

WOMEN & THE LAW PROGRAM



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Guide to Resources in Gender and the Law Washington College of Law

American University Washington College of Law is a leading center for feminist legal scholarship and teaching. This resource guide provides an introduction to the programs, student groups, journals, faculty, and staff that make Washington College of Law a unique and exciting institution for the study of gender and law.

The Women and the Law Program website features additional resources for students, including information about courses, internships, externships, LLM specializations in Gender and the Law, a link to sign up for our listserve, and an events calendar. Please visit www.wcl.american.edu/gender/wlp/ for the most up-to-date information.

Washington College of Law is the result of the vision of two remarkable women, Ellen Spencer Mussey and Emma M. Gillett. In 1896 they established the first coeducational law school in the United States to ensure that women, as well as men, had the opportunity to study law. The faculty, staff, and students of WCL are proud to carry on their legacy.



In the Classroom: Studying Gender and Law at Washington College of Law

At the Washington College of Law, we take multiple approaches to the study of gender and law in the classroom. In many general courses, such as **Torts** or **Legal Ethics**, our professors select materials and cases that highlight how gender interplays with that specific area of law. In other classes, such as **Family Law** and **Employment Discrimination**, the study of gender forms a key component of the course.

Gender and Law Electives and Seminars

WCL offers an extraordinary number of electives and seminars that address the interaction of gender and law in depth. Students who do not have a background in gender studies or women's rights may benefit from our **Feminist Jurisprudence** and **Sex-based Discrimination** courses. Finally, our professors teach a wide range of specialized courses each term. In the past these have included courses such as:

- **Reproductive Rights**
- **Domestic Violence**
- **Property Interests in Persons**
- **Gender, Cultural Difference & Human Rights**
- **Work, Family & Equality**
- **State, Family & Society**
- **Gender, Labor & the Global Economy**
- **Sexuality & the Law**
- **Women's Legal History**
- **Women & Conflict**
- **Comparative Family Law**
- **Advanced Family Law**

Please see the enclosed list of current course offerings, or visit the Women and the Law Program website at www.wcl.american.edu/gender/wlp/ for up-to-date course information.

Gender Perspectives Across the World Seminar

Each year, Washington College of Law hosts students from around the world who bring a wealth of knowledge and experience regarding gender, sexuality and women's rights. The ***Gender Perspectives Across the World*** seminar is a unique opportunity for students to integrate what they know about the interaction of gender and law in their home countries with the knowledge that they acquire in their course of study. Students organize site visits, make class presentations, and lead discussions. Students who take the course for the entire year are encouraged to write publishable quality papers.

Externships in Gender and Law

Washington, D.C., provides many options for field placements in which students can examine how the law affects women's lives. In recent years, students have obtained placements for academic credit at organizations such as the Women's Legal Defense Fund, the National Women's Law Center, the ABA Commission on Domestic Violence, and the EEOC.

Graduate Certificate in Women, Policy, and Political Leadership

In addition to the many course offerings at the Washington College of Law, our students have the option of obtaining a Graduate Certificate in *Women, Policy, and Political Leadership* from the American University School of Public Affairs, Women and Politics Institute. For more information, please visit wandp.american.edu/.

Clinical Programs Focused on Gender and Law

WCL has one of the most highly regarded programs in clinical legal education in the nation. All of the teachers in the clinical program are attentive to how gender operates in each case. We also offer two clinical programs that are specifically focused on the interaction of gender and law.

THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CLINIC

Students in the Domestic Violence Clinic examine the relationship of civil and criminal approaches to domestic violence. Student attorneys in the Domestic Violence Clinic represent victim/survivors of domestic violence seeking civil protection orders and/or self-petitioning to change their immigration status.

THE WOMEN AND THE LAW CLINIC

In the Women & the Law Clinic, students represent indigent women in the District of Columbia courts in three types of cases (child support, domestic violence, and child neglect) and in the many related legal matters affecting a woman's ability to bring about change in her life. Students examine the effects of the legal system on women as they confront problems in their economic security, personal safety, and relationships with their children.

Advanced Legal Degrees in Gender and Law

For students who want to specialize in women's legal rights after obtaining their J.D. or LL.B degree, WCL offers some of the only advanced legal degrees in the world that specifically focus on gender and law.

LLM International Legal Studies

Specialization in Gender and International Law

Our Gender and International Law specialization is the first International Legal Studies LLM program focused on women's rights and gender equality in an international context. Our students write theses that examine international and comparative approaches to women's rights. For more information, please visit www.wcl.american.edu/gender/wilp/.

LLM Law and Government

Specialization in Gender and Law

The Law and Government specialization in Gender and Law is designed for recent graduates of U.S. and foreign law schools who wish to delve deeper into feminist legal theory and policy, as well as experienced practitioners who want to apply their experience in other fields to promote women's rights in the United States. For more information, please visit www.wcl.american.edu/gender/wlp/.

Doctor of Juridical Science (SJD)

The Doctor of Juridical Science (S.J.D) Program selects outstanding students prepared to write a doctoral-level dissertation in law. Students with an interest in gender and law are encouraged to apply. For information, visit www.wcl.american.edu/llmlawandgov/sjd.

Outside the Classroom: **Gender and Law Programs at Washington College of Law**

The Women and the Law Program

Director Ann Shalleck founded the Women and the Law Program in 1984 to promote the integration of gender into the curriculum at WCL and at law schools across the United States.

The Women and the Law Program:

- Hosts **WOMEN AND THE LAW PROGRAM OFFICE HOURS**. Women and the Law program staff are available to meet with students each **Tuesday from 2:00 to 3:00 or by appointment**. Students are welcome to stop by to seek advice regarding courses, learn about opportunities to get involved in feminist advocacy, and chat about law school in general. Associate Director Daniela Kraiem is located at 4910 Massachusetts Avenue, Suite 16 (on the lower level), Room 113;
- Invites speakers and organizes conferences. Students are welcome to participate in conversations with feminist academics, attorneys, and policy makers as they discuss and debate pressing issues such as reproductive rights, the impact of globalization on family law, and gender in the international tribunal system;
- Supports experiential learning programs such as the Women and the Law and Domestic Violence Clinics;
- Supports the students enrolled in the Gender and Law Specialization LLM Programs by offering advising, working with the programs to develop innovative courses that meet students' needs, and staffing the Gender Perspectives Across the World seminar;
- Works with WCL students to promote gender equity, disseminates a listserv with events and job opportunities, and sponsors a student Feminist Jurisprudence Essay Contest.

Contact us at wilp@wcl.american.edu or visit www.wcl.american.edu/gender/wlp/.

The Women and International Law Program

The Women and International Law Program (WILP) supports the work of legal scholars, women's rights advocates, and law students around the world in their efforts to integrate gender into legal education, practice, and doctrine. WILP collaborates with the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law on the **Gender and Legal Education in India Project** and has been instrumental in creating the Gender and Legal Education Association, a network of Indian scholars dedicated to mainstreaming gender into law schools in India. In our **Transforming Women's Legal Status in Latin America Project**, WILP works with Red-ALAS, a network of feminist academics who seek to integrate gender into the legal curriculum in Latin America.

The Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law

The Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law provides a clearinghouse for the wide scope of activity at WCL concentrated on human rights and humanitarian law. The Center works with students, faculty, and the international legal community to support human rights initiatives around the world. Many of the Center's activities and projects include gender as a key component. For more information, contact humlaw@wcl.american.edu, or visit www.wcl.american.edu/humright/center.

The Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law

The Academy is an intensive three-week education program providing specialized training courses to scholars and activists on international human rights law. Each year the Academy offers courses in both English and Spanish devoted to women's human rights. For information on the 2009 Academy, please contact hracademy@wcl.american.edu or visit the website at www.wcl.american.edu/humright/hracademy.

War Crimes Research Office

The core mandate of the War Crimes Research Office is to promote the development and enforcement of international criminal and humanitarian law through the provision of legal research assistance to international criminal courts and tribunals. This means, among other things, ensuring that emerging law reflects the gender-specific nature of certain crimes – a concept not uppermost in the minds of the drafters of the treaties that initially codified the laws of war. For more information about the work of the office and opportunities to get involved, including Dean's Fellow positions, visit www.wcl.american.edu/warcrimes.

Program on Information Justice and Intellectual Property (PIJIP)

The Program on Information Justice and Intellectual Property promotes public interest approaches to intellectual property law through research, scholarship, public events, advocacy, and provision of legal and consulting services. Each year the Women and the Law Program and PIJIP co-sponsor a Symposium on the intersection of Intellectual Property and Gender. For information contact pjip@wcl.american.edu or visit www.wcl.american.edu/pjip/index.cfm.

Make Your Voice Heard: **Publishing in Gender and Law at WCL**

Students have the opportunity to work on and publish in student-run journals dedicated to gender equity at Washington College of Law.

The American University Journal of Gender, Social Policy and the Law

The Journal of Gender, Social Policy & the Law publishes articles addressing social and political equality under the law. The Journal provides a forum for gender issues and feminist legal studies. By focusing on gender and social policy issues, the Journal is committed to creating a dialogue among disparate social, economic, and gender groups in order to find our common humanity under the law. For more information, contact genderlaw@wcl.american.edu, or visit www.wcl.american.edu/journals/genderlaw/.

The Human Rights Brief

The Human Rights Brief, a student-run publication of the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, reports on developments in international human rights and humanitarian law and provides concise legal analysis of cutting edge human rights issues. The Brief reaches over 6,000 subscribers in more than 90 countries. For more information and submission guidelines, please email hrbrief@wcl.american.edu or visit the website at www.wcl.american.edu/hrbrief/.

The Modern American

The Modern American, a student-run publication, is dedicated to diversity and the law and providing a forum for a frank, yet healthy discussion of the legal system's treatment of racial, sexual, ethnic, and other underrepresented people. The Modern American reaches over 100 countries around the globe and is available on the LexisNexis and vLex databases. For more information and submission guidelines please email tma@wcl.american.edu or visit the website at www.wcl.american.edu/modernamerican/.

The Alice Paul Feminist Jurisprudence Essay Contest

The Alice Paul Feminist Jurisprudence Essay Contest is open to all law students at U.S. and Canadian law schools. The purpose of this competition is to inspire the next generation of scholars, lawyers, and activists to make daring and creative contributions to feminist jurisprudence. Law students are invited to submit original, unpublished papers that reflect a creative feminist approach to the law. The submissions are judged by a panel of scholars and attorneys. The winning author is invited to Washington College of Law to present her or his paper and receive a \$1,000 award during the academic year. For more information, please visit http://www.wcl.american.edu/gender/wlp/essay_contest.cfm.

Get Involved: **Student Groups and Job Opportunities**

WCL has an active student body, and it is easy to find groups of students who work together to further women's and LGBT rights.

Women's Law Association (WLA) provides a diverse feminist forum for WCL students. WLA is concerned with the legal, social, cultural, educational, and political issues facing women on both the domestic and international levels and within the law school community. If you would like to join the WLA listserve, email womenslaw-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

Lambda Law Society is a student-run political, educational, and social organization that serves as a forum for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender students and their supporters to raise awareness of the issues facing this community and encourage professional development. For more information, email Lambda at lambda@wcl.american.edu.

Law Students for Reproductive Justice (LSRJ) is committed to educating, organizing, and supporting pro-choice law students to ensure that a new generation of lawyers will be prepared to successfully defend and expand reproductive rights. As a local chapter of the national LSRJ organization, they also take part in national and regional conferences on reproductive rights law in an effort to create new opportunities to learn from top legal scholars and litigators in reproductive rights. If you would like to join the LSRJ listserve, please email aulsrj-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

Health Law and Justice Initiative (HLJI) is a student-run organization that seeks to promote health law opportunities for WCL students with a particular focus on health from a rights-based approach. HLJI seeks to encourage professional development, explore career opportunities, expand the health law curriculum, and most of all raise awareness of the right to health. HLJI also produces WCL's health law publication. If you would like more information about HLJI or would like to join the HLJI listserve, please email hlji@wcl.american.edu.

The Dean's Fellow Program

Upper-level or part time students can gain valuable research or office experience (while earning a stipend!) as Dean's Fellows. Watch the Docket for advertised positions.

- **Women and the Law Program Dean's Fellows**

Are you interested in helping to advance and shape WCL's feminist legacy? Working for the Women and the Law Program is an excellent way to tap into the gender resources of WCL and to have an impact on future programs and opportunities for students interested in gender issues. Responsibilities include: assisting with events and conferences; managing the listserv, website and database; and preparing outreach and promotional materials. Organizational and writing skills are important, and an interest in gender and law is preferred. To apply, send a resume, cover letter, and short writing sample to Angie McCarthy, Program Coordinator at angiem@wcl.american.edu with 'Dean's Fellow' in the subject line. A 10 hr/week commitment is required.

- **Faculty Dean's Fellows**

Most full-time faculty members have an upper-level student research assistant through the Dean's Fellow program. Please see below for a list of the faculty members noted for their scholarship in women's or LGBT legal studies. In addition, each year students are selected as dean's fellows for the Women and the Law Clinic and the Domestic Violence Clinic. To apply, please contact individual faculty members or clinical programs.

Who We Are: Gender and Law Faculty and Staff

WCL staff and faculty members have a wealth of knowledge and experience in gender and law. Many faculty members and programs employ upper-level students as research assistants. Also, seminars taught by faculty members who research and write in gender and law topics are excellent venues for writing papers that fulfill the upper-level writing requirement. The faculty and staff members listed below are only a few of the key members of the WCL gender and law community.

Jamie Abrams is a full-time instructor in the Legal Rhetoric Program and the Coordinator of Legal Research. Ms. Abrams was previously a Litigation Associate at Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP where she specialized in complex civil litigation matters. Her scholarship focuses on legal protections for immigrant victims of domestic violence, the advancement and retention of women and women of color in private practice, and curriculum innovations in legal research. She volunteers bi-weekly at WEAVE's *pro se* domestic violence clinic and regularly represents *pro bono* immigration and domestic violence clients. She has worked actively with the Women's Bar Association of the District of Columbia ("WBA") on its Initiative on the Advancement and Retention of Women, Diversity Initiative, and Historic Archives Project, and has co-authored two WBA reports titled *Creating Pathways to Success* (2006) and *Creating Pathways to Success for All* (2008) on the status of women in the profession.

Muneer Ahmad holds expertise in immigrants' rights, clinical legal education, labor, employment, and poverty law. He has conducted comparative research on gender, labor, and migration in the garment industries of Los Angeles and Ahmedabad, India. His areas of teaching include the International Human Rights Clinic and Immigration Law. Professor Ahmad has been an active participant in the Gender and Legal Education in India Project.

Pamela Bridgewater is a reproductive rights advocate and activist. She specializes in feminist legal theory and reproductive rights and technology. Her areas of teaching include; Property, Reproductive Rights, and Property Interests in People. Her book, *Breeding A Nation: Slavery and the Pursuit of Reproductive Freedom* was published by South End Press in the Spring of 2007.

Susan Carle has a particular interest in the history and sociology of gender, race, class and socio-economic status in the legal profession. She teaches Torts, Employment Discrimination and Legal Ethics. She has published in the areas of sex harassment law and early female public interest lawyers. Professor Carle recently published *Lawyers' Ethics and the Pursuit of Social Justice: A Critical Reader*, which contains a chapter on feminist legal ethics.

Janie Chuang specializes in the study of violence against women, specifically trafficking in women. She draws on her work in these areas for the U.N. Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the U.N. Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women. Recently, Professor Chuang published "*The United States as Global Sheriff: Unilateral Sanctions and Human Trafficking*," in the Michigan Journal of International Law. Professor Chuang teaches International Law, Commercial Arbitration, and a seminar on Gender, Labor and the Global Economy.

Mary Clark teaches Property, Legal Ethics, and a seminar on Women's Legal History/History of Women in the Legal Profession. Professor Clark was a visiting lecturer and research scholar at Yale Law School and a Supreme Court fellow with the Federal Judicial Center. She clerked for the U.S. Court of Appeals in Montgomery, Alabama before joining the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission as an appellate attorney, concentrating on issues of sexual harassment and disability rights law.

Lynda Dodd teaches and specializes in constitutional law and theory, civil rights litigation, and jurisprudence. In addition to holding a JD, she completed her Ph.D in Politics at Princeton University in 2004. She is working on a manuscript that examines the history of Section 1983, from its origins in the Civil Rights Act of 1871 to the contemporary era. Her most recent work, "*DeShaney v. Winnebago County: Governmental Neglect and the "Blessings of Liberty,"*" will be published in *Civil Rights Stories*, Myriam Gilles & Risa Goluboff, Eds. (forthcoming, Foundation Press).

Christine Haight Farley was appointed Associate Dean for Academic Affairs in 2007. Professor Farley teaches courses in Intellectual Property Law, U.S. Trademark Law, International and Comparative Trademark Law, and Law and the Visual Arts. She serves as Co-Director of the Program on Information Justice and Intellectual Property. Professor Farley works with the Women and the Law Program to co-sponsor an annual symposium entitled "IP/ Gender: Mapping the Connections" that examines the intersection between intellectual property and gender.

Claudio Grossman is the Dean of Washington College of Law. Dean Grossman served as the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights' (IACHR) first Special Rapporteur on Women's Rights (1996-2000) and authored the IACHR's first report on women's rights. He has also worked on cases involving gender issues, including Maria Eugenia Morales de Sierra (Guatemala), at the IACHR.

Hadar Harris is the Executive Director of the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law. She is an international human rights attorney specializing in civil and political rights, gender equality and domestic accountability, and implementation of international norms. She has done significant work assessing compliance with CEDAW in various countries around the world. Ms. Harris is an active participant in the Gender and Legal Education in India Project. She teaches Gender, Cultural Difference and Human Rights.

Heather Hughes joined the WCL faculty in 2007. Previously she taught at Florida International University College of Law where she was also affiliated with the Women's Studies Department. Her interests include sales and secured transactions. She has published several articles on gender and law, including *Contradictions, Open Secrets, and Feminist Faith in Enlightenment*, in the *Hastings Women's Law Journal* (2002) and *Same-Sex Marriage and Simulacra: Exploring Conceptions of Equality* in the *Harvard Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Law Review* (1998).

Darren Hutchinson teaches Constitutional Law, Equitable Remedies, and seminars in Critical Race Theory and Equal Protection Theory. He has written extensively on issues related to constitutional law, critical race theory, law and sexuality, and social identity theory. Before joining the faculty at WCL, Professor Hutchinson was an Associate Professor at Southern Methodist University School of Law and practiced commercial litigation.

Lisa Jabaily is an adjunct member of the faculty who teaches Family Law and Local Government Law. Her scholarship focuses on regulation and administration, with an emphasis on how different structures of government affect race and gender. Her current project examines how family law supplemented public law in the maintenance of Jim Crow. She is also an attorney in the General Counsel's Office at the Johns Hopkins University, where she works primarily on labor/employment, discrimination, and sponsored research issues.

Billie Jo Kaufman is the Associate Dean for Library Information Resources and teaches and specializes in: advanced legal research; cyberlaw; criminal procedure; legal research and writing, and law librarianship. In addition, she serves as the Editor for the AALS Women & the Law Newsletter.

Candace Kovacic-Fleischer teaches sex-based discrimination, contracts, remedies, and a seminar on Employment Law: Work Family and Equality. She clerked in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 2nd Circuit and for U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice Warren E. Burger and practiced with a Washington, D.C. law firm. She has written numerous articles on gender discrimination issues as well as articles and books on remedies.

Daniela Kraiem is the Associate Director of the Women and the Law Program. She teaches Gender and the Law and Gender Perspectives Across the World. Prior to joining WCL, she practiced labor and employment law and was a staff attorney at the Child Care Law Center.

Adrienne Lockie teaches in the Women and the Law Clinic. She began her teaching career at Rutgers School of Law-Newark in 2004 where she was the Director of the Domestic Violence Advocacy Project and taught in the Women's Rights Litigation Clinic. Prior to entering academia, Professor Lockie represented victims of domestic violence at Safe Horizon's Domestic Violence Law Project and was a Blackmun Fellow at the Center for Reproductive Rights. She teaches Legal Ethics and the Women and the Law Clinic Seminar.

Angie McCarthy is the Program Coordinator for the Women and the Law Program. She holds an MPhil from Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland in International Peace Studies with a focus on Women, Peace and Security and a BA in International Studies with a Minor in Women's Studies from Manhattanville College in New York. She has worked with several women's organizations both domestically and abroad including the NGO Committee on the Status of Women at the United Nations and the New Women's Movement in South Africa.

Fernanda Nicola teaches Torts, Comparative Law, and European Union Law. Prior to teaching at WCL, Professor Nicola was an Adjunct Professor of Law at the New England School of Law and taught at Harvard Law School and the University of Turin Law School. She has published an Italian reader on United States Feminist Jurisprudence with Carocci (Rome).

Amelia Parker is the Program Coordinator of the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law at WCL. Amelia received her JD in 2006 from WCL where she served as co-founder of the Genocide Teaching Project. She worked for the Legal Resources Centre where she researched the right to work of Sierra Leonean refugees, and the Centre for Public Interest Law in Ghana, researching the human rights implications of the privatization of water. In 2007, she published an article in the Human Rights Brief concerning racial inequalities in the U.S. public education system and U.S. non-compliance with international treaty norms. She was a contributing author to the U.S. Human Rights Network's shadow report on U.S. compliance to the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Racial Discrimination (CERD) in 2008.

Corrine Parver is the Executive Director of the Health Law Project and the Faculty Advisor to the Health Law and Justice Initiative and the WCL Health Law and Policy publication. Her areas of specialization include: fraud and abuse prevention and compliance; general health law and policy; privacy; and medical liability. She researches the effect of the medical malpractice insurance crisis on women's health, particularly women of color.

Teresa Godwin Phelps is the Director of the Legal Rhetoric Program. Her other teaching and academic interests include law and literature, international truth commissions, women and the law, and human rights. She has published over thirty articles and three books, most recently *Shattered Voices: Language, Violence, and the Work of Truth Commissions* (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2004).

Victoria Philips is the Assistant Director of the Glushko-Samuels Intellectual Property Law Clinic and teaches Communications Law. She headed the mass media legal policy office at the Federal Communications Commission and practiced intellectual property and communications law in Washington, D.C. before joining the clinic faculty. Professor Phillips is one of the principal organizers of the annual Symposium on IP/Gender: Mapping the Connections and recently published "*Commodification, Intellectual Property and the Women of Gee's Bend*" in the American University Journal of Gender, Social Policy & Law.

Nancy Polikoff teaches Family Law and Sexuality and the Law and specializes in the legal issues affecting lesbian and gay families. Before joining the WCL faculty in 1987, she directed domestic relations programs at the Women's Legal Defense Fund and practiced law with the Washington, D.C. Feminist Law Collective. Her book, *Valuing All Families*, was published by Beacon Press in 2007.

Adeen Postar joined the library faculty as the Deputy Director of the Pence Law Library in 2004. Professor Postar has had extensive experience in law firm, academic, and government libraries. She is the Associate Editor of *State Practice Materials: Annotated Bibliographies* published by Hein.

Rachel Rebouche is an adjunct member of the faculty who teaches Family Law and Comparative Family Law. She is legal counsel to the National Partnership for Women and Families, working primarily in issues of adolescent health. She previously served as a law clerk to Justice Kate O'Regan on the Constitutional Court of South Africa, South Africa's court of last appeal, and as the Women's Law and Public Policy Fellow at the National Women's Law Center. She has published on topics such as women's rights in power sharing arrangements, women's land rights in Kenya, social change through lawyers' collectives, and abortion law in Northern Ireland.

Noya Rimault is a professor of law at the University of Haifa Law School in Israel, where she teaches Criminal Law and Feminist Legal Theory. Prior to joining the Haifa law School, she served as the founding director of the clinical program in civil rights at Tel Aviv University. Her scholarship examines the intersections of gender, law, and feminism in legal theory and practice. Her Book, *Legal Feminism Whence and Whither? Theory and Practice in the Struggle for Gender Equality*, is forthcoming as a joint publication of Haifa University Press and Hebrew University Press.

Susana SáCouto is the Director of the War Crimes Research Office (WCRO) at WCL where she also teaches Gender, Cultural Difference, Human Rights, and the Law and Women and Conflict: International Law Responses. Prior to joining the WCRO, Ms. SáCouto directed the Legal Services Program at Women Empowered Against Violence. She recently published an essay entitled "*Advances and Missed Opportunities in the International Prosecution of Gender-Based Crimes*" in the Michigan State Journal of International Law (2007).

Macarena Saez is the International Programs Coordinator at WCL. Before coming to WCL, she taught jurisprudence and feminist legal theory at the University of Chile. She is the coordinator of Red-ALAS, a network of Latin American feminist scholars that develops gender initiatives in Latin American law schools. She has recently finished work on *La Mirada de los Jueces: Decisiones sobre Genero y Sexualidad en Latinoamérica* (Editorial Siglo del El Hombre, 2008), the first book of case studies on gender and law in Latin America. She currently teaches Introduction to the Continental Legal System.

Ann Shalleck founded and directs the Women and the Law Program and Women and International Law Program. She is also the Carrington Shields Scholar at Washington College of Law. She teaches in the Women & the Law Clinic, Family Law, Feminist Jurisprudence, and a seminar on Theories of Pedagogy. She is active in national and international efforts to reshape the law school curriculum. Professor Shalleck was a member of the DC Task Force on Gender Bias in the Courts. Her writing focuses on clinical education, feminist theory, family law, and child neglect.

Brenda Smith teaches in the Community Economic Development Law Clinic. She is also the Project Director for the United States Department of Justice, National Institute of Corrections Cooperative Agreement on Addressing Staff Sexual Misconduct with Offenders. In November, 2003, Professor Smith was appointed to the National Prison Rape Elimination Commission by the United States House of Representatives Minority Leader, Nancy Pelosi (D. CA). Professor Smith is an expert on issues affecting women in prison. Most recently, she was awarded the Emmalee C. Godsey Research Award for her article *Battering, Forgiveness and Redemption*. Professor Smith has been an active participant in the Gender and Legal Education in India Project.

David Spratt is an Academic Coordinator and Professor of Legal Writing. Prior to teaching Legal Rhetoric, Professor Spratt taught Legal Writing and Research at the George Washington University School of Law, Legal Analysis and Writing at Concord School of Law, and Legal Methods at the Washington College of Law. In the past, he has moderated and/or presented continuing legal education programs on defined duration support, imputation of income, amendments to the Virginia child support statute, legal ethics, research and citation, the use of electronic evidence in family law cases, and child custody evaluations. In 2001, Professor Spratt was a founding partner of Schwartz & Spratt, PLC, a family law firm in Fairfax, Virginia.

Jane Stoeber is the Director of the Domestic Violence Clinic and teaches Family Law. Prior to joining WCL, she was a Women's Law & Public Policy Fellow and a Graduate Teaching Fellow in Georgetown University Law Center's Domestic Violence Clinic. At Georgetown, she taught classes on trial advocacy and family law, supervised clinic students, and represented clients in domestic violence matters. She previously represented survivors of intimate partner violence at LifeSpan Legal Services & Advocacy in Chicago, Legal Aid in Kansas City, and at the Harvard Legal Aid Bureau.

Anthony E. Varona teaches Contracts, Administrative Law, Media Law, and Introduction to Public Law, and serves as the Director of the SJD Program. Before joining the WCL faculty he served as general counsel and legal director for the Human Rights Campaign, the nation's largest gay civil rights organization. He is an active member of the Hispanic National Bar Association and the National Lesbian and Gay Lawyers Association and is also on the national board of GLAAD. Professor Varona's scholarship has included articles concerning civil rights, employment discrimination, hate crimes, and communications law.

Denis Ventry's research interests include tax policy, tax theory and history, public finance, standards of tax practice, tax shelters, family taxation, and the taxation of same-sex couples. He writes a column for Tax Notes magazine, "Policy and Practice." His current projects include two studies describing how the tax system reflects and reinforces gender norms and prevailing family forms.

Diane Weinroth has taught at WCL for more than 15 years as a clinical instructor and adjunct professor with the Women and the Law Clinic. She also has had a private practice specializing in family law and child abuse and neglect. She is co-author of the first edition of Practice Manual for Child Abuse and Neglect Cases in the District of Columbia. Among other professional activities, she is on the board of directors of The Children's Law Center and the Ionia Whipper Home for Girls and has been a contributing columnist for "Child Welfare Practice," published by the ABA Center on Children and the Law.

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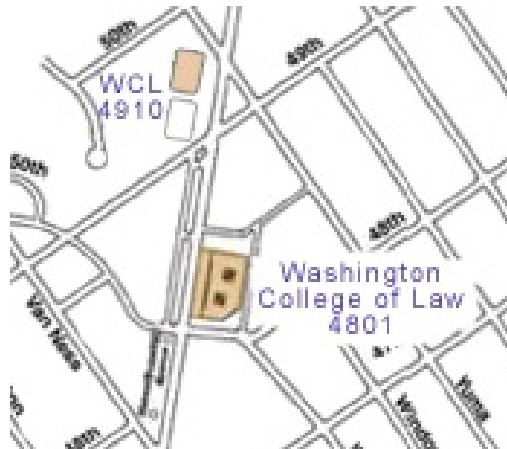
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Stop by to chat about courses, discuss the LLM specializations in Gender and Law, learn about opportunities to get involved in feminist advocacy, or just talk about law school in general.