

NATIONAL SJD ROUNDTABLE GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER APRIL 21, 2023

OVERVIEW

The National SJD Roundtable is a forum for SJD students at any stage of their doctoral studies to present their academic work, attend other presentations, and share thoughts about legal academia. Like all academic fora, it encourages free and open inquiry and exchange of ideas.

SJD students are invited to submit material from or related to their dissertations. This might be full dissertation chapters or articles but may also include partial chapters or articles, dissertation proposals, thesis statements and outlines.

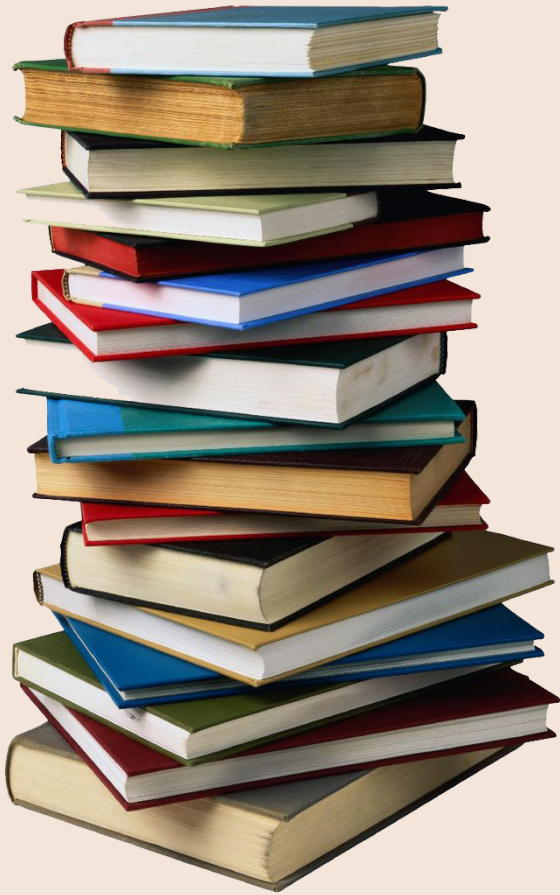
Each presenter has 30 minutes in which to present and receive comments. We recommend keeping your presentation to 10 minutes to maximize time for discussion. The experience is akin to poster-board or exhibition talks at academic conferences rather than workshops with lengthy substantive and scholarly discussion.

We assign presenters and participants to specific sessions throughout the day, and try to match people based on subject matter but this is not always possible. We hope you will appreciate the value of learning about new topics!

For presenters, the Roundtable helps sharpen your central arguments and to practice organizing ideas, offering them succinctly and clearly. Participants, in turn, learn how to give feedback that is thoughtful, friendly and respectful.

The Roundtable is also a wonderful networking and social event for SJD students!





Dates and Deadlines

March 3

Registration Deadline

Fee \$35

Registration is made by going to:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2023-sjd-roundtable-tickets-526595841337>

April 7

Deadline for submitting
presentation materials

April 21

Roundtable

Georgetown University Law Center
600 New Jersey Ave. N.W.
Washington, DC 20001

- When you register, you will be asked to upload your thesis statement or abstract, biography and CV.
- Please name the file as “last Name-[document type, e.g., abstract, thesis statement, Bio, CV].” For example, “Freeman-thesis statement.”
- Submit to: <https://forms.gle/ambTy6QBn8KX2ruN6>
- Presentation materials should be uploaded to [Google Forms](#) by April 7 and can be submitted in Word or PDF.
- Please name the file as “last Name-[topic of presentation, 3 words or less].” For example, “Freeman-Constitutional Law.”
- As a registrant, you will have access to everyone’s materials as they become available.
- We cannot refund your registration. Please do not register unless you are sure you will be able to attend.

Leave the stacks for a day!

Logistics

- A light breakfast, lunch and reception are included in your registration fee.
- Rooms will be equipped if you want to include a Power Point with your presentation. *If so, please bring your Power Point on a thumbdrive.*
- You may attend without presenting. Please indicate your intent when you register.
- Georgetown University's Covid-19 visitor protocol requires all guests to upload vaccine documentation prior to their visit to campus. After registering, please use this link to upload Covid-19 vaccine requirements: <https://guCovid.force.com/visitor/s/?event=VE6954>
- We are located at 600 New Jersey Ave. N.W., Washington, DC 20001. It is within walking distance of Union Station (trains) and three Metro stations (Union Station, Judiciary Square and Chinatown).
- Unfortunately, we cannot provide or facilitate housing. You will have contact information for all registrants and are encouraged to reach out to local SJD students for possible housing or recommendations.
- Street parking is available around the Law Center but we suggest using rideshare or public transit.

Please contact lawgradprog@georgetown.edu should you have further questions.

Schedule

Breakfast

8:30 am–9:00 am

Welcome Professor Lexi Freeman, Director, SJD Program

9:00am–9:10am

Remarks Professor Madhavi Sunder, Associate Dean, Graduate & International Programs

9:10 am–9:20 am

1st session

9:45 am–11:15 am

2nd session

11:30 am–1:00 pm

Lunch

Speaker Professor Robin West, Academic Director, SJD Program

1:15 pm–2:15 pm

3rd session

2:30 pm–4:00 pm

4th session

4:15 pm–5:45 pm

Reception

6:00 pm–7:00 pm

Presenting and Providing Feedback

In addition to practicing your presentation skills, you will experience what it is like to receive varied comments on your work and how to give thoughtful feedback on other people's work. An important goal of the Roundtable is to help you become better at these crucial professional activities. Here are some recommendations:

- Please read the submitted material in advance of the presentations you will be attending.
- In commenting on another's intellectual work, it is helpful to suggest ways to strengthen and clarify arguments.
- Try to avoid advising what you think the dissertation should be.
- Presenters are encouraged to specify the kind of feedback they would find most helpful. This may be on key ideas, structure, or issues you are struggling with.
- Alternatively, presenters may indicate that they welcome all types of feedback.
- Either way, remain open to specific suggestions you might not have thought about at this stage of your research.
- Please be respectful of speakers and the audience by arriving at a session on time and staying for the duration. The Roundtable schedule has 15 minute breaks between events and each session.
- Each session will have a moderator to manage discussion and keep time.
- Remember, everyone has insights to offer based on their experiences, and we can all learn from each other.

See you soon!



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