

**USING METAPHOR IN
LEGAL ANALYSIS AND COMMUNICATION**
A SYMPOSIUM OF THE MERCER LAW REVIEW

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9:40 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Metaphorical reasoning plays an important role in human conceptual schemes. In fact, the use of metaphor in conceptualizing and communicating about the world seems to be central to the way we express our intellectual imagination. This symposium is designed to introduce theories about how metaphor works cognitively, particularly in the context of thinking and communicating about law. Legal analysis and legal communication are fertile fields for the expression of metaphor. By bringing together experts in cognitive science, legal communication, legal theory, philosophy, and religion, we will discuss the implications of the view that we “live by” certain sorts of metaphors as members of the legal profession.

Schedule of Events

Courtroom, Walter F. George School of Law, Mercer University

9:30 – 9:40 a.m.	Welcome and Program Overview
9:40 – 10:40 a.m.	<i>Session One:</i> Professor Mark L. Johnson, Knight Professor of Philosophy, University of Oregon
10:40 – 10:50 a.m.	Break
10:50 – 11:50 a.m.	<i>Session Two:</i> Professor Steven Winter, Walter S. Gibbs Professor of Constitutional Law, Wayne State University School of Law
12:00 – 1:15 p.m.	Luncheon, Luigi’s (<i>by invitation only</i>)
1:30 – 2:10 p.m.	<i>Session Three:</i> Dr. Michael Goldberg, Vitas Hospice
2:10 – 2:20 p.m.	Break
2:20 – 3:30 p.m.	<i>Session Four:</i> Professor Michael Smith, Professor of Law, University of Wyoming and Professor Linda Berger, Professor of Law, Thomas Jefferson School of Law
3:30 – 4:00 p.m.	Question/Answer Session <i>Conclusion:</i> Professor David Ritchie, Associate Professor of Law, Walter F. George School of Law, Mercer University