RELIGIOUS LEGAL THEORY CONFERENCE
February 24-25
Hunter Atrium at Emory Law
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. Broide, 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, Baha’i Theology

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.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

2014 CURRIE LECTURE
7:00 p.m.
Suzan Johnson Cook
Ambassador-at-Large for International Religious Freedom
2011-2013

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The Conference is free and open to the public.
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*Registration includes free lunch on both days.