

Schedule for "The Law of Nations and the Early Modern Atlantic World" Friday, April 3, 2009 – The Newberry Library, Chicago, IL

9:00 Welcome: Eliga Gould (New Hampshire History) and Richard Ross (Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Law and History)

9:05 to 10:50: Panel: The Law of Nations and European Conquest Ideology in the Americas

Paper 1: **Lauren Benton** (NYU History): "Roman Law and Inter-Imperial Legalities: Constructing Claims in the South Atlantic World"

Paper 2: **Ken Macmillan** (Calgary History): "The Idea of Conquest in the English Atlantic World"

Paper 3: **Chris Tomlins** (American Bar Foundation): "The Legalities of English Colonizing: Discourses of Intrusion on the North American Mainland, 1450-1640"

Commentator 1: Jovita Baber (Illinois at Urbana-Champaign History)

Commentator 2: Richard Helmholz (University of Chicago Law)

Chair: Christopher Warren (University of Chicago Humanities)

10:50-11:05: Refreshment Break

11:05 to 12:20: Panel: The Law of Nations and State Formation

Paper 1: **Craig Yirush** (UCLA History): "Connecticut, the Crown and the Mohegans: Native Rights and Settler Authority in the Eighteenth-Century British Atlantic"

Paper 2: **David Golove** (NYU Law) and **Daniel Hulsebosch** (NYU Law): "'On an Equal Footing': Constitution-making and the Law of Nations in Early America"

Commentator 1: Alison LaCroix (University of Chicago Law)

Commentator 2: Eric Slauter (University of Chicago English)

Chair: TBA

12:20 to 1:40: Lunch: Participants and audience members are invited to try the restaurants in the neighborhood around the Newberry.

1:40 to 2:55: Panel: The Problematic Nature of the Law of Nations Outside the European Atlantic: The Cases of Africa and the Islamic Maghrib

Paper 1: **Joseph Miller** (Virginia History): "Politics in Africa: Limits of the 'Law of Nations'"

Paper 2: **John Voll** (Georgetown History): "Sultans, Monarchs, Pirates: Early Modern Muslim-Christian Negotiations"

Commentator 1: Max Edelson (Illinois at Urbana-Champaign History)

Commentator 2: Claire Priest (Northwestern Law)

Chair: TBA

2:55 to 3:10: Refreshment Break

3:10 to 4:55: Panel: The Law of Nations, Humanitarianism, and "Universalism"

Paper 1: **Eliga Gould** (New Hampshire History): "On the Margins of Europe: The Law of Nations in the Western Atlantic, *circa* 1755"

Paper 2: **David Armitage** (Harvard History): "'A New Vattel': Jeremy Bentham and the Law of Nations"

Paper 3: **Jenny Martinez** (Stanford Law): "Antislavery Courts and the Dawn of International Human Rights Law"

Commentator 1: Theodore Christov (Northwestern Political Science)

Commentator 2: Daniel Hamilton (Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Law)

Chair: Richard Ross (Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Law and History)

5:00 Adjourn

