

## Spring 2015 Newsletter

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# RUTGERS JOURNAL of LAW & RELIGION



Editor In Chief  
Dominic Giova

### Rutgers Journal of Law & Religion Welcomes New Leadership!

The Rutgers Journal of Law & Religion is proud to announce its new Executive Board. The election took place on February 16, 2015. The new Executive Board members are:

Editor-In-Chief - Dominic Giova

Managing Editors- Carl Minniti and Caitlin Costello-Faye

Articles Editor- Brielle Kovalchek

Notes Editor- Ryann Aaron

New Developments Editor- Jessica Lentini

Nuremberg Editor- Jessica O'Connor

Business, Marketing, and Alumni Relations Editor- Michael Riecken

Research, Writing, and Communications Editor- Aaron Creuz

### Upcoming Publications by Journal Members

Rutgers Journal of Law & Religion's next publication will include pieces from several of our staff members:

Notes - Kareem Seifeldin & Robert Banas  
Nuremberg Project - Ryan MacDonald  
New Developments - Brielle Kovalchek

### Visit Our Website!

If you would like to learn more about the Rutgers Journal of Law & Religion, please visit our website:  
<http://www.lawandreligion.com>.

Included on our website are all past publications, useful resources for alumni members, and information about current journal members.

## Staff Member Participates in National Baseball Arbitration Competition

This past January, over 100 law students from across the country competed in Tulane University Law School's National Baseball Arbitration Competition, held in New Orleans. Five Rutgers Law students, including journal member Robert Banas, participated in this program. The competition simulated salary arbitration procedures similar to that of Major League Baseball. This year, representatives at the competition included members from the Philadelphia Phillies, Arizona Diamondbacks, Washington Nationals, and Cincinnati Reds. Additionally, attorneys from the MLB and its players association were also present.

The Rutgers Law team made it all the way to the finals of the competition and took second place overall!



Rutgers Law Baseball Arbitration Team including journal member Robert Banas (second from left).

## Practitioner Spotlight

The Spring 2015 publication will offer a compilation of essays featuring the Nation's leading constitutional, legal, and academic scholars discussing the influence their Jewish backgrounds had on their legal and professional careers. These essays focus on the Jewish religious and cultural underpinnings that affected the way they think and the path they chose. The volume explores Jewish upbringings spanning from Orthodox to secular and the influence it had on shaping the authors' legal theory and scholar.

This volume, entitled, "People of the Book: Judaism's Influence on American Legal Scholarship," was brought to life by Professor Roberta Rosenthal Kwall of

DePual University College of Law. In her piece, Professor Rosenthal Kwall discusses how her Jewish roots and traditions affected her studies of intellectual property and the Feminist Theory. Rutgers Law's own Professor Perry Dane discusses his religious journey from his childhood in Israel, to his undergraduate career at Yale, all the way through to his professional career and his effort to "articulate a jurisprudence of Jewish law." These two authors, along with 10 other prestigious professors throughout the country, explore similar topics in this semester's unique practitioner collection.



Rutgers Law Professor Perry Dane

## Invitation to Attend Annual Donald C. Clark, Jr. Lecture!

The Rutgers Journal of Law and Religion wants to invite all its alumni to the seventh annual Donald C. Clark, Jr. '79 Endowed Law and Religion Lecture. This year's Lecture is titled "A Religious Constitution: The Integration of Church and State." The topic is a thought experiment on what it means to have a religion specific constitution in a nation which is predominantly grounded in that particular faith. This topic assumes such a constitution can

be implemented in this fictitious nation. The topic's goal is to help dispel stereotypes and broaden the questions regarding the intersection of law and religion. The speakers will explore the difficulties and advantages of such a constitution compared to a secular one.

The three speakers will be: our very own Professor Friedell speaking on Judaism, Professor Patrick Brennan from Villanova

School of Law speaking on Christianity, and Professor Asifa Qurashi-Landes of Wisconsin Law School speaking on Islam.

The event will take place in room 401 Penn (on top of the Paul Robeson Undergraduate Library) on the Rutgers-Camden campus at 4pm on March 26. There will be a reception afterwards for all attendees on the Clark Commons.

## Staff Members Highlight Their Work

The Journal of Law & Religion was happy to host the first annual Student Symposium. The symposium took place on March 10th and featured members of the Journal who have been published in recent issues. Journal members presented their material to members of the law school community as well as the Rutgers-Camden Community as a whole. This event was an excellent opportunity to showcase our members' talents to fellow students and staff at Rutgers Camden.



Journal members (from left to right) Aaron Creuz, Jessica O'Connor, Jessica Lentini, and Michael Alberico present at the first student symposium.

## Donation/Fundraising Opportunities

The Journal of Law & Religion is seeking donations from alumni. There are two donation tiers: Silver and Gold. If you wish to donate, please contact Steve Salinger at [sl.salinger@gmail.com](mailto:sl.salinger@gmail.com) or mail your donation to the Rutgers Law School-Camden, Attention Rutgers Journal of Law and Religion.

**Silver**- Donations under \$100- The donator will be personally recognized in our Fall 2015 Newsletter.

**Gold**- Donations over \$100- The donator will be personally recognized in our Fall 2015 Newsletter and receive a RJLR t-shirt. The t-shirt is black and has the RJLR's logo printed in red on the back.