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4/08/09--Boston College Law School, in collaboration with Brigham Young University, held a major symposium on the legal implications of marriage and other relationships, whose participants included leading experts on the subject from around the world. The symposium, entitled "Jurisprudence of Marriage and other Adult Intimate Relationships," took place on Friday, March 13.

The panelists discussed the conceptual foundations of the institution of marriage and other kinds of adult intimate relationships, and explored the principles determining their eligibility for legal and social recognition. They reviewed the current status of such relationships in society and law, considered how such relationships affect one another, the foundations for the legal recognition of relationships, and various relationship forms in the light of basic legal and ethical principles.

Libby Professor Sanford Katz from BC Law, a past president of the International Society of Family Law, moderated the session on Doctrinal Implications. Hon. Herbert Wilkins, former Chief Justice of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court and BC Law's Huber Distinguished Visiting Professor, moderated the session on Social and Political Attributes.

Please click on the links below to view streaming video of the three panels from the day's events.

Session One: Basic Goods; Basic Concerns

Session Two: Implications for the Law

Session Three: Social and Political Attributes