



HOW LEGAL RHETORIC SHAPES THE LAW II – THE LANGUAGE OF VIOLENCE AND TORTURE

Friday, November 7, 2008

American University Washington College of Law
4801 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20016
9:00 am – 5:30 pm

- 9:00 am **Registration and Continental breakfast**
- 9:30 am **Welcome**
- 9:45 am **Keynote Speaker:** *Peter Brooks*, Yale University and Princeton University: "The Ethics of Reading"
- 11:15 am **Panel 1**
Richard Wilson, American University Washington College of Law: "Waging Lawfare: Violent Euphemism and the Nation's Narrative"
Muneer Ahmad, American University Washington College of Law: "Guantanamo is about the Body: Narrative, Rights, and Resistance"
Lee Tucker, University of Arizona School of Law: "Legal Rhetoric and Coercion: Police Interrogation and False Confessions"
- 12:45 pm **Lunch**
- 2:00 pm **Panel 2**
Michael O'Connor, Phoenix School of Law: "Race, Religion, and the Rhetoric of Violence"
Jamison Wilcox, Quinnipiac University School of Law: "Manipulation Through Naming"
Mary Ellen Maatman, Widener University School of Law: "Segregationists' Tales: (In)justice Narratives of the Deep South"
Christine Venter, Notre Dame Law School: "Sliding Scales, Balancing Tests and Purpose: The Use of Metaphors in Framing the Debate for Selective Interpretations of Common Article 3 of the Geneva Conventions"
- 3:30 pm **Break**
- 4:00 pm **Workshop on Using Narrative Theory in the Legal Writing Classroom and in Scholarship**
Teaching Research–Facilitators: *Jamie Abrams*, Washington College of Law; *Leah Christensen*, Thomas Jefferson School of Law
Teaching Advocacy Writing–Facilitator: *Stacy Scaldo*, Florida Coastal School of Law; *Linda Berger*, Mercer University School of Law
Scholarship–Facilitators: *Teresa Phelps*, Washington College of Law; *Mary Ellen Maatman*, Widener University School of Law
- 6:00 pm **Adjourn**
- 6:30 pm **Reception**
- 7:00 pm **Dinner**

To register, please go to: <http://www.wcl.american.edu/secle/fall/2008/events.cfm>
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