Symposium on Belonging, Families, and Family Law
BYU Law School, Room 472 JRCB
Friday, January 28, 2011

8:50 – 9:00 a.m.  Welcome and Introduction
Dean James Rasband, Professor Lynn Wardle, etc.

9:00 – 11:00 a.m.  Session One: Belonging
(Moderator: Professor H. Reese Hansen, J. Reuben Clark Law School)
Belonging to America
Robert A. Burt (Yale Law School)
Belonging and Trust: Divorce and Social Capital
Margaret F. Brinig (Notre Dame Law School)
Personhood Theory and the Value of Home for Disabled Persons and their Families
Helen M. Alvaré (George Mason University Law School)
“Amee” and Belonging (via paper or electronic presentation)
Akira Morita (Toyo University, Japan)

11:00 – 11:15 a.m.  Break

11:15 – 12:50  Session Two: Families, Responsibility and Boundaries
(Moderator: David Kirkham, Ph.D., J.D., Senior Fellow, ICLARS, JRCLS, BYU)
Dimensions of Belonging and Aging in Our Culture: Private and Public Responses and Responsibilities
Laurence C. Nolan (Howard Law School)
Boundaries and Belonging in Families and Family Law
Lynn D. Wardle (Brigham Young University Law School)
On Child advocacy and Neglect of the Need ‘to be’ Oneself
Dr. Ya’ir Ronen (Ben Gurion University of the Negev, Israel)

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.  Lunch

2:15 – 4:15  Session Three: Children, Family Recognition & Exemptions
(Moderator: Stephanie Matsumura, J.D., Ph.D., Visiting Professor, BYU School of Social Work)
Where (in the World) do Children Belong?
Ann Laquer Estin (University of Iowa Law School)
Are You My Mother? Defining Mothers and Fathers When There is No Marriage
Linda D. Elrod (Washburn University Law School)
Legal Recognition
Scott FitzGibbon (Boston College Law School)
Religious Liberty Exemptions and Same-Sex Marriage Laws
Robin Fretwell Wilson (Washington & Lee Law School)

4:15-4:45  Concluding Comments & Reflections
Echoes from the past: What We Can Learn About Unity, Belonging & Respecting Differences
From the Flag Salute Cases
Brett G. Scharffs (Brigham Young University Law School)

5:00 – 6:00 p.m.  Tour of BYU Museum of Art (Carl Bloch exhibition, etc.)
6:00 p.m.  Shuttle back to hotel (pick up in parking lot in front of museum)
6:30 p.m.  Meet in hotel lobby to walk to Gloria’s Italian Restaurant for dinner