

Religious Legal Theory: State of the Field

Seton Hall University Law School, November 12-13, 2009

Conference Schedule

Wed. November 11

7:00 p.m. Pre-conference dinner, Highlawn Pavillion, West Orange (van departs the Law School at 6:00 p.m.)

Thurs. November 12:

8:30-9 Registration/Continental Breakfast (Faculty Library and Deck- 5th Floor)

9-9:15 Welcome (Faculty Library)

9:15-10 **Robert Vischer**, *Associate Professor, University of St. Thomas School of Law* (Faculty Library)

10-10:15 Break

10:15-11:45 Concurrent Session I—Panel A: Room 72, Panel B: Room 74

11:45-1:00 Lunch in Faculty Library

1:00-1:45 **David Skeel**, *S. Samuel Arsht Professor of Corporate Law, University of Pennsylvania School of Law* (Large Moot Court Room)

1:45-2 Break

2-3:30 Concurrent Session II—Panel A: Room 71, Panel B: Room 75

3:30-3:45 Break

3:45-4:30 **Samuel Levine**, *Professor of Law, Pepperdine University School of Law* (Large Moot Court Room)

4:30-6 Wine and Cheese Reception (Faculty Library and Deck-5th Floor)

6 pm Dinner, Theater Grill, NJPAC, Newark

Friday, November 13:

- 8:30-9 Continental Breakfast (Faculty Library and Deck-5th Floor)
- 9-9:15 Welcome (Faculty Library)
- 9:15-10 **Ali Khan**, *Professor of Law, Washburn University Law School* (Faculty Library)
- 10-10:15 Break
- 10:15-11:45 Concurrent Session III—Panel A: Gibbons Moot Court Room, Panel B: Large Moot Court Room
- 11:45-1:00 Lunch in Faculty Library
- 1:00-1:45 **Amy Uelmen**, *Director, Institute on Religion, Law, and Lawyer's Work, Fordham University School of Law* (Large Moot Court Room)
- 1:45-2 Break
- 2-3:30 Concurrent Session IV—Panel A: Gibbons Moot Court Room, Panel B: Large Moot Court Room
- 4:00 Conclusion

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Religious Legal Theory Concurrent Sessions: Panel Presentations

Session I: Thursday, Nov. 12, 10:15-11:45 am

Panel A: The Scope of the Field of “Religious Legal Theory”
ROOM 72

Moderator: Linda Fisher, Professor of Law, Seton Hall Law School

David Caudill, Professor and Arthur M. Goldberg Family Chair in Law, Villanova University School of Law: *On Skeel's Rhetorical Invention of a Failed Project*

John Coverdale, Professor of Law, Seton Hall Law School: *Elements from Catholic Social Thought for a Theory of Tax Exemption*

Marc Poirier, Professor of Law, Seton Hall Law School: *Is Buddhism A Religion? And Should That Matter to Legal Practitioners?*

Panel B: Distributive Justice and Human Rights
ROOM 74

Moderator: David Opderbeck, Associate Professor of Law, Seton Hall Law School

Catherine McCauliff, Professor of Law, Seton Hall Law School: *Distributive Justice and Wealth*

Zachary Calo, Assistant Professor of Law, Valparaiso University School of Law: *Human Rights and the Abrahamic Faiths*

Lyman Johnson, Robert O. Bentley Professor of Law, Washington & Lee University School of Law and Lejeune Distinguished Chair in Law, University of St. Thomas School of Law: *Re-Enchanting the Corporation*

Session II: Thursday, Nov. 12, 2:00-3:30 pm

Panel A: Definitions, Directions, Possibilities
ROOM 71

Moderator: Melanie DiPietro, S.C., Distinguished Practitioner in Residence, Seton Hall Law School

John Nagle, John Matthews Professor, Notre Dame Law School: *Spiritual Harms*

Robert Cochran, Louis D. Brandeis Professor of Law and Director, Herbert and Elinor Nootbaar Institute on Law, Religion and Ethics, Pepperdine University School of Law: *Christian Traditions, Culture, and Law: Possible Futures*

Panel B: Integrating Religious Perspectives; Religion and the Public Square
ROOM 75

Moderator: Michael Ambrosio, Professor of Law, Seton Hall Law School

Michael Hernandez, Professor of Law, Regent University School of Law: *Theistic Legal Realism and Modern Legal Theory*

David Opderbeck, Associate Professor of Law, Seton Hall Law School, *Prospects for a Critical Realist Account of Interdisciplinarity Among Law, Religion, and Neurobiology*

Session III: Friday, Nov. 13, 10:15-11:45 am

Panel A: Uses of Religious Law: Integrating Law and Religion
Gibbons Moot Court Room

Moderator: Bernard Freamon, Professor of Law, Seton Hall Law School

Msgr. Richard M. Liddy, Professor and Director, Center for Catholic Studies, Seton Hall University: *The Law and the Catholic Intellectual Tradition*

Michael Helfand, Associate, Davis Polk & Wardwell: *Taking Choice of Law Provisions Seriously: What Religious Legal Theory Can Tell Us about the Enforceability of Religious Arbitral Awards*

Richard Mangrum, Yossem Professor of Law, Creighton University School of Law: *The Church Courts of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints during the Nineteenth Century as an Alternative Form of Dispute Resolution*

Panel B: Transforming and Transformed – Religion and Law Shaping Each Other
Large Moot Court Room

Moderator: Avidan Cover, Practitioner-in-Residence, Seton Hall Law School

Thomas Folsom, Professor of Law, Regent University School of Law: *Studies in Justice: The Public Good of Supernatural Law*

John Kang, Assistant Professor of Law, St. Thomas University (Florida): *Appeal to Heaven: On the Religious Origins of the Constitutional Right of Revolution*

Michael Pitkowsky, Adjunct Instructor of Talmud and Rabbinics, Jewish Theological Seminary of America, *Conservative Jewish Legal Decision Making and the Question of Gay and Lesbian Jews*

Session IV: Nov. 13, 2:00-3:30 pm

Panel A: Public Morality
Gibbons Moot Court Room

Moderator: Edward Hartnett, Richard J. Hughes Professor of Law

Marc DeGirolami, Assistant Professor of Law, St. John's University School of Law: *Prolegomenon to a Tragic Theory of Religious Liberty*

Gregory Kalsheur, S.J., Professor of Law, Boston College Law School: *Human Dignity, Freedom, and Limits on Law*

Mark Movsesian, Frederick A. Whitney Professor of Contract Law, St. John's University School of Law: *Muslims, Christians and Law*

Panel B: Freedom and Justice
Large Moot Court Room

Moderator: Paula Franzese, Peter W. Rodino Professor of Law

Val Ricks, Professor of Law, South Texas College of Law: *Salvific Freedom: A Mormon Legal Theory*

Scott Pryor, Professor of Law, Regent University School of Law: *Grounding Human Rights: Reflections of the Divine*

M.S. Rajpurohit, Associate Professor (Law) and Chairman, Legal Aid, National Law University, Jodhpur, Rajasthan, India: *Religion and Law: Impact and Function of Hindu Religion on Justice Dispensation in India*