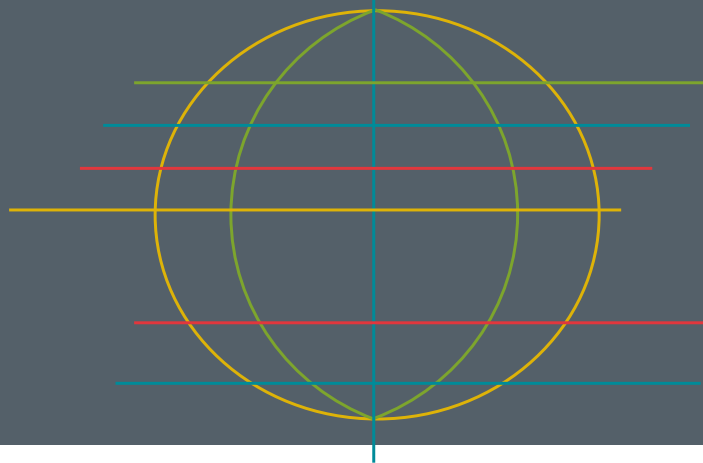


# RELIGIOUS LEGAL THEORY CONFERENCE

February 24-25  
Hunter Atrium at Emory Law



**31 Scholars. 17 Universities. 6 Countries. 2 Days.**

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“A Global Conversation: Exploring Interfaith and International Models for the Interaction of Religion and State” explores how law, embodied in the state, manages and frames its relationship with religion, and how religions internally manage and frame their relationships with the state.

**The Conference is free and open to the public.**

For planning purposes, please register. Registration includes free lunch on both days.  
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### **CURRIE LECTURE** by Ambassador Suzan Johnson Cook



**Suzan Johnson Cook** was appointed by President Barack Obama as the United States Ambassador-at-Large for International Religious Freedom, serving as principal advisor to both the President of the United States and the Secretary of State for religious freedom globally. She was the first African American and the first female to hold this position. Cook also founded Wisdom Women Worldwide Center, a global organization for female faith leaders. Cook has said U.S. diplomacy on religious freedom should involve not just forging relations with government officials but working with religious leaders abroad who can help influence political leaders.

The Currie Lecture in Law and Religion was founded in 1986 with a generous grant from Overton and Lavona Currie.

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### The Center for the Study of Law and Religion

at Emory University

The geography of law and religion is changing. Global voices are joining the conversation. Emerging issues are challenging established norms. New contexts are demanding new approaches. In 2013-2014, CSLR is bringing together leading thinkers in law, religion, theology, ethics, and philosophy to investigate these changing landscapes and to illuminate new paths for the study of law and religion.



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## COMING UP NEXT

**March 26, 12:30 p.m.**

### **The Alonzo L. McDonald Distinguished Lectures on Christian Scholarship**

“Christianity and Human Rights”

Hosted by the McDonald Agape Foundation and The Center for the Study of Law and Religion at Emory University

**Stanley Hauerwas**, Gilbert T. Rowe Professor of Theological Ethics Emeritus at Duke Divinity School with a joint appointment at the Duke University School of Law

“*What’s Wrong with Rights? Christian Perspectives Pro and Con*”

**Nigel Biggar**, Regius Professor of Moral and Pastoral Theology, Director, McDonald Centre for Theology, Ethics, and Public Life, and Canon of Christ Church, University of Oxford

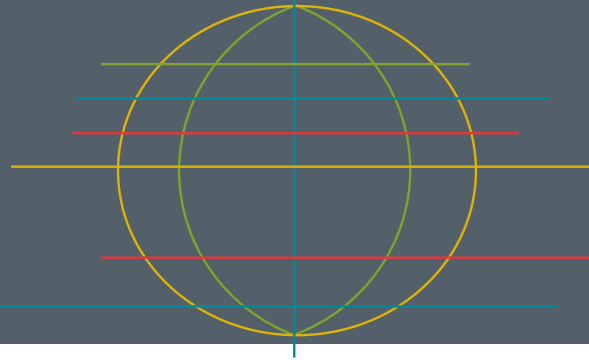
“*Human Dignity and the Christian Foundations of Human Rights*”

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## AGENDA



### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

9:00 a.m.

Breakfast

9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

#### OPENING REMARKS

**Robert Schapiro**, Dean, Emory Law  
**Silas Allard**, Emory University

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

#### PANEL ONE

##### Law and Religion Around the World

**Moderator Frank Alexander**  
Emory University

**Olga Kazmina**, Moscow State University  
*Interaction of Religion and State in Russia: Historical Traditions and the Current Status*

**Rafael Domingo**, Navarra School of Law  
*Law and Religion in Spain*

**Johan van der Vyver**, Emory University  
*Church-State Relations in Germany, South Africa and the United States*

11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

#### PANEL TWO

##### Law and Religion Around the World, Continued

**Moderator David W. Opderbeck**  
Seton Hall University

**Gideon Sapir**, Bar-Ilan University  
*Synagogue and State: Law and Religion in Israel*

#### Athanasios Giocas

Université de Montréal  
*The Byzantine Legacy of Religious and Legal Pluralism: Exploring Alternative Accounts to Church-State Relations in the Eastern Roman Empire and their Potential Impact on the Orthodox Church's Relationship to the Modern Secular State*

12:45 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

#### LUNCH PANEL\*

##### Second Annual Faith and the Law Panel: What If Religion Were in Charge?

Co-sponsored by the Jewish Law Students Association, the Islamic Law Students Association, and the Christian Legal Society

**Moderator Mark Goldfeder**  
Emory University

**John Witte, Jr.**, Emory University  
*Christian Perspectives on the Ideal Church/State Model*

**Michael J. Broyde**, Emory University  
*Jewish Perspectives on the Ideal Church/State Model*

**Abdullahi An-Na'im**, Emory University  
*Islamic Perspectives on the Ideal Church/State Model*

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

#### PANEL THREE

##### Politics and Practicality: Living in the USA Model

**Moderator Brett Scharffs**  
Brigham Young University

**David W. Opderbeck**, Seton Hall University  
*Religious Freedom, Terrorism, and Internet Surveillance, or, the NSA Knows Where You Worship*

**Michael Helfand**, Pepperdine University  
*Enforcing Co-religionist Commerce*

**Zoe Robinson**, DePaul University  
*Religious Interest Groups, Religious Argument, and Politics*

**Jeff Hammond**, Faulkner University  
*Harmonizing the Two Kingdoms: For-Profit Businesses, the Theology of Work, and the Affordable Care Act's Contraception Mandate*

3:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

#### PANEL FOUR

##### Law and Religious Experience

**Moderator David Blumenthal**  
Emory University

**Robert Ahdieh**, Emory University  
*The Duty of Obedience to Government in Baha'i Theology*

#### Rebecca R. French

State University of New York at Buffalo,  
*The Buddha and the State*

#### Nate Oman

The College of William and Mary  
*International Legal Experience and the Mormon Theology of the State: 1945-2013*

### 2014 CURRIE LECTURE

7:00 p.m.

#### Suzan Johnson Cook

Ambassador-at-Large for International Religious Freedom 2011-2013

### RECEPTION

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

#### PANEL FIVE

##### Organizing and Orchestrating Shared Space: Examining Culture and Context

**Moderator Phillip Ackerman-Lieberman**  
Vanderbilt University

**Chaim Saiman**, Villanova University  
*Torah Study, Non-Applied Law, and the Conflict of Halakhah and State*

**Elizabeth A. Clark**, Brigham Young University  
*Religious Freedom and Sovereignty in Comparative Perspective*

**Zachary R. Calo**, Valparaiso University  
*Law, Religion & the Secular: Perspectives from Christianity and Islam*

#### Frederick Mark Gedicks

Brigham Young University  
**Pasquale Annicchino**, European University Institute  
*Cross, Crucifix, Culture: An Approach to the Constitutional Meaning of Confessional Symbols*

11:00 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

#### PANEL SIX

##### Looking Forward: Re-Imagining Religious Liberty

**Moderator Jeff Hammond**  
Faulkner University

**Brett Scharffs**, Brigham Young University  
*Public Reason and the Crisis of Conscience*

**Justin Laterrell**, Emory University  
*Here Comes the Post-Secular Purpose Test*

**Robert Blitt**, University of Tennessee  
*Springtime for Freedom of Religion or Belief? Considering the Arab World in Flux*

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

#### LUNCH\* AND CASE STUDY

##### Circumcision: A Mixed Global Conversation

Co-sponsored by Candler School of Theology and Emory Center for Ethics

**Moderator Paul Root Wolpe**, Emory University

**Mark Goldfeder**, Emory University  
*Regulating Male Circumcision: Two Very Different Global Conversations*

**Tal Sela**, Bar-Ilan University  
*Circumcise Me! A New Perspective on the Circumcision Debate*

#### Stephen Munzer

University of California, Los Angeles  
*Anti-Semitism and Secularism in the German Circumcision Controversy*

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