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Speakers and Moderators

SYMPOSIUM ADDRESS PRESENTER

Louise Antony is a professor of philosophy at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. Antony’s work has focused on the question how mentality can be realized in a physical world; she has written extensively about mental causation, the nature of mental representation, and the relation between language and mind. With Norbert Hornstein, she co-edited a volume of original essays, Chomsky and His Critics. Antony also works in feminist philosophy, particularly feminist epistemology. Recently, Antony has become interested in the philosophy of religion, and has written on ethics and atheism, and the problem of evil. Antony has lectured at colleges and universities throughout the United States and in many foreign countries. Antony has served as president of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology and as president of the Eastern Division of the American Philosophical Association.

PANEL ONE

Bruce Ledewitz (symposium co-convenor) is a professor of law at Duquesne University School of Law, where he teaches in the areas of state and federal constitutional law and jurisprudence. He is also co-director of the Duquesne University School of Law’s Pennsylvania Constitution website. Ledewitz writes and speaks widely on a variety of legal and religious topics. He is the author of three books, American Religious Democracy: Coming to Terms with the End of Secular Politics (2007); Hallowed Secularism: Theory, Belief, and Practice (2009); and Church, State, and the Crisis in American Secularism (2011). He is also the author of the blog, Hallowed Secularism. Ledewitz received his B.S.F.S. from Georgetown University and his J.D. from Yale Law School. His professional honors include the Allegheny County Bar Association Pro Bono Service Award, the Pennsylvania Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers Liberty Award, the Marjorie Matson Civil Liberties Award and the Inaugural Dr. John & Liz Murray Award for Excellence in Faculty Scholarship in 2012, and in 2017.

Justin Dyer is professor of political Science and director of the Kinder Institute on Constitutional Democracy at the University of Missouri. An award-winning teacher and scholar, Dyer’s work spans the fields of American political development, political theory, and constitutional law, with a particular focus on the perennial philosophy of natural law. He is the author or editor of six books, including C.S. Lewis on Politics and the Natural Law (Cambridge, 2016); Slavery, Abortion, and the Politics of Constitutional Meaning (Cambridge, 2013); and Natural Law and the Antislavery Constitutional Tradition (Cambridge, 2012). His essays have been published in

Lawrence M. Solan is the Don Forchelli professor of law and director of the Center for the Study of Law, Language and Cognition at Brooklyn Law School. His books include The Language of Judges, Speaking of Crime (with Peter Tiersma), and The Language of Statutes: Laws and their Interpretation, all published by the University of Chicago Press. He and Peter Tiersma co-edited The Oxford Handbook of Language and Law (2012), and co-edited with Janet Ainsworth and Roger Shuy, Speaking of Language and Law: Conversations on the Work of Peter Tiersma, published by Oxford University Press in 2015. Solan has been a visiting professor at the Yale Law School, and in the Psychology Department and Humanities Council at Princeton University.

Jennifer Ann Bates (panel moderator) is a professor of philosophy at Duquesne University. She specializes in 19th century German philosophy with an emphasis on Hegel. She is the author of Hegel's Theory of Imagination (SUNY 2004), Hegel and Shakespeare on Moral Imagination (SUNY 2010), and co-editor (with Richard Wilson) of Shakespeare and Continental Philosophy (Edinburgh University Press, 2014). Bates has published numerous book chapters, most recent on Kant and Shakespeare in The Routledge Companion to Shakespeare and Philosophy (forthcoming 2018), and on Hegel’s critique of Solger’s theory of imagination (forthcoming Cambridge University Press, 2018). She has published articles in the Wallace Stevens Journal, the Journal for Environmental Ethics, Criticism: A Quarterly for Literature and the Arts, Memoria di Shakespeare, Philosophy Compass, and Angelaki: Journal of the Theoretical Humanities. Bates established the Philosophy Duquesne-Heidelberg Exchange in 2013 and chaired it until 2016. She continues to serve as an alumni research ambassador for Heidelberg University.

PANEL TWO

Heidi Li Feldman (symposium co-convenor) is professor of law at Georgetown University Law Center, with a courtesy appointment in the Philosophy Department at Georgetown University. Her scholarly expertise includes torts, constitutional torts, political philosophy, ethics, and epistemology. She has written about objectivity; the relationship between law and science in the context of uncertainty; virtue ethics and legal ethics; the role of the virtues in negligence law; and the affirmative obligation elected officials have to listen widely. Most recently, Feldman has written about whether and how U.S. cities can strengthen civil society. She speaks regularly to U.S. and foreign press and she has been quoted by the New York Times, the Washington Post, Reuters, Bloomberg, and CBS News. Feldman earned both her J.D. and her Ph.D. in philosophy from the University of Michigan.
Alina Ng is a faculty member at Mississippi College School of Law. Ng’s research focuses particularly on the interrelationship between private property and the public’s rights to access such property. Ng has published many articles, including *The Conceits of Our Legal Imagination: Legal Fictions and the Concept of Deemed Authorship*, 17 N.Y.U. J. LEGIS. & PUB. POL’Y 707 (2014) and, *Picking at Morals: Analytical Jurisprudence in the Age of Naturalized Ethics*, 26 S. CAL. INTERDISC. L.J. 493 (2017). She is currently working on projects dealing with the use of neuroscientific data, the relevance of such data for understanding creative and innovative minds, and its use in the development and implementation of legal policies.

Brad Wendel is a professor of law at Cornell Law School, where he teaches professional responsibility, torts, and products liability courses. His primary area of research concerns the application of moral and political philosophy to legal ethics. Wendel received a B.A. from Rice University, a J.D. from Duke Law School, and an LL.M. and J.S.D. from Columbia Law School. He is the author of *Lawyers and Fidelity to Law* (Princeton University Press 2010), *Ethics and Law: An Introduction* (Cambridge University Press 2014), and numerous law review articles. Before entering the legal academy, Wendel clerked for the Honorable Andrew J. Kleinfeld on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in Fairbanks, Alaska, and practiced at a large law firm in Seattle.

Elizabeth Agnew Cochran (panel moderator) is an associate professor of theology at Duquesne University. Her research centers on questions of virtue and character in modern Christian thought. She is the author of *Protestant Virtue and Stoic Ethics* (Bloomsbury Academic/T&T Clark, 2017) and *Receptive Human Virtues: A New Reading of Jonathan Edwards’s Ethics* (Penn State University Press, 2011). Cochran has also authored numerous articles in professional journals.

PLENARY SESSION

Wilson R. Huhn (session moderator) is a visiting professor of law at Duquesne University School of Law. Most recently he served as a distinguished professor emeritus, the C. Blake McDowell, Jr. professor of law, and associate director of the Constitutional Law Center at the University of Akron School of Law. Huhn has authored many books and articles on constitutional law and legal reasoning, including *The Five Types of Legal Argument*, and coordinated the writing of amicus briefs and submitted those briefs to the U.S. Supreme Court in *Schuette v. Coalition to Defend Affirmative Action v. Regents of the University of Michigan* (filed with the court on August 27, 2013) and *United States Department of Health and Human Services v. Florida* (filed with the Court on January 5, 2012). Huhn was selected as Outstanding Professor at Akron Law and Outstanding Adjunct Professor at Duquesne Law. He has pioneered techniques for teaching law online, including the development of electronic textbooks, recorded lectures with accompanying quizzes, and classes via teleconference.