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Brock University, St. Catherines, Ontario

The annual Regional Conference 2004 was sponsored by the Baldy Center for Law and Social Policy at University at Buffalo, Brock University, University of Toronto, and York University

Program Schedule

10:00 - 11:30 am

PLENARY PANEL: RELIGION, LAW AND CULTURE

Chair:

David Engel, University at Buffalo Law School

Presenters:

Annie Bunting, Law and Society, York University

"Constructing Muslim Families with/in Canadian Legal Cultures"

Susan Drummond, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University

"Jerusalem: The Bedrock of Mixed Legal Jurisdiction"

Rebecca French, University at Buffalo Law School

"Why Don't We Study Buddhist Legal Systems?"

Elizabeth Mensch, University at Buffalo Law School

"Augustinian Origins of American Legal Thought"

Lorne Sossin, Law, University of Toronto

"The Law of the Dead: Intersection of State, Religious, and Aboriginal Legal Systems"

This panel examined connections among religion, law, and culture: the historical development of religious and legal doctrine; the influence of religion on cultural and legal practices; the role of law in mediating contacts and conflicts across religious cultures; and the role of religion in debates over anti-terrorism measures.

11:30 - 1:00 pm

UP THE CREEK WITHOUT A PADDLE: INTRACTABLE PROBLEMS I HAVE ENCOUNTERED IN MY RESEARCH

We all run into difficulties in our research - conceptual, methodological, logistical or even ethical. This session allowed participants to talk about their worst problems - the ones they're in the midst of, the ones we just can never seem to sort out satisfactorily. A group confessional, facilitated by **Harry Arthurs**, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University.

2:30 - 4pm

PLENARY PANEL: BORDERS AND ORDERS

Chair:

Anna Pratt, Sociology & Criminology, Brock University

Presenters:

Errol Meidinger, University at Buffalo Law School

"Transnational Private Law Making"

Jessie Poon, Geography, University at Buffalo

"Is Geography Destiny for Asia?"

Kent Roach, Law, University of Toronto

"The Consequences of 9/11 for Canada"

Bruce Ryder, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University

"Customs Censorship and the Moral Border"

Jack Schlegel, University at Buffalo Law School

"The Order that is an Economy"

This panel looked at borders - and legal processes that cross borders - addressing questions such as: How have post-9/11 developments in the US affected Canadian policy on border policing, and on its own internal other than security? How do global economic processes interact with national law and sovereignty?

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