

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10 *through* SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

VISITING ON CAMPUS

Noted author and filmmaker to visit the campus

Joanna Lipper, author and filmmaker, will visit campus on Thursday and Friday, Oct. 16 and 17.

Lipper will screen the documentary she directed and produced, "Inside Out: Portraits of Children" on Oct. 16, 7-9 p.m. in Rm. 101, Linsly-Chittenden Hall, 63 High St. The screening will be followed by a panel discussion titled "Imagination, Creativity and Self-Perception in Children Between the Ages of Five and Twelve." The panel will be moderated by Marc Brackett, associate research scientist in the Department of Psychology, and will include Lipper; Dorothy Singer, senior research scientist, Department of Psychology and senior research associate, Child Study Center; Jerome Singer, professor emeritus of psychology and the Child Study Center; Robin Stern, psychoanalyst; and Daphne Merkin, contributing writer for the New York Times Magazine.

On Oct. 17, Lipper will speak in the Edward Zigler Center in Child Development and Social Policy Lecture Series, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., in Rm. 116, William L. Harkness Hall, 100 Wall St. Her talk, titled "Growing Up Fast — Teen Parents," will be followed by a screening of "Growing Up Fast," which she produced and directed.

Both events are free and open to the public. No reservations are necessary. For further information, e-mail sandra.bishop@yale.edu or call (203) 432-9935.

Lipper runs Sea Wall Entertainment, a company dedicated to the research, development and production of books and films. She is currently a fellow at the W.E.B. Du Bois Institute at Harvard University. Her work includes "Growing Up Fast," a nationally acclaimed book about teen parents; two doc-



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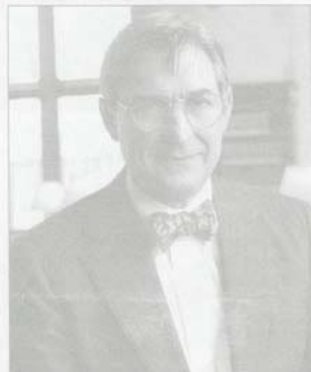
umentaries, "Growing Up Fast" and "Inside Out," and the feature film "Little Fugitive."

Law scholar is next John W. Hall Lecturer

John Owen Haley, the William R. Orthwein Distinguished Professor of Law at Washington University Law, will deliver the 10th annual John W. Hall Lecture in Japanese Studies on Friday, Oct. 17.

Titled "Rivers and Rice: What Lawyers and Legal Historians Should Know About Medieval Japan," Haley's lecture will begin at 4 p.m. in Rm. 128, Sterling Law Buildings, 127 Wall St. Sponsored by the Council on East Asian Studies, the talk is open to the public free of charge.

Haley will discuss how an understanding of the institutional history of medieval Japan helps to explain the primacy of private law and civil adjudication in the Western (now global) legal tradition.



John Owen Haley

Regarded as one of the nation's outstanding international and comparative law scholars, Haley is widely credited with having popularized Japanese legal studies. His numerous scholarly works span issues ranging from international trade policy and comparative law to Japanese land-use law, Japanese and East Asian business transactions, and Japanese law and contemporary society.

He has taught and lectured internationally, including at Aoyama Gakuin University, Kobe University and Tohoku University in Japan and Tuebingen University in Germany. The author or editor of nine books and monographs, Haley's book on "Authority Without Power: Law and the Japanese Paradox" and his article on "The Myth of the Reluctant Litigant" are considered leading works in the field. His most recent book, "Antitrust in Germany and Japan: The First Fifty Years, 1947-1998" is the first comparative study of German and Japanese antitrust law in English.

Legal anthropologist to discuss 'of tribes and tax havens'

Bill Maurer, professor of anthropology at the University of California, Irvine, will speak in the "Frontiers in the Anthropology of Law" series on Wednesday, Oct. 15.

His talk, titled "Of Tribes and Tax Havens: Law and Slavery in the Rules of Revenue," will be held 4:10-6 p.m. in Rm. 124, Sterling Law Buildings, 127 Wall St. His talk is sponsored by the Oscar M. Ruebhausen Fund at the Law School, the Center for Transnational Cultural Analysis, The Global Justice Project and the Department of Anthropology. The public is invited to attend this free event.

In his lecture, Maurer will explore the interconnections between tribal and offshore tax issues relating to the distinction between law and custom; the invocation of "society" to challenge "the market"; and the connections among taxation, sovereignty, citizenship and slavery.

A legal anthropologist, Maurer has written widely on law, property, money and finance, particularly new and experimental financial and currency forms and their legal implications.

Maurer is the editor of several collections, as well as the author of "Recharting the Caribbean: Land, Law and Citizenship in the British Virgin Islands," "Pious Property: Islamic Mortgages in the United States" and "Mutual Life, Limited: Islamic Banking, Alternative Currencies, Lateral Reason." The latter received the Victor Turner Prize in 2005.

He is currently conducting research on the shifting regulatory landscape in the offshore Caribbean, innovations in Native American banking, and the cultural and legal implications of new forms of electronic money and payment systems.

Study looks at safety gaps during 'sign out' of patients during doctors' shift change

Patients may receive poor or delayed care after sign-out — the transfer of a patient from one doctor to another during a shift change — Yale School of Medicine researchers report in an Archives of Internal Medicine study.

"We spend a great deal of time in medical school teaching students how to present a patient, but no time at all on sign-out, which occurs more frequently and is high risk," says the study's lead author, Dr. Leora Horwitz, assistant professor of internal medicine. "Closing safety gaps at sign-out could help patients and doctors by reducing duplicative, inefficient care."

Horwitz and co-authors conducted a prospective study of sign-outs involving 319 patients over 12 days. They recorded the oral sign-outs and collected written sign-outs before obtaining reports of subsequent errors. Horwitz says this method allowed them, for the first time, to verify reports of sign-out inadequacies while minimizing bias.

"House staff identified 24 sign-out-related problems,

some of which directly affected patients in the form of delayed, inappropriate or redundant care," says Horwitz. "But many of these problems affected doctors, who found themselves duplicating work already done by the primary team or wasting time figuring out what the primary team had already done. These inefficiencies leave doctors less time for direct patient care or rest."

"We were glad to be able to demonstrate, for the first time, the extent of the problem in a systematic fashion," says Horwitz, who also pointed out that these are generally problems that are extremely difficult to identify through chart review or billing data and consequently are often overlooked.

The team found that doctors were often confused about higher-order patient information rather than factual details. Problems occurred, for example, when doctors did not fully understand the clinical condition of the patient or the

rationale behind a test or procedure that had been ordered.

"Sign-out should be about painting a clinical picture of the patient and helping the covering team to act as the primary team would, not about providing long lists of facts that are readily available to the covering team," says Horwitz.

Horwitz maintains that sign-out is a skill that can be taught, assessed and improved, but only if it is a priority in the medical curriculum. The findings have resulted in a new sign-out skills curriculum for Yale medical students and internal medicine house staff.

"We hope that this study will serve as a wake-up call both for training programs and practicing physicians that we need to focus attention on sign-out in order to improve patient safety," says Horwitz.

Other authors on the study were Dr. Tannaz Moin, Dr. Harlan Krumbholz, Dr. Lillian Wang and Elizabeth Bradley.

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