

WOMEN & THE LAW PROGRAM






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



Use Your Law Degree to Defend Women's Rights

		
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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 WCL 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.

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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:

- **Reproduction and the Law**
- **Domestic Violence**
- **Gender, Inequality and the State**
- **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 our 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 (WPPL)

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 www.wandp.american.edu or contact Julia Piscitelli, the Assistant Director, via email at juliapiscitelli@yahoo.com.

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

Student attorneys in the Domestic Violence Clinic (DVC) represent victim/survivors of domestic violence seeking civil protection orders and/or petitioning to change their immigration status. The opportunity to gain experience in family and immigration arenas allows student attorneys to evaluate the benefits and limits of these interventions into the complex problem of domestic violence in this two-semester clinic.

THE WOMEN AND THE LAW CLINIC

The Women and the Law Clinic often begins representation of clients in child custody and support, domestic violence, and child neglect cases. Once the clinic begins working with a client, however, student attorneys assist the client with other legal matters that affect the client's life. The clinic's caseload is thus quite varied. Student attorneys treat each client not as a discrete "case" but as a complex person dealing with issues implicating many aspects of the legal system. While cases often involve family law issues, student attorneys also represent clients in other civil and administrative actions including landlord-tenant, employment, immigration, education, consumer, and small claims cases.

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 (SJD) 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 listserve with events and job opportunities, and sponsors a student Feminist Jurisprudence Essay Contest.

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.

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

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 them online at 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 2010 Academy, please contact hracademy@wcl.american.edu or visit the website at www.wcl.american.edu/humright/hracademy.

War Crimes Research Office (WCRO)

The core mandate of the War Crimes Research Office (WCRO) 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.pjip.org.

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 www.wcl.american.edu/gender/wlp/essay_contest.cfm.

The Gender and Law Mentorship Program

The Gender and Law Mentorship Program pairs students with practicing lawyers who are committed to mentoring the next generation of women's and LGBT rights lawyers. The program offers an excellent opportunity to learn about what kinds of careers, volunteer, and pro bono activities your interest in gender and law, women's rights, and LGBT rights can lead to after law school; and ask alumni their advice on how to navigate law school, or find a job or pro bono opportunities in a gender and law-related field.

Applicants must be rising students. The program will consist of a series of organized roundtables and informal meetings with mentors. Students will be paired with a mentor who will attend the roundtable discussions with them, as well as engage in individual conversations.

For a program outline, important dates, and application information, please visit the Women and the Law Program website at www.wcl.american.edu/gender/wlp/mentorship.cfm.

Resources for 1-L Students

1-L Elective in Women and the Law

Some years WCL offers a 1-L elective in *Women and the Law*. The Women and the Law elective introduces students to some theories of feminist jurisprudence and to some of the important developments in the law concerning sex and gender, including constitutional law, employment law, education law, and criminal law. The course is a survey and offers breadth rather than depth. Indeed, any one of the areas covered could be covered by a course of its own (and may well be at WCL). Please check the Women and the Law Program website as well as with the Office of the Registrar for updates and information on this course offering.

Integrated Curriculum Roundtables for 1-Ls

Each year the Women and the Law Program partners with the Integrated Curriculum Program and the Women's Law Association to host a series of roundtable discussions aimed at spotting the often overlooked impact of gender in many areas of law. Samples of past roundtable discussions have included an analysis of the torts case *O'Brien v. Cunard*, as well as a discussion of gender issues in Constitutional law by examining *Roe*, *Casey* and *Carhart*.

The roundtables are facilitated by Women and the Law Program Director, Professor Ann Shalleck. They are capped at twenty participants to allow time for a thorough examination of the cases. The sessions will be advertised by your 1-L section reps, and on *MyWCL*. Be on the lookout!

Women and the Law Program Events

Every semester the Women and the Law Program hosts a variety of events ranging from brown-bag lunches to large-scale international conferences. These events are open to all WCL students free of charge and are an excellent way to get involved with the program and meet experts in the field of gender and law ranging from academics, to practitioners, policy makers and NGO advocates. All events are posted on *MyWCL*. The best way to stay informed of upcoming events is to join the *Women and the Law Listserve* by visiting our website at www.wcl.american.edu/gender/wlp and clicking on 'join our listserve'.

Gender and *Your* Legal Studies: Academic Advising Sessions

At the end of the fall and spring semesters, the Women and the Law Program partners with the Office of Student Affairs to host advising sessions for those interested in the study of gender and law and/or family law. These sessions provide you with an opportunity to meet the faculty members who are teaching the courses next term, and to ask them questions about their class, their syllabus, or law school in general. Watch *MyWCL* for upcoming sessions.

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. For more information on how to contact these groups or join their listserves, please consult their student organization page on *MyWCL*.

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.

Lambda Law Society (LAMBDA) 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.

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.

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.

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 *MyWCL* 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. 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.

- **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 teaches Legal Rhetoric and Sex-Based Discrimination. Her scholarship interests include legal protections for immigrant victims of domestic violence, legal responses to violence against women, and the advancement and retention of women in the legal profession. She serves on the Executive Committee of the DC Women's Bar Association and she was awarded the WBA's Mussey-Gillett Shining Star Award in 2008 for her work co-authoring two reports on the advancement and retention of women lawyers.

Hiba Arshad is a Program Coordinator at the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law. Hiba focuses primarily on the Center's Pakistan project, which aims to build capacity within the Gender Studies department and the Human Rights Studies Center at the University of Peshawar. She has also written about and focused her graduate studies on women's education development in South Asia, as well as Islamic feminism.

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, Trafficking, 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.

Christine Haight Farley is a professor and Associate Dean for Faculty and Academic Affairs. Professor Farley teaches courses in Intellectual Property Law, U.S. Trademark Law, International and Comparative Trademark Law, and Law and the Visual Arts. 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 current scholarship focuses on how schools and cities define and administer households. Professor Jabaily is also an attorney in the Office of the Vice President and General Counsel at the Johns Hopkins University, where she works primarily on compliance, labor/employment, discrimination, and sponsored research issues.

Ann Jordan is Director of the Program on Forced Labor and Trafficking at the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law. She is an international human rights attorney who specializes in issues of human trafficking, forced labor and women's rights. She was the Director for ten years of the Initiative against Trafficking in Persons at Global Rights. She actively participated with an international coalition of NGOs in the development of the UN Trafficking Protocol and with a U.S. NGO coalition in the development of the U.S. Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act. She was a member of the Women's Caucus for Gender Justice in the International Criminal Court, which successfully advocated during the negotiation process for the inclusion of women and women's issues at all levels of the Court. In addition, Ms. Jordan was intimately involved in developing the Freedom Network (USA) to Empower Trafficked and Enslaved Persons, premier U.S. NGO anti-trafficking network of service providers and advocates.

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 on the AALS Women & the Law Newsletter, as a Board Member for the Friends of the Law Library of Congress and as Chair for the ABA Committee on Law Libraries.

Elizabeth Keyes is a Practitioner-in-Residence with the International Human Rights Law Clinic. In her practice at CASA of Maryland and WEAVE, she has specialized in working with immigrant women, in the immigration, employment, family law and criminal contexts. She is interested in the power structures that affect immigrant women's ability to exercise and enjoy their rights, and has specifically focused on the situation of immigrant domestic workers. She has most recently co-authored an ABA manual on the intersection of human trafficking and domestic violence.

Laurie S. Kohn is a visiting member of the WCL faculty. She teaches Domestic Violence. She is also the deputy director of the Georgetown Law Center's Domestic Violence Clinic, where she has taught since 1998. Previously, Professor Kohn focused on disability rights, both in Congress and at the Civil Rights Division at the Department of Justice. Professor Kohn has written several practice documents on representing victims of domestic violence including an updated practice manual entitled *Litigating Civil Protection Order Cases: a Practice Manual*. In addition, Professor Kohn is the Chair of the steering committee of the D.C. Bar Family Law Section and serves on the boards of the D.C. Coalition Against Domestic Violence and the Frederick B. Abramson Memorial Foundation. She is the Co-Chair of the Domestic Violence Unit Task Force of D.C. Superior Court.

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 two Washington, D.C. law firms. She has written numerous articles on gender discrimination issues as well as articles and a textbook on remedies. She also contributed to compilations including *The Oxford Companions to American Law* (2002), *The Encyclopedia of the American Constitution* (2000), and *The Encyclopedia of American Civil Liberties* (2006).

Daniela Kraiem is the Associate Director of the Women and the Law Program and a Practitioner-in-Residence. She teaches Gender, Inequality and the State and the Gender Perspectives Across the World seminar, a course in which students have the opportunity to write publishable quality papers on subjects relating to gender and international or comparative law. Prior to joining WCL, she represented labor unions and employees as an associate at the law firm of McCarthy, Johnson and Miller. She started her legal career as a staff attorney at the non-profit Child Care Law Center, where she specialized in workforce development, supporting women-owned small businesses, and increasing the availability of high quality child care for all children.

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 Advanced Family Law, 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. Her graduate research focused on the role of women in peace building in post-conflict societies and prospects for future implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security.

Amy Myers directs the Domestic Violence Clinic, where students represent clients in protection order and immigration cases. Prior to joining WCL, she was a supervising attorney at Women Empowered Against Violence (WEAVE), where she represented survivors of domestic violence in family law and immigration cases. She began at WEAVE as a Skadden Fellow, focusing on the intersection of domestic violence and child abuse.

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 is publishing an Italian reader on United States Feminist Jurisprudence with Carocci (Rome) and she is writing on domestic torts and comparative family law.

Corrine Parver is a Practitioner-in-Residence and 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. Other research projects include: Patient-tailored Medicine and Women's Roles in Clinical Trials, and Health Care Reform Initiatives and the Effect of Certain Proposals on Women.

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-Samuelson 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, *Beyond (Straight and Gay) Marriage: Valuing All Families under the Law*, was published by Beacon Press in 2008.

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. In addition to her administrative duties, Ms. Postar also teaches Advanced Legal Research Techniques at WCL.

Rachel Rebouché is an adjunct member of the faculty who teaches Family Law and Comparative Family Law. She is an Associate Director of Adolescent Health at the National Partnership for Women and Families. 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. Her scholarship focuses on health law, family law, and international and comparative law.

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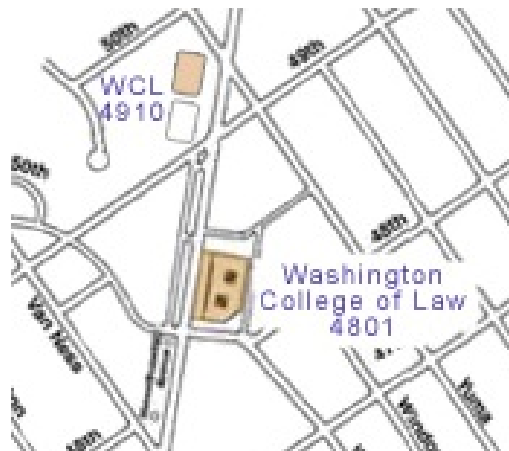
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