

**George Mason University School of Law
Law & Economics Center**

**COLLOQUIUM: RELIGIOUS ORIGINS OF
WESTERN INSTITUTIONS**

FOR JUDGES

JULY 8-11, 2007

Discussion Leaders

Rodney Stark

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Baylor University**

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**Koch Professor of Economics
George Mason University**

Sunday, PM, July 8

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Dinner

F. H. Buckley

**Associate Dean, Foundation Professor of Law and
Executive Director, Law & Economics Center**

Monday, AM, July 9

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

First Session

Topic: Slavery

Assignment: Stark, *The Victory of Reason* (Random House, 2005):

Chap. 1: Blessings of Rational Theology

10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Second Session

Topic: Democracy

Assignment: Stark, *The Victory of Reason*:
Chap. 2: Medieval Progress: Technical, Cultural and Religious

Tuesday, AM & PM, July 10

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Third Session

Topic: Churches and Markets

Assignment: Stark, *The Victory of Reason*:
Chap. 3: Tyranny and the “Rebirth” of Freedom

10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Fourth Session

Topic: Creating Religious Terrorists

Assignment: Stark, *The Victory of Reason*:
Chap. 6: “Catholic” Anticapitalism: Spanish and French
Despotism;
Iannaccone, “The Market for Martyrs”, *Interdisciplinary Journal
of Research on Religion*, Volume 2, Article 4 (2006).

5:00 – 6:30 p.m. Fifth Session

Topic: Global Religious Trends

Assignment: Stark, *The Victory of Reason*:
Chap. 7: Feudalism and Capitalism in the New World

Wednesday, AM, July 11

Checkout
Departure