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Newton, MA--Professor Scott FitzGibbon was asked to speak last week at a panel discussion at MIT. Entitled “The Future of Marriage,” the panel addressed marriage as a social institution, observed it from a legal standpoint, and looked into the future of American marriage law.

FitzGibbon has a particular interest in family law—he is the author of a number of publications dedicated to jurisprudence and family law, and is Editor-in-Chief of the newly launched International Journal of the Jurisprudence of the Family (IFFJ). In addition, he is a member of the International Society of Family Law.

Fitzgibbon was joined by a number of scholars and experts in fields ranging from queer theory to American history. Panel participants included: Nancy F. Scott, Professor of American History at Harvard University; Michael Bronski, Senior Lecturer in the Women’s and Gender Studies Program at Dartmouth College; Nancy Polikoff, Professor of Law at American University; and Mary Bonuato, Civil Rights project director at Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders. The panel was moderated by Mary Lyndon Shanley, professor of Political Science at Vassar College.

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