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Presenters Bios

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Luigino Bruni



Luigino Bruni is Associate Professor of Political Economy at University of Milan-Bicocca, where he teaches microeconomics; economic method, ethics and history, and a course called Happiness in Economics. He won the second prize in the 2008 Templeton Enterprise Awards, an award given annually for the best publications by younger scholars on the culture of enterprise. Bruni is the author of *Reciprocity, Altruism and Civil Society* (Routledge, 2008); *Civil Happiness: Economics and Human Flourishing in Historical Perspective* (Routledge, 2007), *Civil Economy* (with Zamagni, Lang, Oxford, 2007) and *A Handbook on The Economics of Happiness* (with Porta and Elgar, 2007). He earned his Ph.D. in History of Economics from the University of Florence, and his Ph.D. in Economics from the University of East Anglia. He received a post-doctoral fellowship in the Economics Department of the University of Padua.

Program Speakers

Abed Awad



Abed Awad practices law in New York and New Jersey, specializing in complex matrimonial law, commercial law, entertainment law, Islamic law and international law. Awad is an adjunct professor of law at Rutgers Law School, New Jersey and at Pace Law School, New Jersey, where he teaches Islamic law and Matrimonial Litigation. Awad previously clerked for Judge George E. Sabbath, New Jersey Superior Court. He has been qualified and recognized as an expert witness in Islamic law and Middle Eastern law by courts throughout the United States. In addition to his J.D. from Pace University Law School, where he was managing editor of the *Pace International Law*

Review, he holds an M.A. in Near and Middle East Studies and a Certificate in

Comparative Law from the University of London. Awad was selected as a Lawyer of the Year 2002 by *Lawyers' Weekly (USA)* for his representation in a ground-breaking decision enforcing the *mahr* provision contained in a Muslim marriage contract. Awad is a Member of the Board of Directors, KARAMAH (Muslim Women Lawyers for Human Rights). He has published extensively in the *New Jersey Law Journal*, *Matrimonial Strategist*, *the Journal of the Legal Profession*, and *Middle East Executive Reports*, among others. He is a frequent public lecturer and media analyst for Al-Jazeera, BBC Arabic Television, NPR, ABC and other Middle East media on subjects ranging from law, politics, gender, religion to culture.



Shailly Barnes

Shailly Barnes started her legal career at a private litigation firm in Los Angeles, where she worked on a number of complex litigation disputes. She later joined the Peace Corps and lived and worked in rural Niger, then became involved in various legal empowerment efforts to alleviate poverty. In 2008, Barnes helped to found CiViSOL, a non-profit organization that recently achieved an historic legal victory for the waste pickers in Cali, Colombia, ordering the inclusion of these informal workers

into the city's formal economy of waste management. She is also engaged with Ruiz-Restrepo and Associates (RRA), a boutique firm that brings a holistic understanding of constitutional law, governance, public policy, international standards and development principles to situate RRA's clients' demands in a globalized environment. Barnes received her B.A. in economics from the University of Chicago (1999) and her J.D. from UCLA School of Law (2002), her M.I.A. from Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs (2009).



Tsvi Blanchard

Tsvi Blanchard is an ordained Orthodox rabbi and is Director of Organizational Development at CLA—the National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership. He also teaches at Yeshivat Chovevei Torah in New York. Blanchard holds Ph.D. degrees in Psychology and Philosophy. He has been a Professor of Philosophy, Director of the Ida Crown Jewish Academy in Chicago, Salamon Openheimer Visiting Prof. of Law at Humboldt University in Berlin, and a practicing clinical and organizational psychologist. He has taught at Washington, Northwestern and Loyola Universities, as well as the Drisha Institute for

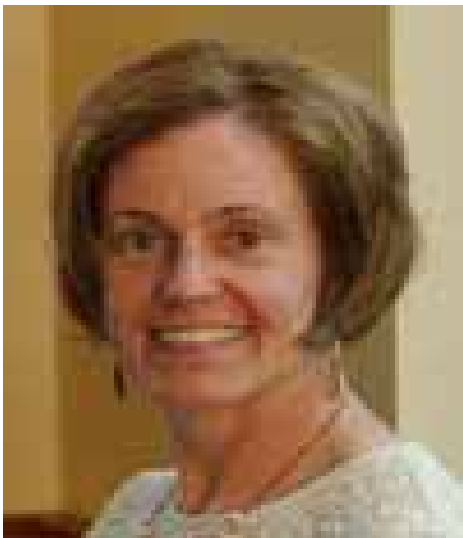
Women, the Jewish Theological Seminary, and the Wexner Heritage Foundation. In addition to Blanchard's work on issues of ethics, healing, spirituality and the environment, he is an active voice for CLAL's mission of religious pluralism and diversity. A popular speaker, he has appeared on numerous TV programs including "The Oprah Winfrey Show" and "Eye on Religion." A 2003 Reisman Award winner for "Article of the Year" (*Journal of Jewish Communal Service*), he is the co-author of *Embracing Life & Facing Death: A Jewish Guide to Palliative Care* (CLAL, 2003). Blanchard's stories and parables have been widely anthologized.



Zachary R. Calo

Zachary R. Calo is Assistant Professor of Law at the Valparaiso University School of Law. He joined the faculty in 2007 after having practiced business and commercial law in Washington, DC. He holds a J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law, a B.A. and M.A. in history from The Johns Hopkins University, a Ph.D. in American religious history from the University of Pennsylvania, and is a Ph.D. candidate in theological ethics in the Department of Religious Studies at the University of Virginia. Calo has been a Visiting Fellow at the Brookings Institution,

the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life, and the Institute for Humane Studies. He is currently completing projects on religion and international human rights, theology and torture, the history of economic ethics, and political necessity as a theological and ethical doctrine.



Deborah Cantrell

Deborah J. Cantrell joined Colorado Law School in June 2007 as an Associate Professor and Director of Clinical Education. Her scholarship focuses on legal ethics, lawyers and social change, and law and religion. Prior to joining CU, she taught for six years at Yale Law School, co-supervising a legal ethics clinic in which her students assisted in prosecuting attorneys who had violated the rules of professional conduct. Before entering legal academia, Cantrell worked as a legal aid lawyer. She is a graduate of the University of Southern California Law School (Order of the Coif) and holds a masters degree in developmental psychology from the University of California, Los Angeles.



Perry Dane

Perry Dane is a Professor of Law at the Rutgers School of Law, Camden. His interests include religion and law, the jurisprudence of Jewish law, conflict of laws, constitutional law, jurisdiction, American Indian law, and the debate on same-sex marriage. Professor Dane is a graduate of Yale College and Yale Law School. He clerked for William J. Brennan, Jr., Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court, and then taught at Yale Law School. Dane has been a Distinguished Visiting Professor at the University of Toronto

Faculty of Law and a visiting professor at the University of Western Ontario Faculty of Law. He was also a fellow at the Rutgers Center for the Critical Analysis of Contemporary Culture for its program on "Secularism." During 2010-11, he will be a full-time resident Fellow at the Tikvah Center for Law & Jewish Civilization at New York University.



William C. Duncan

William Duncan is the Director of the Marriage Law Foundation, a non-profit legal organization. He previously served as Acting Director of the Marriage Law Project at the Catholic University of America's Columbus School of Law and a Visiting Professor at Brigham Young University's J. Reuben Clark Law School. Duncan teaches family law to undergraduates at BYU as an Adjunct Professor.



Waleed El-Ansary

Waleed El-Ansary teaches comparative religion, Islam and Islamic economics at the University of South Carolina. He studied economics at George Washington (BA 1986) and the University of Maryland (MA 1998) and the Human Sciences with an emphasis on Islamic studies at George Washington (PhD 2006). He is a consultant to the Royal Court of Jordan as well as the Grand Mufti of Egypt and is involved in interfaith dialogue.

El-Ansary's research focuses on the relationship between religion, science, and economics, and he has lectured widely on topics relating to economics, philosophy, and policy. He is the author of *The Spiritual Significance of Jihad in Islamic Economics*; *The Economics of Clash of Civilizations: Reexamining Religion and Violence*; and *The Quantum Enigma and the Islamic Sciences of Nature: Implications for Islamic Economics*.

Mohammad Fadel



Mohammad Fadel is an Assistant Professor in the Faculty of Law at the University of Toronto. He received his B.A. in Government and Foreign Affairs (1988), a Ph.D. in Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations at the University of Chicago (1995) and his J.D. from the University of Virginia (1999). Fadel was a John M. Olin Law and Economics Scholar and Articles Development Editor of the Virginia Law Review. His dissertation concerned legal process in medieval Islamic law. He practiced law with the firm of Sullivan & Cromwell LLP in New York, New York, where he worked on a wide

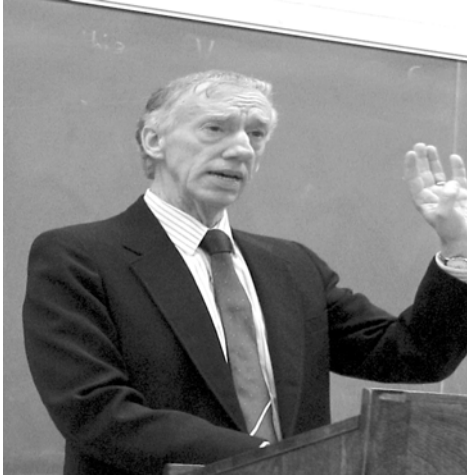
variety of corporate finance transactions and securities-related regulatory investigations. In addition, Professor Fadel served as a law clerk to the Honorable Paul V. Niemeyer of the United States Court of Appeals for the 4th Circuit and the Honorable Anthony A. Alaimo of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Georgia. He has published numerous articles on Islamic legal history.

Rebecca Hiers



Rebecca H. Hiers is a mediator in Pendleton, Oregon. Before becoming a mediator, she worked for the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation on the nationally-recognized Umatilla Basin Project, which collaboratively resolved a major water rights dispute and restored salmon and instream flows to the Umatilla River. She has led numerous Continuing Legal Education workshops and presentations for other dispute resolution professionals, regarding both the evolving laws that govern mediation as well as useful dispute resolution techniques. Hiers served on the Executive Committee of the Oregon State Bar's Alternative Dispute Resolution

Section from 2003-08; and served on the Executive Committee of the Indian Law Section from 1996-99. She received her J.D. from the University of Oregon School of Law in 1990; and her A.B. in Chemistry from Princeton University in 1985.



Richard Hughes

Richard A. Hughes is the M.B. Rich Professor of Religion at Lycoming College in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. He received his Ph.D. from Boston University and studied at the Universities of Geneva and Paris. He has published eight books and many essays in the fields of theology, Biblical studies, depth psychology, ethics, and law. Hughes most recent book is *Pro-Justice Ethics: From Lament to Nonviolence* (2009). He is an ordained United Methodist minister and a member of Children’s Healthcare is a Legal Duty (CHILD), Inc. During the 1960s, he was active in the Civil

Rights Movement.

Elizabeth (Lisa) R. Schiltz

Elizabeth R. Schiltz is Associate Professor of Law and Co-Director of the Murphy Institute for Catholic Thought, Law, and Public Policy at the University of St. Thomas School of Law. After graduating with a B.A. from Yale University and a J.D. from Columbia School of Law, she practiced for many years as a banking regulatory lawyer. She began her academic career at the Notre Dame Law School, which she left in 2000 to become one of the founding members of the St. Thomas School of Law. Schiltz teaches Contracts, Sales, Credit and Payment Devices, Banking Law, and Consumer Law. Her primary interest in banking law is on the relationship between state and federal regulation of consumer credit. Schiltz also publishes and speaks on the topic of Catholic feminism and issues related to the sanctity of life, such as eugenic abortions and stem cell research. She is a blogger on Mirror of Justice, a blog dedicated to the development of Catholic legal theory (www.mirrorofjustice.com).



Darryl M. Trimiew

Darryl Trimiew is the Chair of the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies at Medgar Evers College, City University of New York, in Brooklyn, New York. He is the immediate past president of the Society of Christian Ethics and ordained minister in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and American Baptist Church. He has taught Christian Social Ethics at Brite Divinity School and Colgate Rochester/Crozer Divinity School, where he also

served as the Dean of Black Church Studies, and the Director of the Pearl Program. Trimiew’s best known publications are *God Bless the Child That’s Got its Own: The Economic Rights Debate* (Scholars Press 1997); *Voices of the Silenced: The Responsible*

Self in a Marginalized Community (Pilgrim Press 1993) and an edited collection of sermons, *Out of Mighty Waters* (Chalice Press 1994). He is writing a new book for Abingdon Press entitled, *Where the Bright Gleam of Our Bright Star is Cast*. An active evangelical scholar, he lectures widely, most recently, at the Society for the Study of Christian Ethics at Cambridge University, Cambridge, U.K., and is a contributing member of the Obsidian Society (William Pannell, President). A pacifist, he supports Witnesses for Peace and is a member of the editorial board of the *Journal of Law and Religion*.

Amelia Uelmen



Amelia Uelmen is the Director of the Institute on Religion, Law and the Lawyer's Work, Fordham University Law School. Additionally, she has taught the lecture in Professional Responsibility as well as seminars in Religious Lawyering, Catholic Social Thought and the Law, and Catholic Social Thought and Economic Justice. Her scholarship focuses on how Catholic social thought might shed light on tort law, legal ethics and legal education, and how principles of dialogue might inform debates about religion in the public square. She coordinates the Institute's interfaith track and its Catholic Lawyer's Program.

From 1996 through 2000, Uelmen worked as associate in Arnold & Porter's New York office, primarily in the areas of products liability and commercial litigation. She has been active as an organizer for the Focolare Movement's efforts to build bridges between people of different faiths. She has also worked as a consultant for the Focolare's Economy of Communion project in which businesses operate according to principles of responsibility to the larger community and share profits with the poor.