

**Symposium on “What’s the Harm?”—How Legalizing Same-Sex Marriage Will Harm Society, Families, Adults, Children and Marriage**

*Friday & Saturday, September 15-16, 2006*

Co-Sponsored by the Marriage & Family Law Research Project at Brigham Young University J. Rueben Clark Law School and the Marriage Law Project at The Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law

**Friday, September 15, 2006:**

8:30 WSC Varsity Theatre: Welcome by Dean Worthen, Professor Destro and Professor Wardle

8:40 - 10:20 a.m. WSC Varsity Theatre

**Session 1: How Legalizing Same-sex Marriage Harms the Stability and Integrity of the Basic Social Institution of Marriage**

Bryce Christensen, Southern Utah University: *Countering Verbacide: Reaffirming the Linguistic and Cultural Heritage That Once Made “Marriage” a Vibrant Word of Substance and Hope*

Peter Wood, The King’s College: *Husbanding Sex: An Anthropological View Of Why Conjugal Marriage Prevails in Human Societies and Why Homoeroticism Doesn’t*

Allan Carlson, The Howard Center: *Equality or Ideology? Same-Sex Unions in Scandinavia*

Monte Stewart, Marriage Law Foundation: *Two Vital Social Institutions and Bad Wounds*

10:30 a.m. - 12:10 p.m. WSC Varsity Theatre

**Session 2: How Legalizing Same-sex Marriage Harms Religion, Morality, and Sexual Responsibility**

Roger Severino, The Becket Fund for Religious Liberty: *Does Same-Sex Marriage Threaten Religious Liberty?*

Lynn D. Wardle, Brigham Young University: *The Morality of Marriage: How Legalizing Same-Sex Marriage Will Undermine Sexual Morality*

Ed Gantt, Brigham Young University: *Meaning, Morality, and Sexual Attraction: Questioning the Reductive and Deterministic Assumptions of Evolutionary Biologism and Social Constructionism*

Charles Reid, University of St. Thomas: *Sexual Virtue, Sexual Vice, and the Requirements of the Good Society: Lessons from Ancient Rome*

1:10 – 2:00 p.m. 303 JRCB

**Session 3: How Legalizing Same-sex Marriage Harms the Social Interests in Protecting Sexual Morality and the Channeling of Safe Sexual Relations**

Robert Destro, The Catholic University of America School of Law: *High Stakes Inquiry: The Unresolved Argument about the Nature, Purpose, and Meaning of Human Sexuality*

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Will Harm Society, Families, Adults, Children and Marriage

Richard N. Williams, Brigham Young University: *Same-Sex Marriage Implications  
for Understanding and Misunderstanding Basic Human Sexuality*

2:05 - 2:55 p.m. Moot Courtroom - 303 JRCB

**Session 4:** *How Legalizing Same-sex Marriage Harms the Social Interests in Promoting  
Responsible Procreation and Accountability*

Scott FitzGibbon, Boston College Law School: *Procreative Responsibility and the  
Recognition of Marriage*

John Diggs: *The Harm of Broken Levees: Drowning in Counterfeit Public Health  
and Education*

3:00 – 4:15 p.m. 303 JRCB

**Session 5:** *How Legalizing Same-sex Marriage Harms the Social Interest in Fostering  
Optimal Childrearing*

Dean Byrd, University of Utah School of Medicine: *Conjugal Marriage Fosters  
Healthy Human and Societal Development*

Dr. Brenda Destro, Association of Adoption Professionals: *Gay Adoption — Is it in  
the “Best Interests of the Child”*

Louis DeSerres, Preserve Marriage – Protect Children’s Rights: *Same-sex Marriage  
and Children’s Rights*

4:25 – 6:00 p.m. 303 JRCB

**Session 6:** *How Legalizing Same-sex Marriage Harms the Social Interest in Protecting  
Adults, Especially Wives & Mothers, and Husbands & Fathers, Who Care and Provide for  
Family Members*

David Dollahite & Jason S. Carroll, Brigham Young University: *How Changing the  
Definition of Marriage Harms Generative Fathering*

Camille Williams, Brigham Young University: *Violence Against Self and Others: the  
Harm of Same-sex Marriage*

Lynne Marie Kohm, Regent University: *How Have Women and Children Fared  
Since the Sexual Revolution, the Decline of Marriage and the Rise of  
Homosexual Acceptance?: A Prospective Analysis*

Lili and Chris Anderson: *Legitimizing Same-sex Marriage Deemphasizes the  
Essential Role of Fathers*

**Saturday September 16, 2006:**

9:00 - 11:00 a.m. 306 JRCB

**Session 7:** *How Legalizing Same-sex Marriage Harms the Social Interest in  
Fostering Virtue, Democracy, Safe Education & Religious liberty*

Seana Sugrue, Ave Maria University: *The Erosion of Marriage: A Pyrrhic Victory?*

Matthew Holland, Brigham Young University: *Democracy with an Expiration Date:  
Legalizing Same-sex Marriage Rejects the Founders' Ethical Imperative of  
Perpetuating Freedom*

Marianne Jennings, Arizona State University: *Unintended Consequences: The  
Flaws in “It Doesn’t Affect Anyone But Us” Argument in Favor of Legalizing  
Same-Sex Marriage*

Charles Russo, University of Dayton: *Same-Sex marriage and Public School  
Curricula: Reflections on Preserving the Rights of Parents to Direct the  
Education of their Children*

Bill Duncan, The Marriage Law Foundation: *Marriage and the Rule of Law*