The Legacy of Roman Law

A Conference in Honor of Louis A. Mangone

University of Miami | January 23 - 24, 2020

Keynote Lecture by Charles Donahue, Freund Professor of Law, Harvard Law School

Thursday, January 23
Kislak Center, Richter Library
Louis A. Mangone Inaugural Lecture

4:30 PM Reception

5:00 PM Introduction: Prof. John Paul Russo (University of Miami)

Keynote: Prof. Charles Donahue (Harvard)
“The Legacy of Roman Law: From the German Civil Code (1900) To Gratian’s Concordance of Discordant Canons (c. 1130)”

Friday, January 24
Shalala Student Center, Senate Room 302

9:00 AM Panel One. Chair, Samantha Knights QC
James Townshend (University of Miami), “Mulier Testabilis: Women as Witnesses in Roman Law.”

Charles Bartlett (Duke) “Reworking Roman Ownership.”

Jennifer Ferriss-Hill (University of Miami) “The Legacy of Roman Law in Antiquity.”

Respondents: Charlotte Rogers (University of Miami), Mark McClay (University of Miami)

10:30 AM Coffee Break

11:00 AM Panel Two. Chair, Prof. John Kirby (University of Miami)

Judith Evans-Grubbs (Emory) “Either a Son or a Slave: Constantine’s Law on Abandoned Infants and its Reception in Justinianic vs. ‘Barbarian’ Law.”


Wilson Shearin (University of Miami) “Between Persons and Things: Animal Liability in Roman Law.”

Respondents: Han Tran (University of Miami), Bijan Omrani (Exeter)

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