



The Dean's Weekly Newsletter

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Cumberland Professor's Visit to China Enriches His Understanding of Global Technology and Culture



Professor Woody Hartzog recently traveled to China through The Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries as part of the first delegation of the Golden Key Workshop. The trip was co-sponsored by Microsoft (China). During his time in Beijing, Dr. Hartzog visited Microsoft China, toured Lenovo's Beijing headquarters, attended lectures at Peking University on China's Political and Social System, China's History and Economic Reform in China. The delegation also participated in a lengthy workshop about the internet industry in China led by the Chinese deputy director at the Institute of Communication Standards Research at the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology. Other highlights in Beijing included a historical tour of the Forbidden City, the flag lowering ceremony at Tiananmen Square, a tour and dinner in the 2008 "Bird's Nest" Olympic Stadium, and a visit to watch the China National Orchestra rehearse.

In addition to time spent in Beijing, the workshop delegates travelled to the China Optics Valley in Wuhan, China and met with Optics Valley officials for lectures and tours. Near to Wuhan, Dr. Hartzog was also able to travel to Hong'an County to observe a special program that works to bridge multinational corporations and less-developed rural areas in China. During this visit, the workshop delegates met with local officials and teachers, observed a rural boarding school, and participated in a round-table discussion regarding the challenges fought in education and technology in rural China.

About the experience, Dr. Hartzog said, "This trip was an incredible opportunity to understand China's growing technology sector within the backdrop of its culture, history, and economic system. In addition to gaining a deeper appreciation for the vibrancy of China's technological entrepreneurs, I heard of the challenges they face as well. I look forward to sharing my experience with students and colleagues."



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The official Facebook page is "[Cumberland School of Law](#)" and the official Twitter account is "[CumberlandLaw](#)"



Complete Evaluations to Participate in Jam Before Exams

The law school will conduct course and faculty evaluations **April 13 through April 29**, the day prior to exams. Having students complete these evaluations each semester is critically important to the law school. Faculty use the evaluations to improve their classes and to identify problems that require action. All students are encouraged to take a few minutes to complete evaluations for each of their courses.

Students have received an emailed invitation for each class in which they are enrolled, requesting that they click a link in the email to evaluate a particular course and professor. There will not be a link on the website that will

connect the students to their course evaluations. Student responses are entirely confidential, as there is no way to identify the author of any submitted evaluation.

SBA representatives will visit classes April 13-17 to encourage participation and answer any questions students might have regarding the process. As an incentive/reward, all students in classes achieving a 75% response rate by noon on April 20 will be eligible for a pizza party to be held on the East (Angel) Patio at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 23. [Email Ms. Nelson](#) or stop by Student Services if you have any questions or concerns.



Jam Before Exams

Just a Few Cats, the group that played during the Rascal Day parade, will be on campus on Thursday, April 23 to play music outdoors at the East (Angel) Patio.

Music will begin at 11:00 a.m.

This Week's Events

Professor Jack Nelson Presents at HEAL Conference



On **Friday April 17**, Professor Jack Nelson will be one of the presenters at the 2015 Annual Conference of the Healthcare Ethics and Law (HEaL), “Religion and Healthcare in a Diverse Society: The Role of Institutional and Individual Provider Conscience.”

Nelson is a Professor Emeritus of Cumberland and a HEAL Fellow. Nelson’s presentation “Health Policy and Conscience Protection: Is There a Place for Religious People in the Health Care Professions?” will take place from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m in Brock Forum, Dwight Beeson Hall.

For more information, including a conference brochure, please visit the [HEaL website](#). There is no charge for Samford faculty, staff and students who wish to attend all or part of the conference, and we welcome faculty who may wish to bring a class to one or more of the sessions. If you would like to attend the entire conference or bring a class to a session, please contact [Ilaina Andrews](#) to register at isandrew@samford.edu or 726-2820. There is no need to register if you are only attending one or two sessions.

This Week's Events



Vote in SBA elections

The election for the position of SBA President and SBA Secretary will be held **Thursday, April 16**. Polls will open at 9:00 a.m. and close at 4:00 p.m.

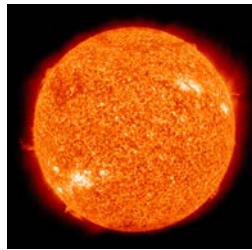
Trial Journal and Law Review Host 1L Informational BBQ

All first-year Cumberland students are invited to an informational lunch this **Thursday, April 16** at 11:00 a.m. in the Great Room. BBQ from Baby Ray's will be served!

Students in the top 15 percent of the first-year class after this year will be eligible to write for Law Review membership this summer, and 1Ls in the top one-third of the class will be invited to write for Trial Journal membership. No matter where you are in the class right now, a superior performance this semester can move you up farther than at any other time in law school.

If you cannot attend the lunch, send your summer contact information using [this online form](#) as soon as possible. And feel free to email the [Trial Journal](#) or the [Law Review](#) with any questions.

Samford's Energy Forum Features Expert Speakers



The Samford Energy Forum will be held on **Friday April 17** from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Moot Court Room. The one-day event will feature expert speakers and topics focused on Alabama's energy resources, including sessions on:

- The Status of oil & gas development in Alabama
- Regulation of oil & gas development as technology advances
- The energy-water nexus
- Alabama Legislative Session Update
- CO2 capture for enhanced oil recovery
- Geological assessment of Alabama's oil sand resources
- Alabama's shale development potential
- Hydraulic fracturing best practices.

Alabama State Geologist and Oil and Gas Supervisor Nick Tew will present the forum's keynote address. The event is free for Samford faculty, staff, and students. [Register online.](#)

Class of 2017 Hosts Crawfish for a Cause Cookout

The Cumberland Class of 2017 is hosting the first Crawfish for a Cause cookout on **Saturday April 18** at 2:00 p.m.. This event will be a fund raiser; proceeds from ticket and t-shirt sales will go to a local Meals on Wheels chapter located in Birmingham. This will be a great way to impact our community and to hang out with some people outside of your own classes.

Scotch Ritchey and his family have generously agreed to host this event and we will be selling a maximum of 100 tickets, due to the size of the venue, so make sure to purchase your tickets before they are gone! The first 60 tickets will be sold for \$5 each, and the rest will be \$10. Tickets will be available to purchase them in the breezeway during the week of the event. If you have any questions please contact [Steven Bode](#).

Organizations Call for Applications and Officers

The **Cordell Hull Speakers Forum** is now accepting membership applications for the 2015-2016 school year. Membership is open to any first or second year student through an application and upon selection by our Officers. The Cordell Hull Speakers Forum is responsible for educating the student body in a variety of areas through its guest speakers. The Speakers Forum is dedicated to seeking out exceptional individuals who understand the importance

of equipping future members of the legal profession with a better understanding of law, public policy, and economics through competent legal dialogue.

If you are interested in applying for membership, please send your resume and a brief statement of interest addressing how you intend to aid the Cordell Hull Speakers Forum in 2015-2016 to mjager@samford.edu by **Friday, April 17** at noon.

The Cumberland Federalist Society is seeking officers for the upcoming year. If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else, please contact [Alison Almeida](#) by Friday, April 17. Positions include: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Class Reps for each year.

is a group of conservatives and libertarians founded on the principles that the state exists to preserve freedom, that the separation of governmental powers is central to our Constitution, and that it is emphatically the province and duty of the judiciary to say what the law is, not what it should be.

The Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy Studies

Plan Ahead

Bar Exam Preparation Meetings Mandatory for 3Ls

Cumberland is holding a series of four identical meetings about the bar exam over the next few weeks. The meetings will provide information on and an opportunity to ask questions about the bar exam, bar exam preparation, and related topics. The final meeting will be held at the following time and will last approximately 30 minutes:

- Wednesday, April 22 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 115.

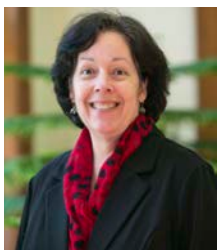
All third-year students are required to attend one of these meetings (though first and second year students are welcome to attend).

Faculty Notes



Professor Woodrow Hartzog recently published an essay in *Wired* about Snapchat's ban on third party apps and the future of social media design. He argues that technological constraints are the key to safe and sustainable online communities.

On April 10-11, Professor Hartzog presented his article titled "Unfair and Deceptive Robots," at the [We Robot conference](#) at the University of Washington School of Law.



Della H. Darby presented "Metadata Magic with MarcEdit: Transforming Spreadsheet Data into MARC Records" at the Alabama Library Association annual meeting at Point Clear, Alabama on April 9.

Bishop and Evans Win Faculty Cornhole Toss Competition



The Marsh Rickard Bryan Faculty Cornhole Toss Competition took place during the Cumberland Open House on Saturday, April 11. Professor T. Brad Bishop '71 and Professor Jill Evans won the tournament. As their prize, Marsh Rickard Bryan generously contributed \$2,500 to the Evans Environmental Law Fund, a scholarship awarded annually to a second or third year law student who has demonstrated interest in a career in environmental law.



Students May Attend Office of Alumni Relations Events

Students and faculty are invited to attend alumni receptions and luncheons. For students, these are good networking events for those with aspirations to work in a specific location. To confirm your attendance and for full details, please contact Anne Marovich, director of alumni relations, at amarovic@samford.edu.



- **Tue., April 21 @ 11:30 a.m.- 1 p.m.**
Montgomery Area Alumni Luncheon Honoring Judge Joel Dubina '73 , hosted by Beasley Allen, at Alley Station (130 Commerce Street, Montgomery, AL 36104)
- **Thu., April 23 @ 5:30- 7 p.m.**
Alumni Reception, Roswell, Ga., McCalla Raymer law firm
- **Thu., June 18**
Alumni Reception, Asheville, N.C.
- **Wed., June 24**
Alumni Reception, Tampa, Fla.
- **Thu., June 25**
Alumni Reception, Boca Raton, Fla.
- **Thu., July 16**
Alumni Reception, Point Clear, Ala. During Alabama State Bar Meeting
- **Fri., July 31 - Sat. Aug. 1**
Annual Military Law Symposium Sponsored by the Alabama State Bar Military Law

Cumberland's Calendar

Plan Your Spring 2015 Semester

Check each week's newsletter for updates and additions!

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Tue., April 14 @ 10:30 a.m.
Bar Exam Prep. Meeting
Room 118

Thu., April 16 @ 9 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
SBA Elections, Online polls open

Thu., April 16 @ 11 a.m.
Trial Journal & Law Review 1L BBQ Luncheon, Great Room

Fri., April 17 @ 11 a.m. @ 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
2015 Annual Conference of the Healthcare Ethics and Law (HEaL), Brock Forum

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Spirit of Service Applications Due
[More information](#)

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Bar Exam Prep. Meeting
Room 115

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Evaluations Pizza Party, East Patio
Jam Before Exams, East Patio

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Office of Alumni Relations
Alumni Reception, Roswell, GA

Tue., April 28
Classes End

Wed., April 29
Study Day

Thu., April 30
Exams Start

MAY

Tue., May 5 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Student Cookie Break
Friendship Room, Law Library

Wed., May 13
Exams End

Fri., May 15
Commencement

Tue., May 26
Summer Classes Begin

*Applications for the Spirit of Service Award are now available [online](#).
Please electronically submit applications by Tuesday April 21.*

Do not see your event listed?

The first step is to confirm your room reservation with [Mrs. Kathy Walton](#) in the Dean's Office.
The second step is to send your event details to [Mrs. Laura Taylor](#).

Cumberland's Calendar continued

July							August							September							October						
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 Military Law

FALL 2015

Thu.-Fri., Aug 6-7

ADLA Trial Academy

Mon. - Fri. Aug. 10-14

First Year Orientation

Mon. Aug. 17

Classes Begin

Wed. Nov. 4

Supreme Court Oral Arguments,
 Wright Center

Samford's Events

- Samford University's Public Events
- Sporting Events
- Performing Arts Calendar



Energy Forum

Fri., April 17 @ 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
 Moot Courtroom
[register online](#)

Samford Arts

**Free for Samford Students,
 Faculty and Staff**

H.T. Chen & Dancers

Sun., April 19 @ 3 p.m.
 Wright Center

Annie Moses Band

Thu., April 23 @ 7:30 p.m.
 Wright Center

**Click on event titles
 for more information**

Photo of the Week



Law Review remains the reigning champion of the Annual Law Review vs. Trial Journal Kickball Game.