Dear Friends,

Since 1982, the Center for the Study of Law and Religion at Emory University (CSLR) has dedicated itself to studying the religious dimensions of law, the legal dimensions of religion, and the interaction of legal and religious ideas and institutions, methods and practices, cultures and communities. We offer six advanced degree programs; fifteen cross-listed courses; dozens of student and postdoc fellowships; ongoing major research projects; two book series; the flagship Journal of Law and Religion; and the Canopy Forum digital platform. CSLR’s projects, faculty, and fellows have to date published 375 volumes, with several of our major titles translated into 15 languages.

This brochure introduces CSLR’s book titles published from 2015 to 2020. These are volumes produced by the Center’s faculty, fellows, and research projects. Included are several titles in our two book series – Cambridge Studies in Law and Christianity (Cambridge University Press) and Emory Studies in Law and Religion (Wm. B. Eerdmans) – as well as the Religion and Law Series (Routledge), published by Cardiff’s Law and Religion Centre. Note in the pages that follow several “Introductions” to Christianity and law in various legal fields and several titles on “Great Christian Jurists in World History.” Note, too, the five-volume collected writings on religious liberty by Douglas Laycock, America’s leading scholar and advocate in this field. Short profiles on several of our Center’s leading faculty provide further illustration of the range and depth of law and religion scholarship on offer.

Many of these books were made possible by the generous support of the McDonald Agape Foundation, the Henry Luce Foundation, Lilly Endowment Inc., Fieldstead and Company, the Maguire Oil Company, Consciousness Development Foundation Inc., and two anonymous donors. We are deeply grateful to these foundations and to several individual benefactors who have entrusted us with their benefaction. And we give thanks for the ongoing operations support of Emory Law School, Candler School of Theology, the President’s office, and Provost’s office of Emory University, and the hard work of our Center faculty, fellows, staff, and students.

With warmest regards,

John Witte, Jr.
Robert W. Woodruff University Professor
McDonald Distinguished Professor
Director of the Center for the Study of Law and Religion at Emory University

Bradley, Gerard V. and E. Christian Brugger, eds. Catholic Social Teaching: A Volume of Scholarly Essays. Cambridge University Press, 2019. Catholic social teaching (CST) refers to the corpus of authoritative ecclesiastical teaching, usually in the form of papal encyclicals on social matters, beginning with Pope Leo XIII’s Rerum Novarum (1891) and running through Pope Francis. This volume is a scholarly engagement with this 130-year-old documentary tradition. Its twenty-three essays aim to provide a constructive, historically sophisticated, critical exegesis of all the major (and some of the minor) documents of CST.

Brady, Kathleen A. The Distinctiveness of Religion in American Law: Rethinking Religion Clause Jurisprudence. Cambridge University Press, 2015. In recent decades, religion’s traditional distinctiveness under the First Amendment has been challenged by courts and scholars. As America grows more secular and as religious and nonreligious convictions are increasingly seen as interchangeable, many have questioned whether special treatment is still fair. In its recent decisions, the Supreme Court has made clear that religion will continue to be treated differently, but we lack a persuasive account of religion’s uniqueness that can justify this difference. This book aims to develop such an account.

Broyde, Michael J. A Concise Code of Jewish Law for Converts. Urim Publications, 2017. While the topic of conversion in Judaism has been extensively covered, no single book has explored the particular laws related to a convert after conversion. In this volume, Rabbi Michael J. Broyde explores many topics and questions that revolve around the life of a Jewish convert. Such topics include the place of a convert in a Jewish community according to Jewish law, the treatment of a convert with respect to acceptance and incentives to converts.

Broyde, Michael J. Sharia Tribunals, Rabbinical Courts, and Christian Panels: Religious Arbitration in America and the West. Oxford University Press, 2017. This book explores the rise of private arbitration in religious and other values-oriented communities, and it argues that secular societies should use secular legal frameworks to facilitate, enforce, and also regulate religious arbitration. It covers the history of religious arbitration; the kinds of faith-based dispute resolution models currently in use; how the law should perceive them; and what the role of religious arbitration in the United States and the western world should be.

Broyde, Michael J. and Reuven Travis. Sex in the Garden: Consensual Encounters Gone Bad. Wipf and Stock, 2019. In the #MeToo times in which we live, there are few hard and fast rules that govern personal encounters and sexual liaisons. Consent, so long as it is neither coerced nor forced, dictates all. Astute students of the Bible will see this aspect of our current social milieu reflected in the book of Genesis. From the first sexual tryst in the garden of Eden to the attempted seduction of Joseph by the wife of Potiphar, these consensual encounters tend to end badly. The cautionary nature of these tales underscores the continued relevance of Genesis for our times.
Broyde, Michael J. and Shlomo C. Pill. Setting the Table: An Introduction to the Jurisprudence of Rabbi Yehiel Michel Epstein’s Arukh Hashulchan. Academic Studies Press, 2020. This book explains the major jurisprudential factors driving the halakhic jurisprudence of Rabbi Yehiel Michel Epstein, twentieth-century author of the Arukh Hashulchan — the most comprehensive, seminal, and original modern restatement of Jewish law since Maimonides. The book explicates ten core halakhic principles that animate Rabbi Epstein’s halakhic decision-making. This book will help any reader understand important methodological issues in both Jewish and general jurisprudence.

Cartabia, Marta and Andrea Simoncini, eds. Pope Benedict XVI’s Legal Thought: A Dialogue on the Foundation of Law. Cambridge University Press, 2015. Throughout Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI’s pontificate he spoke to a range of political, civil, academic, and other cultural authorities. These speeches reveal a striking sensitivity to the fundamental problems of law, justice, and democracy. He often presented a call for Christians to address issues of public ethics such as life, death, and family from what they have in common with other fellow citizens: reason. This book discusses the speeches in which the Pope Emeritus reflected most explicitly on this issue, along with commentary from distinguished legal scholars.

Cochran, Jr., Robert F. and Zachary R. Calo, eds. Agape, Justice, and Law: How Might Christian Love Shape Law? Cambridge University Press, 2017. In a provocative essay, philosopher Jeffrie Murphy asks: ‘what would law be like if we organized it around the value of Christian love, and if we thought about and criticized law in terms of that value?’. This book brings together leading scholars from a variety of disciplines to address that question. Scholars have given surprisingly little attention to assessing how the central Christian ethical category of love — agape — might impact the way we understand law.

Condorelli, Orazio and Rafael Domingo, eds. Law and the Christian Tradition in Italy: The Legacy of the Great Jurists. Routledge, 2019. Firmly rooted on Roman and canon law, Italian legal culture has had an impressive influence on the civil law tradition from the Middle Ages to present day, and it is rightly regarded as “the cradle of the European legal culture.” This volume explores a millennium-long story of law and religion in Italy through a series of twenty-six biographical chapters written by distinguished legal scholars and historians from Italy and around the world.

Descamps, Olivier and Rafael Domingo, eds. Great Christian Jurists in French History. Cambridge University Press, 2019. French legal culture, from the Middle Ages to the present day, has had an impressive influence on legal norms and institutions that have emerged in Europe and the Americas, as well as in Asian and African countries. This volume examines the lives of twenty-seven key legal thinkers in French history, with a focus on how their Christian faith and ideas were a factor in framing the evolution of French jurisprudence.

Doe, Norman, ed. Christianity and Natural Law: An Introduction. Cambridge University Press, 2017. Historically, natural law has played a pivotal role in Christian approaches to the law, and a contested role in legal philosophy generally. However, comparative study of natural law across global Christian traditions is largely neglected. This book provides not only the history of natural law ideas across mainstream Christian traditions worldwide, but also an ecumenical comparison of the contemporary natural law positions of different traditions.
**Author Spotlight:**
**Abdullahi Ahmed An-Na’im**
Charles Howard Candler Professor of Law
Director of Law and Islam

**Dr. Abdullahi Ahmed An-Na’im** is an internationally recognized scholar of Islam and human rights, and human rights in cross-cultural perspectives. Originally from Sudan, An-Na’im’s current project focuses on the historical formulations of Shari’a law. “The true source of the authority of Shari’a is in its adaptability to changing conditions of different societies, and not in the mistaken belief in its rigidity or absolute nature,” An-Na’im explains. “Current discourse about Shari’a tends to assume that Islamic societies received divinely ordained legal formation of norms, ready for immediate application, while in fact every norm of Shari’a was in fact the product of human interpretation and formulation. Acknowledging the true reality of human formulation of Shari’a opens the way for evolution and adaptation of Shari’a norms in historical context.” The *Emory International Law Review* will publish a special Festschrift issue devoted to An-Na’im’s work in 2022.
From the Preface:
This book is being written to explain the rise in religious arbitration in America. This rise is a result of three phenomena that are jointly changing aspects of American society. The first—not the focus of this book, but touched on many times in a variety of ways—is the rise in arbitration generally. Increasingly, companies and individuals are agreeing to leave the court system and its laws and opting for private resolution of a variety of disputes. Second, some important religious communities are feeling more and more that they are at the margins of American law, and are seeking to opt-out where possible from vast amounts of civil law, particularly family law. A third phenomenon is now occurring because of the first two—almost otherwise unrelated—trends: many religious communities are forming arbitration tribunals to resolve disputes within their communities. This work explores the rise of such tribunals...
This timely book offers a theistic approach to secular legal systems and demonstrates that these systems are neither agnostic nor atheist. Critical but succinct in its approach, this book focuses on an extensive range of liberal legal approaches to religious and moral issues, and subjects them to critical scrutiny from a secular perspective. It is a ringing defense of the theistic conception of secular legal systems and an uncompromising attack on the agnostic and atheist conception.

This volume offers a clear and accessible introduction to Roman law for students of any legal tradition. In the thousand years between the Law of the Twelve Tables and Justinian’s massive Codification, the Romans developed the most sophisticated and comprehensive secular legal system of Antiquity, which remains at the heart of the civil law tradition of many countries across the globe. The study of Roman law facilitates understanding among people of different cultures by inspiring a kind of legal common sense and breadth of knowledge.

The Great Christian Jurists series comprises a library of national volumes of detailed biographies of leading jurists, judges and practitioners, assessing the impact of their Christian faith on the professional output of the individuals studied. Spanish legal culture, developed during the Spanish Golden Age, has had a significant influence on the legal norms and institutions that emerged in Europe and in Latin America. This volume examines the lives of twenty key personalities in Spanish legal history, and the influence of their Christian faith on the evolution of law.

This book explores both historical and contemporary Christian sources and dimensions of global law and includes critical perspectives from various religious and philosophical traditions. Two dozen leading scholars discuss the constituent principles of this new global legal order historically, comparatively, and currently. The volume will be an essential resource for academics and researchers working in the areas of law and religion, transnational law, legal philosophy, and legal history.

From the early days of European settlement in North America, Christianity has had a profound impact on American law and culture. This volume profiles nineteen of America’s most influential Christian jurists from the early colonial era to the present day. Anyone interested in American legal history and jurisprudence, the role Christianity has played throughout the nation’s history, and the relationship between faith and law will enjoy this worthy and unique study.

Speaking to today’s flourishing conversations on both law, morality, and religion, and the religious foundations of law, politics, and society, this volume is an ambitious four-hundred-year narrative and fresh re-assessment of the varied American interactions of ‘common law’ and ‘natural law’. It offers a counter-narrative to the dominant story of common law and natural law by drawing widely from theological and philosophical accounts of natural law, as well as primary and secondary work in legal and intellectual history.
Author Spotlight: Rafael Domingo
Spruill Family Professor of Law and Religion
Co-Director of Law and Christianity

Praise for Roman Law:
"Rafael Domingo brings his considerable knowledge of Roman legal science and religion to this wonderfully clear and thorough introduction to Roman law."
– Ernest Metzger, University of Glasgow, UK

"Professor Domingo’s textbook is a concise and learned synthesis whose great merit is not only that it represents an important effort in making Roman law meaningful in the present for readers everywhere, but also that it emphasizes the unifying influence of Roman law in legal history." – Bryn Mawr, Classical Review

Praise for God and the Secular Legal System:
'... this imaginative, succinct and profound book is a major contribution to scholarship and debate about fundamental questions relating to law and religion.' – Norman Doe, Ecclesiastical Law Journal

Don’t miss these other books by Rafael Domingo!
Islam, and Africa’s many indigenous religious and cultural traditions. The need for effective policies and for states and governments to work towards environmental solutions is also apparent.

Hahn, Judith. Church Law in Modernity: Toward a Theory of Canon Law between Nature and Culture. Cambridge University Press, 2019. Natural law has long been considered the traditional source of Roman Catholic canon law. However, new scholarship is critical of this approach as it portrays the Catholic Church as static, ahistorical, and insensitive to cultural change. This volume analyses the criticism levelled at the church and puts forward solutions for reconciling church law with modernity by revealing the historical and cultural authenticity of all law, and revising the processes of law making.

Heimbucher, Robert W. God and the Illegal Alien: United States Immigration Law and a Theology of Politics. Cambridge University Press, 2017. Today in the United States, millions of men, women, and children are considered ‘illegal aliens’ under federal law. While the presence of these migrants runs against the law, many arrive in response to US demand for cheap labor and stay to contribute to community life. This thought-provoking book asks where migrants stand within God’s world and how authorities can govern immigration with Christian ethics.

Helmholz, R. H. The Profession of Ecclesiastical Lawyers: An Historical Introduction. Cambridge University Press, 2019. Historians of the English legal profession have written comparatively little about the lawyers who served in the courts of the Church. This volume fills a gap; it investigates the law by which they were governed and discusses their careers in legal practice. Using sources drawn from the Roman and canon laws and also from manuscripts found in local archives, R. H. Helmholz brings together previously published work and new evidence about the professional careers of these men.

Hill, Mark, R.H. Helmholz, eds. Great Christian Jurists in English History. Cambridge University Press, 2018. Little has previously been written about the faith of the great judges who framed and developed the English common law over centuries, but this unique volume explores how their beliefs were reflected in their judicial functions. This comparative study, embracing ten centuries of English law, draws some remarkable conclusions as to how Christianity shaped the views of lawyers and judges. Adopting a long historical perspective, this volume also explores the lives of judges whose practice in or conception of law helped to shape the Church, its law or the articulation of its doctrine.
considered even before justice and liberty in structuring political principles and policies.

Lantigua, David M. Infidels and Empires in a New World Order: Early Modern Spanish Contributions to International Legal Thought. Cambridge University Press, 2020. Before international relations in the West, there were Christian-infidel relations. This volume decents the dominant story of international relations beginning with Westphalia in 1648 by looking a century earlier to the Spanish imperial debate at Valladolid addressing the conversion of native peoples of the Americas. Additionally, this book examines the Anglo-Iberian Atlantic to consider how the ambivalent status of the infidel other under natural law and the law of nations culminating at Valladolid shaped subsequent international relations in explicit but mostly obscure ways.

Laycock, Douglas. Religious Liberty, Volume 4: Federal Legislation after the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, with More on the Culture Wars. Wm. B. Eerdmans, 2018. Douglas Laycock has argued many crucial religious-liberty cases in the United States Supreme Court. His noteworthy scholarly and popular writings are being collected in five comprehensive volumes under the title Religious Liberty. This fourth volume presents a documentary history of the effort to replace the Religious Freedom Restoration Act with the Religious Liberty Protection Act, an effort that failed but led to narrower legislation protecting churches from hostile zoning and protecting the religious rights of prisoners.

Laycock, Douglas. Religious Liberty, Volume 5: The Free Speech and Establishment Clauses. Wm. B. Eerdmans, 2018. One of the most influential scholars of religious liberty in our time, Douglas Laycock has argued many crucial religious-liberty cases in the United States Supreme Court. His noteworthy scholarly and popular writings are being collected in five comprehensive volumes under the title Religious Liberty. In this final volume Laycock documents the use of the Constitution's Free Speech Clause and Establishment Clause in legal briefs, scholarly and popular articles, House testimonies, and written debates.

Littlejohn, W. Bradford. The Peril and Promise of Christian Liberty: Richard Hooker, the Puritans, and Protestant Political Theology. Wm. B. Eerdmans, 2017. How do Christians determine when to obey God even if that means disobeying human authorities? This book addresses that question with attention to the political-theological work of Richard Hooker, a leading figure in the sixteenth-century English Reformation. Littlejohn shows how Martin Luther and other Reformers considered Christian liberty to be compatible with considerable civil authority over the church, but he also analyzes the ambiguities and tensions of that relationship and how it helped provoke the Puritan movement.
Michael J. Perry is the author of thirteen books and over eighty-five articles and essays on topics related to human rights, religion, political theory, and morality. His most recent book, *A Global Political Morality: Human Rights, Democracy, and Constitutionalism* (Cambridge, 2017) defends the morality of human rights, which he views as the first truly global morality in human history.

“With his usual precision, Michael Perry offers a powerful – and qualified – defense of a political morality of human rights that illuminates important issues of substance and institutional design. Perry’s explanation of how courts can enforce substantive human rights without undermining the human right to democratic self-government by using a carefully defined concept of deference, is a significant contribution to his already distinguished body of work.”

– Mark Tushnet, William Nelson Cromwell Professor of Law, Harvard Law School, Massachusetts
anarchism) to their theological origins (monasticism versus antinomianism).

Convening leading scholars to reflect on the practical and philosophical implications of religious values, this volume is an accessible introduction to Catholic social thought on contemporary affairs. Its gracefully written chapters cover three themes - direct environmental policy implications of Laudato Si’, philosophical alternatives to dominant policy discourse, and renewed political economy based on robust conceptions of human flourishing. This volume offers learned reflections on what it would mean to express an ethic of compassion in an era of climate crises.

In this volume, Perry addresses several related questions in human rights theory, political theory and constitutional theory. He explains what the term ‘human right’ means and defends the morality of human rights, the first truly global morality in human history. Perry also pursues the implications of the morality of human rights for democratic governance and for the proper role of courts in protecting constitutionally entrenched human rights. The principal constitutional controversies discussed in the book are capital punishment, race-based affirmative action, same-sex marriage, physician-assisted suicide and abortion.

Among the contributions of the medieval church to western culture was the idea that marriage was one of the seven sacraments, which defined the role of married folk in the church. Although it had ancient roots, this new way of regarding marriage raised many problems, to which scholastic theologians applied all their ingenuity. Rather than focusing on a particular aspect of intellectual and institutional developments, this book examines them in depth and in detail from their ancient precedents to the Council of Trent.

This volume is a systematic collection of essays describing how Christian leaders and scholars of the first millennium in the West contributed to law and jurisprudence and used written norms and corrective practices to maintain social order and to guide people from this life into the next. This book invites a more holistic and realistic appreciation of early-medieval contributions to the history students and scholars alike.

This volume is part of a 50-volume series on “Great Christian Jurists,” presenting the interaction of law and Christianity through the biographies of 1000 legal figures of the past two millennia. This volume presents 26 major German legal scholars from Albert the Great and Eike von Repgow in the Middle Ages to Konrad Adenauer and Stephan Kuttner in the twentieth century. Each chapter analyzes the influence of Christianity on their lives and legal work and sketches their enduring influence on the laws of church and state.


In Volume 1 of Christianity and Freedom, leading historians uncover the unappreciated role of Christianity in the development of basic human rights and freedoms from antiquity through today. These include radical notions of dignity and equality, religious freedom, liberty of conscience, limited government, consent of the governed, economic liberty, autonomous civil society, and church-state separation, as well as more recent advances in democracy, human rights, and human development.


Volume 2 of Christianity and Freedom illuminates how Christian minorities and transnational Christian networks contribute to the freedom and flourishing of societies across the globe, even amidst pressure and violent persecution. Featuring unprecedented field research by some of the world’s most distinguished scholars, it documents the outsized role of Christians in promoting human rights and religious freedom; fighting injustice; stimulating economic equality; providing education, social services, and health care; and nurturing democratic civil society.

Smith, Steven D. *Pagans and Christians in the City: Culture Wars from the Tiber to the Potomac*. Wm. B. Eerdmans, 2018.

Traditionalist Christians who oppose same-sex marriage and other cultural developments in the United States wonder why they are being forced to bracket their beliefs in order to participate in public life. This situation is not new, says Steven D. Smith: Christians two thousand years ago faced very similar challenges. This volume looks at the historical conflict between Christians and pagans and continues to clash today.


The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Bible and Law (OEBL) provides the most up-to-date and extensive treatment of the Bible and law yet attempted, both updating and expanding the scope of previous scholarship in the field. In comprehensive overviews, scholars at the forefront of biblical studies and law address three foci: (1) biblical law itself—its nature, collections, and genres; (2) the ancient contexts of biblical law, throughout the ancient Mediterranean (ancient Near Eastern, Greco-Roman, and Early Jewish); and (3) the afterlife and influence of biblical law in antiquity and in modern jurisprudence around the world.


Religious freedom is one of the most debated and controversial human rights in contemporary public discourse. Taliaferro explores a different way of examining the tensions between the aims of religion and the needs of political communities, arguing that religious freedom is a uniquely difficult human right to uphold because it rests on two competing conceptions, human and divine. Drawing on classical natural law, Taliaferro expounds a new, practical theory of religious freedom for the modern world.
moment of each day, and neighbor.


What must we do to make our dreams come true? What can we do together to keep the promise of the American Dream? What should we do when so many of us have saved so little? Retirement not only offers a time to rest from our labors and relax with family and friends—to travel, play, and have fun—but it beckons us to find our true calling in action, peace of mind in reflection, the spirit moving in the grace of God in prayer and love of neighbor.


In this volume, Tuininga explores a little appreciated dimension of John Calvin’s political thought, his two kingdoms theology, as a model for constructive Christian participation in liberal society. Widely misunderstood as a proto-political culture warrior, Calvin articulated a thoughtful approach to public life rooted in his understanding of the gospel and its teaching concerning the kingdom of God. This revealing analysis of Calvin’s vision offers timely guidance for Christians seeking a mode of faithful, respectful public engagement in democratic, pluralistic communities today.


There was a time when taking up arms as a means of resolving international disputes was commonplace in the world. More recently, the international community of states has attempted to restrict armed conflicts to certain defined circumstances only; yet, acts of aggression still seem to prevail in this day and age. While the Security Council of the United Nations has been charged with a primary responsibility to maintain international peace and security, efforts to entrust the International Criminal Court (ICC) with a competence to prosecute persons in a position of authority has thus far not been finalized.


Pluralism has become the defining characteristic of modern societies. Some see in the clash of principles the potential for a more just human community, while others fear the erosion of enduring culture. Yet beneath this welter stand powerful and pervasive institutions, whose distinctive norms profoundly shape our moral commitments and character. This series examines the impact of these various institutions on moral education, character, and values.


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For more than 2,500 years, the Western tradition has embraced monogamous marriage as an essential institution for the flourishing of men and women, parents and children, society and the state. At the same time, polygamy has been considered a serious crime that harms wives and children, correlates with sundry other crimes and abuses, and threatens good citizenship and political stability.

John Witte, Jr. carefully documents the Western case for monogamy over polygamy from antiquity until today.
"It is hard to imagine a better researched, better balanced, more clearly argued - but also more charitable - defense of what John Witte, Jr. calls the traditional ‘marital family’. It is a compelling book of landmark dimensions."
– Mark A. Noll, McAnaney Professor of History Emeritus, University of Notre Dame

"For his encyclopedic knowledge and incisiveness, John Witte, Jr. has no equal, and this is a fair-minded and wise attempt at the re-integration of state and faith-based institutions. I commend it unreservedly."
– Iain R. Torrance, President Emeritus of Princeton Theological Seminary

"Over many years, John Witte, Jr. has made a profound contribution to global scholarship and debate on law and religion. He continues to do so, with great energy and insight, in this superb book. Written in the highest academic traditions of argument and counter-argument, this book justly deserves to become an enduring stimulus for debate on the importance of the marital family in human life."
– Norman Doe, Cardiff University

Don’t miss these other books by John Witte, Jr!

This accessible introduction tells the American story of religious liberty from its colonial beginnings to the latest Supreme Court cases. Throughout the volume, the authors address frankly and fully the hot button issues of our day: religious freedom versus sexual liberty, freedom of conscience and its limitations, religious group rights and the worries about abuse, faith-based legal systems and their place in liberal democracies, and the fresh rise of anti-Semitism, Islamophobia, and anti-Christianity in America and abroad.


The Western tradition has always cherished the family as an essential foundation of a just and orderly society, and thus accorded it special legal and religious protection. Christianity embraced this teaching from the start, and many of the basics of Western family law were shaped by the Christian theologies of nature, sacrament, and covenant. This volume introduces readers to the enduring and evolving Christian norms and teachings on weddings; marriage and divorce; women’s and children’s rights; and human sexuality and intimate relationships.


This book defends the fundamental place of the marital family in modern liberal societies. While applauding modern sexual freedoms, John Witte, Jr. also defends the traditional Western teaching that the marital family is an essential cradle of conscience, chrysalis of care, and cornerstone of ordered liberty. He counsels modern churches and states to share in family law governance, and to resist recent efforts to privatize, abolish, or radically expand the marital family sphere.


Renowned legal historian, Charles Donahue, serves as the inspiration for this volume of essays covering a range of topics of interest to legal historians, legal scholars, and others. Inspired by Donahue’s insights into the value of understanding both text and context, this volume brings together 26 contributions from leading historians in Europe and North America.

Love and justice have long been prominent themes in the moral culture of the West, yet they are often considered to be deeply at odds with one another. In this book acclaimed Christian philosopher Nicholas Wolterstorff argues that the commonly perceived tension between justice and love reveals something faulty in our understanding of each.

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CSLR In the News

The Center for the Study of Law and Religion is delighted to announce that Dr. Abdullahi Ahmed An-Na’im has been selected as a “Great Immigrant” by the Carnegie Corporation of New York. An-Na’im is the Charles Howard Candler Professor of Law, and Director of CSLR’s program in Law and Islam. Each year, the Carnegie Corporation recognizes extraordinary immigrants from around the world who have “made notable contributions to the progress of American society.”

In 2020, CSLR received a $350,000 grant from the Lilly Endowment to fund a new 29-month study on law and ministry in the United States. This study, which was conceived by CSLR fellow and Emory Law School senior lecturer, Dr. Shlomo C. Pill, will map the ways in which federal, state, and local laws impact professional ministry and church administration while identifying ways in which seminary education can prepare Christian clergy and church leaders to navigate America’s complex and evolving legal landscape.
The Journal of Law and Religion is excited to announce the addition of eleven new Co-editors to the journal’s leadership. Preeminent scholars in their respective fields, the new Co-editors will expand JLR’s interdisciplinary, interreligious, and international expertise, and enhance JLR’s publication of cutting edge-research on the critical issues of law and religion. The new Co-editors join Silas W. Allard, Michael J. Broyde, M. Christian Green, Michael J. Perry, and John Witte Jr. in leading the journal to further scholarly excellence.

CSLR’s digital publication, Canopy Forum, celebrates it’s one-year anniversary. Reaching tens of thousands of readers on six continents, Canopy Forum publishes short articles and multimedia resources on matters of law and religion. Recent thematic series have covered the January 6th attack on the US Capitol, Amy Coney Barrett’s nomination to the Supreme Court, and the ongoing COVID19 pandemic. Read more at canopyforum.org.

In partnership with the McDonald Agape Foundation and led by CSLR’s director, John Witte, Jr., CSLR convenes a cohort of thirteen McDonald Distinguished Fellows to support cutting edge scholarship at the intersections of law and Christianity. Learn more about this diverse group of McDonald Distinguished Fellows at cslr.law.emory.edu.