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"Noah's Curse and Paul's Admonition: Civil Rights,
Religious Liberty, Gay Equality"

by

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Since joining the Yale faculty in 1998, Eskridge has taught Constitutional Law, Legislation, Theories of Statutory Interpretation, and Sexuality, Gender and the Law. With more than 20 years in the legal academy, he has also taught at Georgetown University, New York University and Harvard University. Before beginning his teaching career, Eskridge clerked for Judge Edward Weinfeld of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York and practiced law at Shea & Gardner.

He has published a field-establishing casebook, three monographs and dozens of law review articles articulating a legal and political framework for proper state treatment of sexual and gender minorities. The historical materials in his book *Gaylaw: Challenging the Apartheid of the Closet* formed the basis for an *amicus* brief he drafted for the Cato Institute and for much of the U.S. Supreme Court's analysis in *Lawrence v. Texas* (2003), which invalidated consensual sodomy laws.

Eskridge earned his B.A. *summa cum laude* from Davidson College and his masters degree from Harvard University. He then earned his J.D. from Yale University, where he was the note and topics editor of *The Yale Law Journal*.

A select list of Eskridge's scholarship can be found at
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*There will be a reception immediately following
the lecture in the lobby outside Classroom A.*

The Sibley Lecture Series, established in 1964 by the Charles Loidans Foundation of Atlanta in tribute to the late John A. Sibley, is designed to attract outstanding legal scholars of national prominence to Georgia Law. Sibley was a 1911 graduate of the law school.



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