



# CCW News

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## Honoring CCW Past President

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Edwin Mason Miller '35 ALS, '39 Law

Cornell Club Washington (Men) President 1965-66

For many years, the Cornell Club of Washington (men) and the Cornell Women's Club each sponsored separate programs and activities. Between 1964 and 1966, under the leadership of each president, Edwin Miller '35 and Lori Eisenberg '50, a plan was developed to merge the two clubs. On December 6, 1965, both boards approved a merger agreement and a referendum vote was approved by the alumni. In this issue CCW honors Edwin M. Miller '35 ALS '39 Law, who was an "Engaged Cornellian" renewing and expanding Cornell's founding commitment to "knowledge with a public purpose" and who died at the age of 89 on May 11, 2002. Edwin M. Miller was a lawyer and supervisory trial attorney\* for 20 years with the Federal Power Commission (FPC) now the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (42 U.S.C. § 7172). The FPC was an independent commission of the United States government originally created in 1920 by the Federal Water Power Act, which provided for the licensing of hydroelectric projects on the land or navigable water owned by the federal government. The FPC also regulated interstate electric utilities and the natural gas industry. Miller's work at the FPC focused on the development of gas pipeline pricing based on overall costs. He was a member on the team of FPC attorneys in seminal law cases argued in the US Court of Appeals regarding the export of natural gas to Canada. Mr. Miller received the Meritorious Service Award upon his retirement from the FPC. Before moving to the Washington area, he was a lawyer with the New York Central Railroad and Iroquois Gas in Buffalo. Mr. Miller was born in Fredonia Upstate New York outside of Buffalo. He served in the Navy in the Pacific during World War II and the Korean War. He was a member of Christ Congregational Church in Silver Spring, MD where he sang in the Choir. He was married to Virginia S. Miller, '39 BA, who also was active in Cornell Alumni affairs and with whom they had one son Howard S. Miller, '67 AB '75 Law, an attorney in Hempstead, NY. As an undergrad, Edwin sang tenor in the Men's Glee Club. He was the general chairman of the 1965 Washington 'Kick-Off' Dinner at the Mayflower where 500 alumni launched the Centennial Fund Campaign with Toastmaster and Cornell Trustee Austin H. 'Kip' Kiplinger '39. Ed served as a member on the Cornell University Council, whose mission is to "make a difference for the entire Cornell community by serving as a catalytic agent who inspires, informs, engages and propels broad recognition of Cornell as one of the top 10 universities of the world."

\*Washington Post May 17, 2002, Cornell Alumni News 1937-1993

### Mark Your Calendars Save the Date

December 1st  
Holiday Card Event

December 4th  
Breakfast with HuEc Dean Dunifon

January 10th  
Cornell vs. RPI Hockey  
Crystal City Sports Pub

February 1st  
CAAA Pan Asian New Year  
New York City

February 21st-22nd  
CALC  
Westin Las Vegas, NV

# Homecoming and Zinck's 2019

## Homecoming 2019



More than 17,000 alumni, students, parents, staff members, and residents of Ithaca joined in for the 2019 Cornell Homecoming on October 4–5. On Thursday evening before the Homecoming events, President Martha Pollack dedicated a permanent plaque outside Sage Chapel, 52 years later, commemorating the 9 Cornellians who perished in the “Res Club Dorm Fire” of 1967. Among those who perished were three sophomores in Cornell’s six-year Ph.D. program: Martha Beck ’69, Peter Cooch ’69 and Jeffrey William Smith ’69.

Anne McCormick ’67, a senior in the HuEc program, and Jennie Zu Wei Sun ’68, a junior in Arts & Sciences, also died in the fire, as well as English Prof. John Alban Finch, and three graduate students Meimei Chung Cheng, Carol Lynn Kurtz, and Johanna Christina Walden.

The 50th anniversary of the 1969 Willard Straight Hall Occupation also was honored with a permanent plaque during homecoming weekend, which reads: “Cornell was one of the centers of student protest and activism in the 1960s against the Vietnam War and the denial of civil rights in the United States. In April 1969, over a hundred Black students occupied this building for thirty-three hours, bringing to Cornell the national Civil Rights Movement’s struggle for racial and social justice. After a peaceful, negotiated ending to the building occupation, Cornell set out to become a leader in its commitment to the ideals of a diverse and inclusive university.”

CCW Presidents (1990-1992) Dale Lazar ’74, ’77 and (1999-01) Eliot Greenwald ’73 attended and shared the Big Red Pride on a perfect October day of sunshine. Watch feature highlights from the 2019 Cornell Homecoming football game vs Georgetown at [“Yell Cornell”](#).

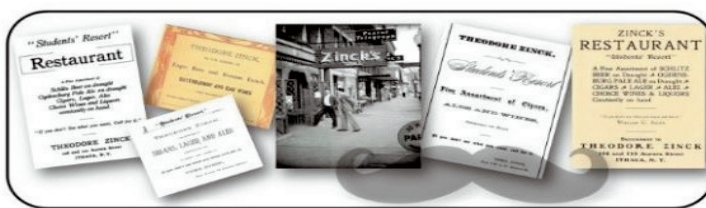


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Photo: Amina Kilpatrick / Sun News Editor

## Zinck's



The 2019 Zinck's Night in Washington was again, a special event! This fun annual Cornell tradition was held at the Hawthorne's Pub in

DC. There were greater than 50 Cornell alums from as far away as Tennessee including classes from the 1960's to 2019 and their guests. Cornell Colleges represented included: Arts & Sciences, Agriculture & Life Sciences, Engineering, Industrial & Labor Relations, Human Ecology, Hotel, Architecture Art and Planning, Law, and the Samuel Curtis Johnson Graduate School of Management.



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# CAAAN & Conable Award Winners

## Meet the Fall 2019 CCW Conable Award Winners



The CCW President, Matt Nieman '98, Vice-President Scholarship, Alex Payne '09, the Scholarship Committee Chair, Lisa Burns Griffin '87 and the Scholarship Committee Members; Carol Epstein '61, Dale Lazar '74 JD '77, Robert McKinless '48, Kwame Campos Rodriguez MBA '15 and Terry Horner '92 PhD '98 (ex officio) were pleased to announce the CCW 2019-2020 Conable Awards

for the Cornell-in-Washington Program. The Barber B. Conable Scholarship is awarded to a student(s) enrolled in the Cornell-in-Washington Program. The scholarship honors Barber B. Conable '43, former Congressman and former President of the World Bank, for his contributions to our government and international relations. This stipend helps defray the cost of living in a major metropolitan area and the student's potential loss of income from being unable to hold a work-study job while living in DC while working in an internship. The CCW Board congratulated Conable awardees, Amina Taariq and Daniel Wrenn at the October 15th Meeting at the Cornell Center in Washington, DC.

Each semester, the Cornell Club of Washington provides two Conable Awards to current Cornell students participating in the Cornell-in-Washington (CIW) program. Each Conable Award recipient receives up to \$750, which is funded by the generous donations of DC-area alumni. The award helps students defray the increased costs of spending a semester in DC and away from work-study opportunities that are prevalent on Cornell's campus in Ithaca. Students are selected based on their academic achievements, service commitment, and contributions to Cornell life.

Aminah Taariq is a junior in the Cornell University College of Agriculture and Life Sciences double majoring in Environment and Sustainability and Communications. She grew up in Poughkeepsie, NY and attended Oakwood Friends School. At Cornell, Aminah is a member of the Student



Assembly, a columnist for the Cornell Daily Sun, and a New York State Higher Education Opportunity Program (H/EOP) student. During her time in Washington, DC, Aminah will be working within the United Nations Foundation as a Public Affairs Digital Media Intern.

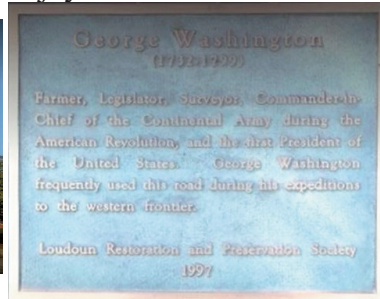


Daniel Wrenn is a junior in the Cornell University College of Human Ecology majoring in Policy Analysis and Management. He grew up in Poestenkill, NY near Troy, NY and attended Averill Park High School. Daniel is part of the Human Ecology Dean's Undergraduate Advisory Council, a Human Ecology Ambassador, and a member of Alpha Phi Omega, the national service fraternity. While in Washington, Daniel is working as an intern for Congressman Antonio Delgado, New York Congressional District #19 and is interested in the integration of renewable energy into the energy grid.

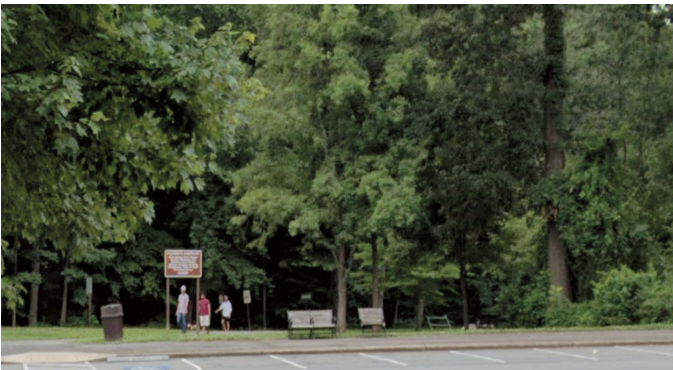
# Past Event Highlights

## Hike Claude Moore Park

On October 13th the Cornell Club of Washington joined Bruce McBarnette, the Princeton Club, and the Ivy Social Club on a hike of the historic Claude Moore Park, which George Washington used to pass through. This easy hike started at 9:00 AM at the Heritage Farm Museum at Old Vestal's Gap Road in Sterling, VA and lasted about 1 1/2 hours. Afterwards, hikers enjoyed breakfast at the International House of Pancakes.



## Puppy Plogging at Carter Barron



On Saturday, October 5th the Cornell Club of Washington joined the Rock Creek Conservancy, Mayor's Office of the Clean City, and the National Park Service for "Puppy Plogging" as they removed trash from the Carter Barron area of Rock Creek Park. The word "plogging" is derived from the Swedish words for jogging and picking up litter. Volunteers (and their dogs) helped remove trash from the Carter Barron area in support of Mayor's Office of the Clean City's Pet Waste Campaign. Gloves and poop bags were provided, and dogs were kept on leash. Trash and

dog waste are two of the biggest threats to the City in general and Carter Barron, one of the Rock Creek Conservancy's five "mini-oases" and focus restoration sites.

## Bamboo Removal - Melvin Hazen West



An "oasis in the city" needs our help! On October 26th, 2019 the Rock Creek Conservancy, the National Park Service, and the Cornell Club of Washington DC joined together to remove invasive bamboo from one of our "mini-oases", the western section of Melvin Hazen at 3031 Sedgewick Street, NW Washington, DC. In 2019, the Conservancy is focusing its restoration efforts on five "mini-oases" in Rock Creek Park in the Rock Creek Watershed. The popular Melvin Hazen Mini-Oasis can be found in the Western section of Melvin Hazen Park in NW Washington, D.C.

near the Cleveland Park Metro. The site gets its name from the tributary that runs through the park and flows into Rock Creek. This site needs a significant amount of invasive plant work to restore the forest understory. These areas have been strategically chosen because they are important to the health of Rock Creek as well as to the communities that live near them. Invasive species like bamboo are among the biggest issues plaguing this urban park. The area currently houses a large variety of invasive plant species including an almost 100% distribution coverage of groundcover English ivy. The site also features bush honeysuckle and a large swath of bamboo directly south of the community garden. With proved tools and gloves volunteers helped remove invasive bamboo from a section of Rock Creek Park behind the World War II Victory Garden in the western section of Melvin Hazen Park.



# Events at a Glance

The Cornell Club of Washington is Cornell's largest all-volunteer regional club and one of its most active. Your membership helps you connect with local alumni through social events and service programs advancing the university's mission through community-engaged discovery and learning that contribute to solving many of the local and world's challenges. CCW offers engaging programs and activities for alumni, students, and friends of Cornell University in the greater Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. Please check the [CCW Events](#) page for a current and complete listing of events and updates.

## November

- 1...[Andrew Dickson White Annual Summit: Sorority & Fraternity Life, Cornell University](#)  
Questions: [programming@cornellclubdc.org](mailto:programming@cornellclubdc.org)
- 2...[Cornell Asian Alumni Assn \(CAAA\) Diwali Dinner, Café of India, Washington, DC](#)  
Questions: [programming@cornellclubdc.org](mailto:programming@cornellclubdc.org)
- 2...[US Capitol Tour, Pizza, and Light](#)  
Questions: [Contact Bruce McBarnette at brucemcbarnette@gmail.com](mailto:Contact Bruce McBarnette at brucemcbarnette@gmail.com)
- 10...[Community Service Event: DC Central Kitchen Morning Meal Preparation](#)  
Questions: [communityservice@cornellclubdc.org](mailto:communityservice@cornellclubdc.org)
- 12...CCW Monthly [Board](#) & [Programming](#) Meeting  
Questions: [president@cornellclubdc.org](mailto:president@cornellclubdc.org)
- 16...[2019 Ivy / Seven Sisters Winter Indoor Round-Robin Mixed Doubles Tennis Party](#)  
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- 17...[5K Turkey Trot](#)  
Questions: [Contact Bruce McBarnette at brucemcbarnette@gmail.com](mailto:Contact Bruce McBarnette at brucemcbarnette@gmail.com)

## December

- 1...[Holiday Card Event](#)  
Questions: [programming@cornellclubdc.org](mailto:programming@cornellclubdc.org)
- 4...[Breakfast with HumEc Dean Rachel Dunifon](#)  
Questions: [programming@cornellclubdc.org](mailto:programming@cornellclubdc.org)
- 7...[White House Christmas Tour](#)  
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## January 2020

- 10...[Cornell vs. RPI Hockey Game - Crystal City Sports Pub](#)  
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# Volunteer Corner

## Communications

Are you a fan of Instagram and Facebook? Help CCW with our communications efforts including our social media and email updates.

Contact Toniqua Hay at [communications@cornellclubdc.org](mailto:communications@cornellclubdc.org)

## Community Service

We are always looking for community service ideas and volunteers! To learn more,

Contact Lisa Burns Griffin at [communityservice@cornellclubdc.org](mailto:communityservice@cornellclubdc.org)

## Editorial

Interested in assisting CCW with its newsletter and informing the local Cornell community about local goings-on? What to be published?

Contact Claudia Benack at [newsletter@cornellclubdc.org](mailto:newsletter@cornellclubdc.org)

## Finance Committee

Do you have a background in accounting or tax law? Or want to become more familiar with these areas and how they work in the non-profit context? Then please consider joining us!

Contact Mel Zurn at [treasurer@cornellclubdc.org](mailto:treasurer@cornellclubdc.org)

## Membership

Invite your Cornell classmates and alums to join CCW. For current member to renew your membership, and update your contact, newsletter and email preferences,

Contact Annalise Schoonmaker and Justin Kondrat at [membership@cornellclubdc.org](mailto:membership@cornellclubdc.org)

## Programming

The CCW Programming Committee welcomes suggestions for programs and volunteers to help with them!

Contact Jim Schoonmaker at [programming@cornellclubdc.org](mailto:programming@cornellclubdc.org)

## Technology

Looking for people with website experience to help in the redesign of the CCW website. Contact

Matt Nieman at [president@cornellclubdc.org](mailto:president@cornellclubdc.org)

## Nominations

Interested in serving on the 2020-21 CCW Board of Directors? Consider being nominated to serve as a director.

Contact Eliot Greenwald at [nominations@cornellclubdc.org](mailto:nominations@cornellclubdc.org)

# Upcoming Events

## U.S. Capitol Tour

November 2nd 9:45am at Emancipation Hall, Visitor Center, US Capitol, First St NE, Washington, DC



### What's Happening?

- Out of Many, One
- Crypt
- Rotunda
- Statuary Hall
- Liberty and the Eagle
- Historical Paintings
- Frieze of American History
- Dome-The Apotheosis of Washington
- Statue of Freedom

## Cornell Asian Alumni Association Diwali Dinner

November 2nd 6:00-9:00pm at Café of India, 4909 Wisconsin Ave NW, Washington, DC 20016



Join the Cornell Asian Alumni Association (CAAA) in celebrating Diwali! Come together with family and friends to enjoy a delicious meal and great company. We are pleased to invite you to the first-ever Diwali dinner hosted by CAAA in Washington, DC! We are honored to have Dr. Herbert Acquay as our distinguished speaker. Dr. Acquay was the World Bank's Manager for the Environment, Water Resources and Climate Change Unit for South Asia, based in New Delhi, from 2010- 2015. Dr. Acquay holds a Ph.D. degree in Natural Resource Policy and Management from Cornell University.

## White House Christmas Tour

December 7th, 14th and 21st at The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20500

Bruce McBarnette again is planning three Christmas tours of the White House for members of the Ivy Social Club: Princeton, Harvard, Yale, Columbia, Cornell, MIT, Brown, Dartmouth, University of Pennsylvania, Wellesley, Vassar, Smith, Northwestern, Johns Hopkins, and Stanford alumni and their friends. Registration is required and now is closed for all three dates. You may add your name to the wait list.

Questions: Contact Steven at [tokoindo@hotmail.com](mailto:tokoindo@hotmail.com) or (727) 692-6352, or [brucemcbarnette@gmail.com](mailto:brucemcbarnette@gmail.com).



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Do you have ideas for CCW News? Or corrections? Email us at: [newsletter@cornellclubdc.org](mailto:newsletter@cornellclubdc.org)

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### Event Venues and Speakers Wanted

Do you have a meeting space that CCW could use for lectures or receptions?

Do you know a local Cornellian who would be a great speaker?

Contact Jim Schoonmaker at [programming@cornellclubdc.org](mailto:programming@cornellclubdc.org)

### CCW News

Do you know a local Cornellian who should be featured in a future newsletter?

Contact Claudia Benack at [newsletter@cornellclubdc.org](mailto:newsletter@cornellclubdc.org)

### New CCW Members

Emily Bramhall ('19)	Sanjana Thirumalai ('16)
Krishnan Chander	MEng '17)
(MEng '19)	Adrian Palma ('13)
Zoe McCormick ('19)	Courtney Miller (CIPA '18)
Ian McKenzie ('19)	Kelly Pedro (Law '19)
Eileen Morocho ('19)	
Jack Pertschuk ('19)	