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New Publication

ROBERT ANTHONY PASCAL: A PRIEST OF RIGHT ORDER, has been published online as Volume 3 of the Bicentennial Series. The book was edited by Professor Olivier Moréteau, who wrote a twenty-page introduction and selected previously unpublished and published writings by Professor Emeritus Robert A. Pascal:

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE LIFE AND WORK OF ROBERT A. PASCAL by Olivier Moréteau

PART 1 – A MAN OF PRINCIPLE
Recollections of a Life Studying and Teaching Law
Punishment, Pardon, Parole
Natural Law and Respect for Law

PART 2 – A MAN OF VISION
A Summary Reflection on Legal Education
Of the Civil Code and Us
Of Trusts, Human Dignity, Legal Science, and Taxes

PART 3 – A MAN OF DIVERSE SCHOLARSHIP
Updating Louisiana’s Community of Gains
Characterization as an Approach to the Conflict of Laws
The Italian Legal System: A Book Review

BIBLIOGRAPHY
The book may be downloaded from the CCLS website.

Civil Law Online

Civil Law Online provides direct access to Louisiana codes and legislation as well as civil codes and legislation from other civil law jurisdictions around the world. The CCLS and the LSU Law Library continue developing the database, to incorporate academic writings, such as books, law review articles, graduate papers, translations, and research guides, together with many original
LSU materials. Civil Law Online provides web links to other websites that include civil law materials. For comments and proposals contact ccls@law.lsu.edu.

What is the Civil Law?

Do you need a clear and non-technical answer? Should it be less than one page, yet point out the salient features and indication of the parts of the world where the civil law is applied? To check how we endeavored to face this challenge, click here, and please send comments, criticism, suggestions to ccls@law.lsu.edu.

Workshops

- **International Economic Law in the Midst of Competing Human Rights.**
  Dr. Sheldon Leader (University of Essex, United Kingdom; Visiting Professor LSU Law Center) raised many interesting questions about the interplay of transnational economic law and human rights. He explored how national sovereignty and the dispositions included in international treaties could be affected when advocating for the defense of diverse human rights. This lecture was organized with the International Law Society at LSU. It is available on video (Tuesday, April 13, 2010).

- **Russian Society and Its Civil Codes: An Historical Survey.**
  Dr. Asya Ostroukh, (Associate Professor Kuban State University School of Law, Krasnodar, Russia, Fulbright Scholar, LSU Law Center), made a presentation on Russian Society and Its Civil Codes: An Historical Survey. Dr. Ostroukh described the evolution of the different civil codes in Russia, highlighting both the influences they received, their originality, and the role they play as models for other jurisdictions. The presentation is available on video (Tuesday, April 20, 2010).

Conference Notes

- **XVIIIth International Congress of the International Academy of Comparative Law**
  Washington D.C. from July 25 to August 1, 2010. National Reports have been prepared by Professor Alain Levasseur (U.S. Report on Legal History and Ethnology), Professor Olivier Moréteau (U.S. Report on Catastrophic Harm: Liability and Insurance), and Mr. Agustín Parise (Argentine Report on Legal History and Ethnology).

- **Association Henri Capitant des Amis de la Culture Juridique Française**

- **Juris Diversitas**
  Symposium on Mediterranean Law, Malta, June 11 and 12. Professor Olivier Moréteau will give the opening speech: “Mare Nostrum as the Caldron of Western Legal Traditions: Stirring the Broth, Making Sense of Legal Gumbo.” More information about the Symposium and Juris Diversitas is available at http://jurisdiversitas.blogspot.com/
European Society for Comparative Legal History
Their inaugural conference will take place in Valencia, Spain, on July 5 and 6. **Professor Olivier Moréteau** will present a paper on “The Ethnocentricity of French Legal Culture: Origins and Effects of a Superiority Complex.” See [http://esclh.blogspot.com/](http://esclh.blogspot.com/)

Centre d’études juridiques européennes et comparées
Université Paris Ouest Nanterre-La Défense. On June 17, **Professor Olivier Moréteau** will lecture (in French) on “Overture and Tradition: The Place of Comparative Law in the Revision of the Louisiana Civil Code.”

**Louisiana Civil Code Précis Series**
On the initiative of **Professor Alain Levasseur**, Director of the Series, LexisNexis publishes a collection of Précis, aiming to give a short, simple, and clear synthesis of the main topics dealt with in the Louisiana Civil Code.

Volumes already published include:

The collection also includes a **Louisiana Pocket Civil Code**, published every year since 2008, featuring the text of the Louisiana Civil Code articles without any comment, and a useful index. These new texts are of great use in the classroom at LSU. They help the students understand the architecture of the civil law. They will be read with profit in Louisiana and other jurisdictions, by civilians and comparatists alike. They also give common law trained jurists a very accessible port of entry into the understanding of the civil law tradition. Long live the Series!