Development Sociology and a faculty member of Cornell's American Indian Program. As Washington has celebrated the opening of the National Museum of the American Indian, the Cornell Club of Washington welcomes Professor Gonzalez, who will speak on tribal gaming—that is, having casinos and gambling on Indian reservations.

Professor Gonzalez is interested in many aspects of Native American history and culture, including ethnicity and identity, nationalism and tribal sovereignty, comparative race and ethnic relations in the U.S., religious traditions and philosophy, and indigenous knowledge and intellectual property rights.

A cocktail reception will kick off the evening, allowing guests to browse the items in the Silent Auction and place their bids on this year's most sought-after bargains. Once the Silent Auction closes, Cornellians gather for dinner, followed by the featured presentation, Q&A, and dessert. Proceeds from the Silent Auction support the Cornell Club of Washington Scholarship Fund, which helps to finance a D.C.-area student's education at Cornell. Stay tuned to our website at <http://ccw.alumni.cornell.edu> and the May newsletter for more information on how to reserve your place at this extraordinary event!

Donations Needed for Silent Auction!

Each year at our Annual Dinner, the Cornell Club of Washington has a Silent Auction during the opening cocktail hour to raise money for the Cornell Club of Washington Scholarship Fund. The scholarship helps to finance a D.C.-area student's education at Cornell.

To make this the most successful Silent Auction in Cornell Club of Washington history, we need your donations! Will you donate a product from your business? Certified in massage? Have an extra autographed baseball hanging around? Prove it! All donations will be acknowledged in the *CCW Newsletter* and are tax-deductible to the extent allowable by law.

Donations of both products and services are very much appreciated. Please email Melvin Zurn (MZurn@att.net) with your donation idea at your earliest convenience.

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