

Second Annual Harvard Law School Interfaith Conference



Introduction: Dean Martha Minow (12:00pm—12:15pm)

*Community Healing in Light of Ferguson, Staten Island, Cleveland, and Elsewhere
(12:15pm—1:15pm)*

This panel focuses on the crucial and powerful role that religion can play in healing and restoring communities after tragic events, particularly those that result from deep-seated community divisions. Panelists will discuss events in Ferguson, Staten Island, Cleveland, and other related events, and provide insights from their particular religious and legal roles as to what faith can do to bring healing to these communities. We hope to be able to tie the themes discussed in this panel to a broader discussion of racial strife and racial healing in this country.

Speakers:

Melissa Barholomew, Student at Harvard Divinity School
Rev. Jeffrey Brown, Chair of Mayor's Interfaith Advisory Task Force
Prof. Marla Frederick, Professor of African and African American Studies and of Religion at Harvard University
Rabbi Dani Passow, Associate Rabbi and Jewish Educator at Harvard Hillel

Restorative Justice and Alternative Punishment (1:45pm—2:45pm)

Restorative justice emphasizes repairing the harm caused by illegal behavior through cooperative processes that include all stakeholders. The goal is to create deep and lasting solutions by focusing on restitution, reconciliation, restoration, and the collective future. This panel hopes to shed light on religion-based efforts to solve problems in communities through justice circles, alternative punishment, debt forgiveness, prison ministry, and sentencing reforms.

Speakers:

Rev. Susan Chorley, Baptist Minister, Director at Unitarian Universalist Urban Ministry
Janet Connors, Teacher of Restorative Justice
Prof. Intisar Rabb, Co-Director of Islamic Legal Studies Program at Harvard Law School
Prof. Mark Ramseyer, Professor of Japanese Legal Studies at Harvard Law School
Prof. David Skeel, Professor of Corporate Law at University of Pennsylvania Law School
Melissa Tantaquidgeon Zobel, Medicine Woman

Faith and Conscience in Legal Practice (2:45pm—3:45pm)

This panel addresses a central question of legal practice: how do lawyers balance ethics and professionalism in their practice? Panelists will address the question from uniquely religious perspectives, citing and drawing insights from the central tenets of the panelists' respective faiths. We hope to shed light on both the particulars of ethical decision-making in the context of legal practice, and connect the discussion to a broader understanding of faith and professionalism generally.

Speakers:

Prof. Thomas Kohler, Professor of Law and Philosophy at Boston College
Daniel Packard, Litigation Partner for Packard, Packard & Johnson, LDS Mission President
Peter Pound, Partner at Morgan Lewis
Wasim Quadir, Corporate and Securities Associate at Arnold & Porter
Rev. Luther Zeigler, Episcopal Chaplain at Harvard University