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November 2, 2009

Legal History: “Legal Chaos in a Factual Colony: New York, 1626-1776”

William E. Nelson
Edward Weinfeld Distinguished Professor of Legal History, New York University School of Law

Professor Nelson has been active as a legal historian since the publication of his first history article in the Annual Survey of American Law in 1965. His most recent book on the subject of colonial law is The Common Law in Colonial America: Volume I: The Chesapeake and New England, 1607-1660 (2008).

Legal History: “The Case of the Headless Baby: America’s First Habeas Petition”

Melinde Lutz Sanborn
Professor of Genealogical Studies, Boston University

Professor Sanborn directs Boston University’s Program for Genealogical Research. She is a leading expert on genealogy in colonial New England.

November 11, 2009


Moshe Halbertal
Gruss Professor of Law, Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Israel, Visiting Professor, New York University School of Law

Professor Halbertal, a noted expert in Jewish and Talmudic Law, wrote Concealment and Revelation: Esotericism in Jewish Thought and its Philosophical Implications (2007).

February 16-18, 2010

Professors Guinier and Torres will serve as Distinguished Scholars in Residence, speaking on Democratic Theory: “Changing The Wind: The ‘Demosprudence’ of Law and Social Movements”

Lani Guinier
Bennett Boskey Distinguished Professor of Law, Harvard Law School

Professor Guinier was the first woman of color appointed to a tenured professorship at Harvard Law School. Her scholarship has addressed issues of race, gender and democratic decision making, and sought new ways of approaching questions about affirmative action.

Gerald Torres
Bryant Smith Chair in Law, University of Texas School of Law

Professor Gerald Torres is former president of the Association of American Law Schools. He was honored with the 2004 Legal Service Award from the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund. He has been a visiting professor at Harvard and Stanford Law Schools.

February 24, 2010

Military Justice: “What is ‘Justice’ in State/Non-State Wars?”

Michael Walzer
Professor Emeritus Institute for Advanced Studies, Princeton University


April 14, 2010


Cynthia Williams
Osler Chair in Business Law, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University

Professor Williams, a world-class expert in securities law and corporate law, with a particular emphasis on corporate social responsibility, joined Osgoode in 2007. She was previously the Mildred Van Voorhis Jones Faculty Scholar at the University of Illinois College of Law.

For reservations and further information please contact Professor Silber at Norman.I.Silber@hofstra.edu or call (516) 463-4157.