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September 21-22 **Fourteenth Annual "Supreme Court Preview"**

This conference brings together leading legal scholars and Supreme Court journalists to discuss and analyze the Court's upcoming term.

September 26 **Visiting Scholar, Jim Lindgren,  
Northwestern School of Law**

October 8 **Visiting Scholar, Shirley Wilcher**, former counsel with the House Education and Labor Committee of the US Congress, as director for state relations and General Counsel with the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, and as staff attorney with the National Women's Law Center.

October 9 **"America Becoming"**

This conference deals with race in contemporary America.

Co-Sponsored with the William & Mary Economics Department

October 27 **"Disability and Identity"**

The Disability and Identity symposium will bring together scholars from different disciplines, including law, economics and philosophy, to discuss the implications of defining who is "disabled." Although the statutory definition of disability has been much discussed, most recently in regard to Supreme Court decisions, this symposium goes beyond the Americans with Disabilities Act in assessing the consequences of categorizing this group of individuals.

- November 9 **Visiting Scholar, Stephen Feldman,  
University of Tulsa**
- January 29 **Visiting Scholar, Paul Miller,  
Commissioner, EEOC**
- February 1 **Visiting Scholar, Alfredo Garcia,  
St. Thomas University School of Law**
- February 15 **Student Symposium**
- February 22 **“Rule of Law in China”**

The government of China has embarked on a “rule of law” campaign aimed at establishing a legal framework to promote fundamental economic reforms and integrate its economy with the international economic system. Against the backdrop of China’s accession to the World Trade Organization, this conference will explore a number of questions raised by this change. First, what model could be used? If an international model is used, how will it be understood and implemented? Could the American model, both in private and public law, be adapted to the Chinese culture, with its Confucian legacy? Second is the question of political and economic linkage. Does “rule of law” in the economic sphere necessarily lead to “rule of law” in the political and civil sphere? And finally, how might the “rule of law” be interpreted and enforced in China?

These questions will be addressed on both practical and theoretical levels by legal scholars and practitioners, experts in Asian and American trade policy and economics.

- March 15 **“Children's Relationship Rights”**

Experts in family law and theory will address the question of what rights children ought to have in connection with the numerous types of legal decisions and actions that determine their personal relationships with others, such as paternity, adoption, surrogacy, termination of parental rights, custody determination at and after divorce, and third party visitation.