

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

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