Faculty Scholarship Day 2009

Final Schedule of Events

10:00 a.m.  Welcome, Dean’s Remarks, Host’s Remarks
Michelle Simon, Pace Law School
Jean Connolly, BNY Mellon and
American Heart Association’s Go Red for Women Campaign

10:10-11:10 a.m.  Session 1: Protecting Words, Protecting Speech

The panelists of Session 1 present their work on what are typically construed as “fundamental” rights: the right to free speech and the right to own property. What are constitutionally permissible limits on these rights and to what extent are those limits defined by the purported holder of those rights? How has the law’s protection for these rights adapted to changes in technology or usage? Should the law respond to shifting notions of “fundamental” rights?

Steve Goldberg
John Humbach
Jessie Owley Lippmann

Commentators: Ben Gershman (on Professor Goldberg’s paper and Professor Humbach’s paper); Michael Mushlin (on Professor Lippmann’s paper)

Moderator: Leslie Garfield

11:10-11:25 a.m.  Break

11:25 a.m.-12:20 p.m.  Session 2: Vulnerable Legal Actors and the Promise of Law

The panelists of Session 2 offer critical perspectives on the ways in which the law enters into the lives of members of vulnerable populations, including children, pregnant women and the elderly. To what extent is the law a tool for justice for vulnerable populations? Is the law a vehicle through which vulnerability is sustained or remedied (or neither)?

Barbara Atwell
Irene Johnson
Linda Fentiman

Commentator: Merril Sobie
Moderator: Audrey Rogers

12:20 p.m. – 1:05 p.m.  Lunch
1:05 a.m. – 1:25 p.m. Simultaneous Incubator Sessions

Leaders of these small group “incubator” sessions will speak briefly about a current project or project-information. Faculty colleagues are asked to select and attend one of the following short sessions. Participants will give feedback to the speaker about possible avenues for further inquiry, connections across subject matters or additional questions of interest.

Incubator #1: Lissa Griffin (Main Conference Room)
Incubator #2: Andrew Lund (Lobby Conference Room)

1:25-2:00 p.m. Session 5: Flexibility in International Law

The panelists of Session 5 will address questions relating to international law. In particular, to what extent is uniformity a normative goal for international legal doctrine and procedures? What are the consequences of the failure to follow international norms? Is it possible to have flexible international law standards without flexible justice? Can one have flexible international law without flexible peace?

Sasha Greenawalt
Tom McDonnell

Commentator: Darren Rosenblum
Moderator: Emily Waldman

2:00-2:15 p.m. Break

2:15-2:50 p.m. Session 6: Reflections on Faculty Scholarship and Teaching

Jim Fishman, Writing Casebooks and Treatises: Is It for Me?
Jill Gross, What Has Blogging Done for Me Lately
Bridget Crawford, What, How and Why We Write

Moderator: Noa Ben-Asher

2:50-3:00 p.m. Concluding Remarks

Michelle S. Simon

Commentator's Role: The Commentator will read the panelists’ papers in advance and offer prepared remarks on the works’ principal arguments. What questions do the papers raise and to what extent have they answered them? Are there connections between or among the panel’s papers? Might there be connections to other legal issues that the author(s) might explore? How do these arguments, papers, ideas fit into the larger scholarly project? What ideas might be supported or reinforced through additional work?

Moderator's Role: The Moderator’s job is to start the session on time and end the session on time. In advance of Faculty Scholarship Day, the moderator may wish to consult with the members of the panel, including the Commentator, to determine how the time will be divided. As a basic guideline, you may wish to allocate 10 minutes to each paper presenter and commentator and leave the remaining time for questions from the audience, but the members of each panel are free to decide among themselves how they will run their session.