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)
9:00-9:15 Welcome (Faculty Library)
9:15-10 Robert Vischer, Associate Professor, University of St. Thomas School of Law (Faculty Library)
10:15-11:15 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


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


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