

# Law, Legal Culture, and Lived Lives in the Medieval North

A symposium presented by the Harvard University Committee on Medieval  
Studies and the Program in Scandinavian Studies

Friday, 9 October

12:30 - 5:30 pm

Barker Center 133 (The Plimpton Room), 12 Quincy Street, Cambridge MA

## *Program*

Chair: Stephen Mitchell (Harvard University)

1230-1315: Helle Vogt (University of Copenhagen), "Law and Legal Practice in Medieval Denmark"

1330-1415: Hans Jacob Orning (University of Oslo), "Law and Legal Practice in Medieval Norway"

1430-1515: Stefan Brink (University of Aberdeen), "Law and Legal Practice in Medieval Sweden"

1530-1615: Stephen White (Harvard University), "Medieval Laws As 'Implicit . . . Normative Referents' in Narrative Texts"

1630-1720: Roundtable discussion featuring the speakers and Daniel Donoghue (Harvard University), Elizabeth Kamali (Harvard University), and Christopher Loveluck (University of Nottingham)

Please join us for a post-symposium reception in the Folklore and Mythology Seminar  
Room, Warren House

## *About the Speakers*

**Stefan Brink** is a scholar of medieval Scandinavian law, language, and landscape, and director of the Center for Scandinavian Studies at the University of Aberdeen. Among his publications are *Vikingarnas Slavar* (Stockholm, 2012) and *The Viking World* (New York, 2011).

**Hans Jacob Orning**'s research addresses conflict resolution, legal structures, and cultural change in the Nordic Middle Ages. A professor in the University of Oslo's Institute for Archeology, Conservation and History, he is the author of the first volume of *Norvegr : Norges historie* (Oslo, 2011) and editor of *Disputing Strategies in Medieval Scandinavia* (Leiden, 2013).

**Helle Vogt** is an historian of Danish and Scandinavian law and rulership in the Middle Ages, and Associate Professor in the Faculty of Law at the University of Copenhagen. She is the author of *Slægtens Funktion i Nordisk Højmiddelalderret: Kanonisk Retsideologi og Fredskabende Lovgivning* (Copenhagen, 2005).

**Stephen White** is Asa Candler Professor Emeritus of Medieval History at Emory University, and a Visiting Professor of History at Harvard University. His research addresses medieval European social and legal history, with a particular focus on dispute processing, vengeance, and feud in comparative perspective. Among his publications are *Custom, Kinship, and Gifts to Saints: The Laudatio Parentum in Western France, 1050-1150* (Chapel Hill, 1989) and *Re-Thinking Kinship and Feudalism in Early Medieval Europe* (Aldershot, 2005).

