Research Symposium

25 Years of Law and Positive Political Theory:
Past, Present and the Future

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Northwestern University School of Law — Wieboldt Hall #150, 340 E. Superior St, Chicago, IL
Thursday, October 7th—Friday, October 8th, 2010

The symposium chairs are Daniel B. Rodriguez (Texas), Emerson H. Tiller (Northwestern), and Barry R. Weingast (Stanford).

Thursday, October 7th

8:30 a.m.  Continental Breakfast (WB112)

9:00 a.m.  Welcome  Emerson H. Tiller, J. Landis Martin Professor of Law and Business, Northwestern University School of Law

9:00 to 10:00  Overview
Law and PPT: The First 25 Years
William Eskridge, John A. Garver Professor of Jurisprudence, Yale Law School
Daniel Rodriguez, Minerva House Drysdale Regents Chair in Law, The University of Texas School of Law

10:00 to 11:00  Session One
A Model of Judicial Influence on Congressional Policymaking:
Grove City College v. Bell
Brian Marks, Adjunct Professor, College of Arts and Sciences, Department of Government & Politics, John F. Welch College of Business, Department of Business Economics & Finance, Sacred Heart University
Pablo Spiller, Jeffrey A. Jacobs Distinguished Professor of Business & Technology, Walter A. Haas School of Business, University of California at Berkeley
Barry Weingast, Ward C. Krebs Family Professor, Department of Political Science, Stanford University

11:00 to 11:30  Break

11:30 to 1:00  Session Two
Why (and When) Judges Dissent: A Theoretical and Empirical Analysis
Lee Epstein, Henry Wade Rogers Professor, Northwestern University School of Law
William M. Landes, Clifton R. Musser Professor of Law and Economics, Emeritus, and Senior Lecturer in Law, University of Chicago Law School
Hon. Richard A. Posner, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit and Senior Lecturer in Law, University of Chicago Law School

Going Procedural: Conflict Avoidance in the Federal Courts of Appeal
Shelley Murphy, Visiting Fellow, Northwestern University School of Law

Discussants: John de Figueiredo; Tino Cuellar
1:00 to 2:00  **Lunch** (Lowden Hall, LM 117)

2:00 to 3:30  **Session Three**  *Judicial Review and Democratic Failure*

  **Matthew Stephenson**, Professor of Law, Harvard Law School

**Session Three (continued)**

*What's Age Got To Do With It?  Supreme Court Appointees and the Long Run Location of the Supreme Court Median Justice*

  **Jonathan N. Katz**, Professor of Social Sciences and Statistics and Chair of the Division of the Humanities and Social Sciences, California Institute of Technology

  **Matthew Spitzer**, Hayden W. Head Regents Chair for Faculty Excellence, University of Texas School of Law

Discussants:  **Thomas Miles; Matias Iaryczower**

3:30 to 4:00  **Break**

4:00 to 4:45  **Session Four**  *A Positive Political Theory of the Reformation of Administrative Law*

  **Daniel Rodriguez**, Minerva House Drysdale Regents Chair in Law, The University of Texas School of Law

  **Barry Weingast**, Ward C. Krebs Family Professor, Department of Political Science, Stanford University

Discussants:  **Jacob Gersen**

5:00  **Reception and Dinner** (7:00 p.m.)

  Wieboldt Hall 540

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**Friday, October 8th**

8:00  **Continental Breakfast** (WB 112)

8:30 to 10:00  **Session Five**  *Strategic Judicial Preference Revelation*

  **Tonja Jacobi**, Professor of Law, Northwestern University School of Law

  **Vetogates**

  **William Eskridge, Jr.**, John A. Garver Professor of Jurisprudence, Yale Law School

Discussants:  **Kenneth Shepsle; Miguel de Figueiredo**

10:30 to 11:00  **Break**

11:00 to 12:30  **Session Six**  *Understanding Voting Behavior in Circuit Court Panel*

  **Joshua Fischman**, Associate Professor of Law, University of Virginia School of Law

  **Modeling Collegial Courts (3): Adjudication Equilibria** (coauthored with Lewis Kornhauser)

  **Charles Cameron**, Professor of Politics and Public Affairs, Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University

Discussants:  **Tonja Jacobi; Roger Noll**

12:30 to 1:30  **Lunch** (Wieboldt 540)
1:30 to 3:00  **Roundtable**  The Future of Law and PPT
John Ferejohn
Mat McCubbins
Pablo Spiller
Emerson Tiller
Barry Weingast