



The Dean's Weekly Newsletter

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This Week's Events

Schedule of Law Week 2017 Events, Sponsored by the Cumberland SBA:

➤ TUESDAY, March 28th:

Cumberland Kickball Tournament at George Ward Park at 6:30 p.m

- Teams will be competing in a tournament and all the bragging rights are on the table. You are welcome to bring your favorite refreshments to the games, but no glass will be permitted. It is a great event for the bystander as well, so even if you aren't playing you should cheer on your classmates!

➤ WEDNESDAY, March 29th:

Cumberland Idol at SideBar Café. Doors open at 7 p.m. and the first round will begin around 8 p.m. Performers — please arrive before 7:30 p.m.

- Outside of Barrister's Ball, Cumberland Idol is likely the most fun time you will be allowed to have at a law school function. All of the top performers out of the law school will be featured, and they have some serious talent. Of course, the heavy favorite is none other than the South American sensation, Romulo, but please remain unbiased until all of the other talent has a chance to take the stage. Tickets will be sold for \$10 at the door.

➤ THURSDAY, March 30th:

Rascal Day

- On Thursday, March 30 at 11 a.m., the law school will honor the memory of Rascal, the only recipient of the Doctor of Canine Jurisprudence degree, at the annual Rascal Memorial Procession. Students, faculty, and friends of the law school (along with their pets) will proceed behind a New Orleans-style jazz band from the foot of Samford's Centennial Walk to the Angel Patio on the east side of Robinson Hall.

After a moving eulogy delivered by Professor Howard Walthall, mourners and pets will enjoy a hotdog lunch served by Cumberland faculty. As always, judges will be awarding prizes in several categories, including Best Dressed Dog, Best Trick, Dog Most Resembling its Owner, Smallest and Largest Dog, and Dog That Most Represents the Spirit of Rascal.

According to Cumberland tradition, Rascal was a mongrel pup who faithfully attended classes at the law school's former home in Lebanon, Tennessee, beginning in 1933, and in 1937 he was presented the rare degree of Doctor of Canine Jurisprudence. Rascal passed away in 1940 and was buried with much ceremony beneath the window where he attended classes. When Cumberland moved to Birmingham in 1961, Rascal's tombstone and a few spadefuls of dirt were brought to the Samford campus, and again interred at Blackacre on the west side of Robinson Hall.

Make sure you and your pet come out for a great afternoon of live music, free food and prizes in this fun-filled tradition honoring Rascal!

➤ THURSDAY, March 30th:

Rascal's Night Out: Head to Avondale around 7:30PM to continue the Rascal Day festivities.

➤ FRIDAY, March 31st:

Barrister's Ball at B&A Warehouse at 7:30 p.m.

- This is the MAIN EVENT of Law Week. We hope that you will enjoy yourselves at this black tie ball. The SBA has been working all year on this event. Bring nothing but your tickets, dates, and a need for a good time; everything else will be provided.



This Week's Events

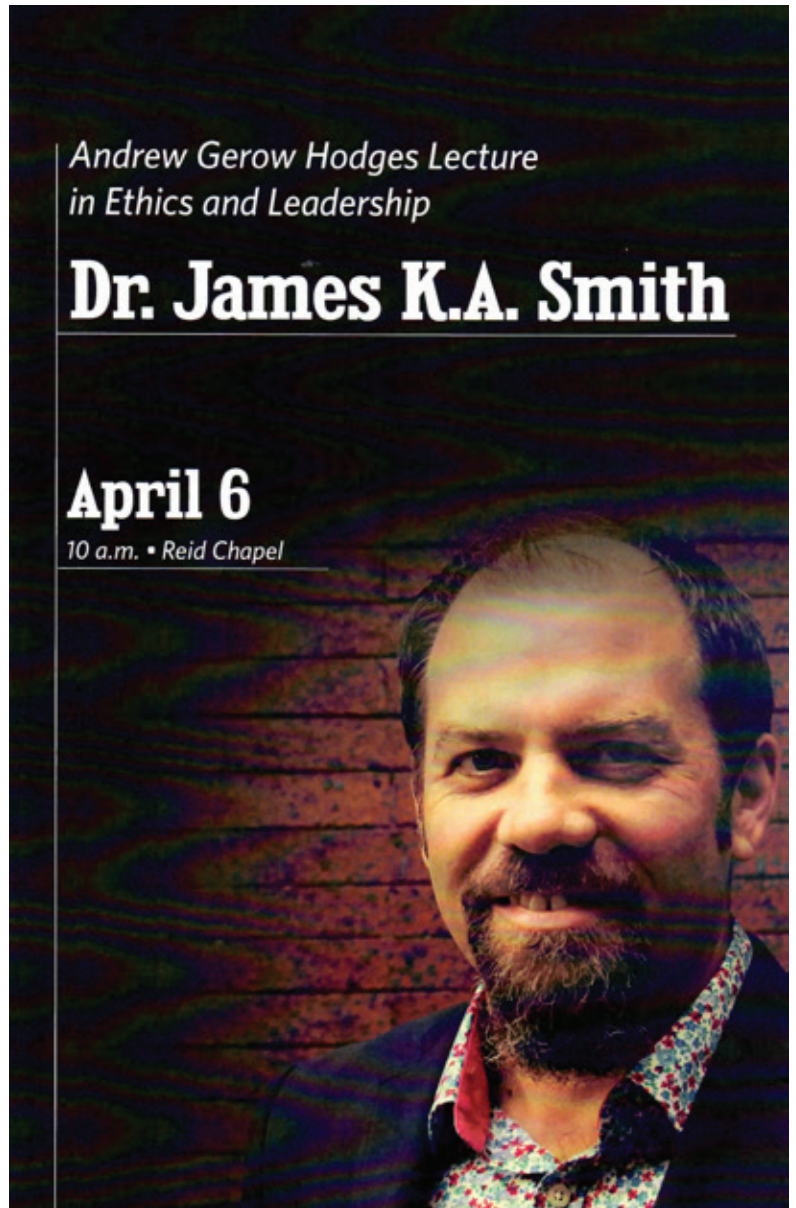


Alabama Civil Rights Excursions
Equal Justice Initiative
 Tuesday, March 28
 12:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
 Register:
<https://sumontgomery2017.eventbrite.com>
 Montgomery, Alabama
 Dinner, Transportation and 4 Convo Credits Provided

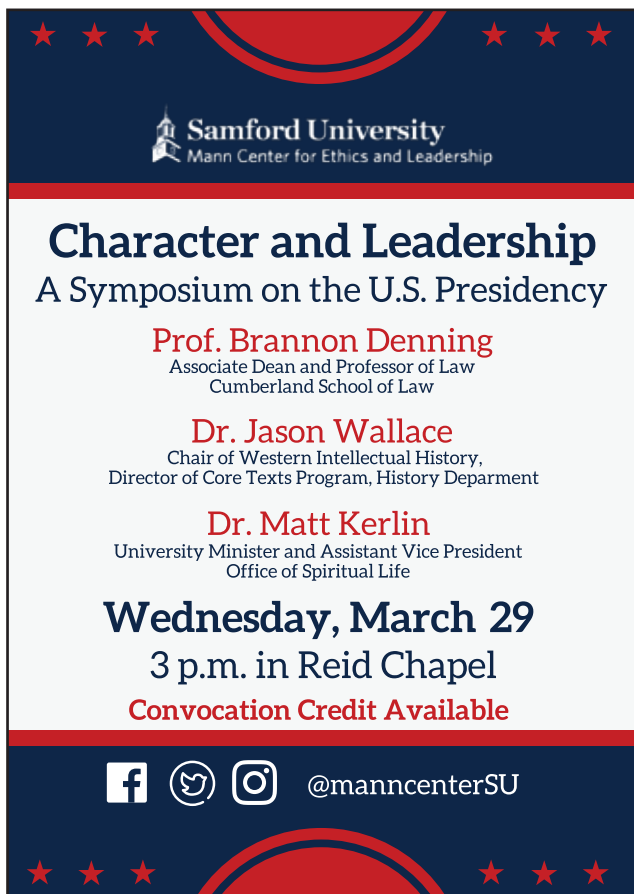
Birmingham Civil Rights Institute
 Tuesday, April 11
 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
 Register:
<https://bcri2017su.eventbrite.com>
 Meet at Civil Rights Institute
 3:00 p.m. guided tour
 Dinner and 2 Convo Credits Provided

Samford University Mann Center for Ethics and Leadership
 Samford University Diversity and Intercultural Initiatives

Plan Ahead



Andrew Gerow Hodges Lecture in Ethics and Leadership
Dr. James K.A. Smith
 April 6
 10 a.m. • Reid Chapel



Samford University Mann Center for Ethics and Leadership

Character and Leadership
 A Symposium on the U.S. Presidency

Prof. Brannon Denning
 Associate Dean and Professor of Law
 Cumberland School of Law

Dr. Jason Wallace
 Chair of Western Intellectual History,
 Director of Core Texts Program, History Department

Dr. Matt Kerlin
 University Minister and Assistant Vice President
 Office of Spiritual Life

Wednesday, March 29
 3 p.m. in Reid Chapel
 Convocation Credit Available

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DON'T FORGET

Monday, April 17
 is Easter Holiday!
 No classes meet.

Law School Announcements

Please join the Moot Court Board in congratulating the following 1L students on their phenomenal performances during the final round of the Donworth Moot Court competition.

- **First Place/Best Oralist:** Emily Hopper
- **Second Place:** Johnathan Austin
- **Third Place:** Brenton Thompson
- **Fourth Place:** Blake Owens

These students argued before an esteemed panel of judges with close connections to Cumberland that included Judge Karon Bowdre, Dean Strickland, Professor Johnson, and Bill Bensinger, coach of Cumberland's national moot court team. The finalists impressed the judges with their knowledge of the problem and ability to think quickly on their feet in responding to the judges' questions. They represented Cumberland well and we look forward to seeing their moot court careers develop while at Cumberland.

Thank you to everyone who came out to cheer on these finalists and those who participated in the Donworth over the past week!



Casual Dress Day/Rascal Day

In honor of Rascal's memory,
Thursday, March 30 has been designated as a "casual dress day" for all law faculty and staff!

Summer and Fall 2017 registration:

- Summer 2017 online registration will open at **8:30 am on April 3rd**. Summer registration is completed entirely online.
- Fall 2017 Bid Point Registration will be held, **Tuesday, March 28 – Friday, March 31st** in the office of law student records, room 106. Fall registration will close at 4:30 pm on Friday.
- Registration forms can be picked up in the office of law student records beginning on **Monday, March 27th**.
- Summer schedules and grid, fall schedules and grid and spring 2018 grid are now posted online [here](#).

May Graduation Announcements

Graduation Ceremony:

Everyone is invited to attend spring graduation ceremonies to be held **May 12th at 6:30 p.m. in Wright Center on the Samford campus**.

Tickets are not needed.

Details for graduates may be found at <https://www.samford.edu/departments/registrar/graduation>.

Graduation Fair:

A Graduation Fair will be held on **March 23, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., in the Howard Room located in the University Center**.

At that time, students may order graduation announcements, register for door prizes and enjoy free food. Undergraduates will receive their caps and gowns; law students will order via a survey sent from Law Student Services and will pick up their regalia at a later date.

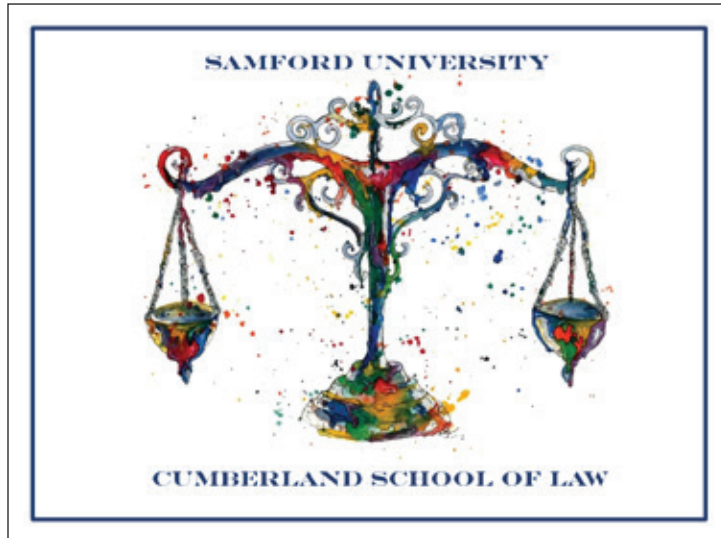
Graduation Reception:

Please join Cumberland School of Law faculty, staff, family and friends for a reception honoring the May 2017 graduates on **Friday, May 12, 2017** from **4:15 – 5:30 p.m.** at Brewer Plaza, Cumberland School of Law.

Law School Announcements

The Cumberland Society of the Arts is selling 2017 graduation invitations, thank you cards & blank note cards. Please contact the CSOA at csoa@samford.edu for more design options and pricing!

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Please congratulate the new officers of Women in Law:

President: Morgan Price
Secretary: Marianna Kelley

Vice President: Lisa Cagle
Treasurer: Amanda Lowndes

Alumni News

Alumni Reunion Reception

Friday, April 7
6:30 - 9:30 p.m.
The Florentine

All faculty are invited to attend.

Please email Laura Patterson at lpatter2@samford.edu to register.



Faculty Notes

• **Cassandra Adams** was asked to facilitate a discussion on women in the Civil Rights Movement on last Thursday, March 23rd in the Planetarium in lieu of March being “Women’s History Month.” The discussion was facilitated following a group viewing of the film “Lives of Courage Voices of Hope: Women Seeking Freedom and Justice in Black and White.” The film involved women activists that were involved in the civil rights movement, that were able to tell their stories in this documentary. Adams facilitated a discussion that allowed students to delve deeper into their thoughts and emotions on how women have and can continue to effect change in the community around us.



left: Cassandra Adams; *right:* Professor Wendy Greene

• On Thursday, March 30th, **Wendy Greene** (visiting at the University of Kentucky College of Law) will be presenting her article, “#FreetheHair: Locking Black Women’s Hair to Contemporary Civil Rights Advocacy,” at Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center.

Photo of the Week

On Friday, March 24, Law Week kicked off with the Cumberland Classic golf tournament at Highland Park. Students Miranda Taylor and Mitch Reilly both made holes-in-one!

Want to see your photos featured?
Send them to [Polly Manuel](#)
for inclusion in upcoming editions
of the Dean’s Newsletter

