INaugural Brian Simpson Lecture

Gibbons v. Ogden, without the Commerce Clause
Of Steamboats, a River, Slaves, a Quarrelsome Family, a Bank, and the Legal Lives of Two Old Men

Friday, March 13, 2015
4 pm  Hutchins Hall 132
This event is free and open to the public

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Hendrik Hartog is the Class of 1921 Bicentennial Professor in the History of American Law and Liberty and the director of Princeton University’s Program in American Studies. He holds a Ph.D. in the History of American Civilization from Brandeis University (1982), a J.D. from the New York University School of Law (1973), and an A.B. from Carleton College (1970). Before coming to Princeton, he taught at the University of Wisconsin Law School (1982-92) and at the Indiana University (Bloomington) School of Law (1977-82). Hartog has spent his scholarly life working in the social history of American law, obsessed with the difficulties and opportunities that come with studying how broad political and cultural themes have been expressed in ordinary legal conflicts.

The biennial Brian Simpson Lectures in Legal History bring distinguished scholars to campus and reinforce the longstanding ties between the U-M Law School and the Department of History. This series honors the late Professor Brian Simpson, a Michigan Law faculty member (1987–2011), who was internationally recognized as one of the most gifted and wide-ranging historians of the English common law. The lecture series is made possible by the generous support of the Thomas and Ruth Green Legal History Endowment.