



# HOW LEGAL RHETORIC SHAPES THE LAW

**Friday, November 2, 2007**

American University Washington College of Law, Room 603

8:30 am – 5:30 pm

- 8:30 am Registration and continental breakfast
- 9:15 am Welcome and Introduction: *Teresa Godwin Phelps*, Director of the Legal Rhetoric Program, Washington College of Law
- 9:30 am Keynote Address - When Language Meets the Mind: Three Questions:  
*James Boyd White*, University of Michigan Law School
- 11:00 am Break
- 11:15 am Panel on Narrative  
*Speakers: Robert Dinerstein*, Washington College of Law  
*Linda Edwards*, Mercer Law School; *Philip Meyer*, Vermont Law School; and  
*Ann Shalleck*, Washington College of Law  
*Moderator: Jessica Ciani-Dausch*, Legal Rhetoric Program, Washington College of Law
- 12:30 pm Lunch
- 2:00 pm Panel on Metaphor  
*Speakers: Linda Berger*, Thomas Jefferson Law School; *Christy DeSanctis*, George Washington University Law School  
*Moderator: Jamie Abrams*, Legal Rhetoric Program, Washington College of Law
- 3:30 pm Break
- 3:45 pm Panel on Archetypes  
*Speakers: James Eyster*, Ave Maria Law School; *Daphne O'Regan*, Michigan State University Law School; and *Ruth Anne Robbins*, Rutgers Camden Law School  
*Moderator: David Spratt*, Legal Rhetoric Program, Washington College of Law
- 5:30 pm Reception, with dinner will follow for speakers and invited guests only

**For more information and to register, please contact:**  
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