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Boston College Law School's Forum on Philanthropy and the Public Good is co-sponsoring the conference "[Giving in Time: Perpetuities, Limited Life, and the Responsibility of Philanthropy to the Present and Future](#)," in conjunction with the Stanford Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society ("PCAS").

[Link to Conference livestream](#)

The conference will develop scholarship to benefit the public discourse surrounding the issues of philanthropy and time. Questions regarding the lifespan of foundations and the relative moral demands of the present and future on our philanthropic resources will be discussed. The conference will begin with a public program that will address the relative merits of the limited life and perpetual life foundations, and will conclude with a private, two-day conference of practitioners and academics to address a range of questions on the topic.

The goal of the [Boston College Law School Forum on Philanthropy and the Public Good](#), created by BC Law professor [Ray Madoff](#) and BC Law colleagues, is to address the most pressing policy questions facing the charitable sector today. The Forum operates as a time-limited think tank that brings together the nation's leading experts in philanthropy to engage deeply in matters of philanthropy policy. By raising the level of sophistication of policy discussions and their timely expression, the Forum plays a useful, non-partisan role in raising, exploring and resolving issues whose resolution stands to promote the use of philanthropy in pursuit of the public good.

Ray Madoff teaches and writes in the areas of philanthropy policy, taxes, property and estate planning. Madoff is the author of: [Immortality and the Law: The Rising Power of the American Dead](#) (Yale), which looks at how American law treats the interests of the dead and what this tells us about our values for the living. The Financial Times called it "a sparkling polemic." Professor Madoff is also the lead author on one of the top treatises on estate planning: [Practical Guide to Estate Planning](#) (CCH) (published annually from 2001-2014) and has written numerous articles and chapters in a wide variety of areas involving property and estate planning.

