

Women and the Law Program

Spring 2012 Courses in Gender and Law

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691-001 **Sex- Based Discrimination (3cr)** **Eardley**
This course is a foundational gender and law course. It will examine gender and sex-based discrimination as defined by the Constitution, Title VII, Title IX, and the Equal Pay Act. We will explore individual, pattern and practice and class action gender discrimination cases. Class discussions will focus on the practical considerations of litigating gender discrimination cases as well as the historic, social, economic, and psychological factors that impact representation of clients who experience gender-based discrimination in the 21st century. Students will be evaluated based on classroom participation and an exam. Adjunct Ellen Eardley currently litigates gender and race discrimination cases throughout the country.

720A-001 **Ad. Family Law: Theory and Practice (2cr)** **Myers**
This two credit upper-level seminar focuses on selected topics in family law from both theoretical and policy perspectives, with an emphasis on race, class, gender, sexual orientation, and nationality. The course will examine family law issues that have a constitutional or federal law dimension. Topics include legal responses to changing family structures, alternative methods of reproduction, the legacy of slavery, state regulation of intimate relationships, family leave, and child welfare. The course will consider the policies behind current guiding principles of family law with an emphasis on critical theory. Family Law is not a prerequisite for this course. Requests to satisfy the upper-level writing requirement will be considered on an individual basis.

725-001 **Gender, Cultural Difference & Human Rights (2cr)** **Harris & Khan**
The primary purpose of this course is to explore issues in international human rights and humanitarian law raised by cultural and religious practices that affect women. The course will examine the underlying assumptions, principles and approaches of major human rights and humanitarian law instruments, with a particular emphasis on the roles of gender and culture in specific contexts, such as marriage and divorce, reproductive rights, health (HIV/AIDS), trafficking, and abuses against women committed in the context of mass violence or armed conflict. There are no prerequisites.

795-008 **Adv. Topics in Gender & International Law (2cr)** **Filipovich**
This advanced legal research and writing seminar will provide a supportive environment and structure for students to develop a publishable-quality paper addressing an issue of gender and international or comparative law selected by the student. The class will explore feminist legal methods and writing techniques. Students select their own topics. Examples of possible subjects include analyses of gender and international or comparative law regarding reproductive justice, family law, development, women's health, war crimes, domestic violence, LGBTQ issues, family law, politics, employment, work and family or other subjects. This is a two unit class. Students may add one additional credit of independent study if they wish to write a longer paper. The course is open to JD and LLM students. It is required for students who are earning the ILSP Gender and International Law specialization.

795-009 **Reproductive Rights and the Law (3cr)** **Waters**
This course provides a historical, legal, and policy-based analysis of the laws and policies regulating human reproduction, with an emphasis on Supreme Court jurisprudence and current legislative efforts to both expand and curtail reproductive rights. Topics will include the development of privacy law; legislative and judicial efforts to balance privacy rights and other freedoms, such as religious freedom and freedom of speech; the impact of technological advances on reproductive rights; and the enactment and interpretation of laws relating to reproduction and the workplace.

815-001 a/b**Feminist Jurisprudence (2-3cr)****Shalleck**

Feminist Jurisprudence provides students an opportunity to study the different strands of feminist theory. The course examines the relationship of law to the experiences of women situated differently in the world; the relationship of sex and gender as reflected in and influenced by law; cultural images of women and men that both shape and are shaped by the law; and institutional and social structures and practices that perpetuate inequality or subordination. The course also considers the interaction of feminist theories with other critical traditions, including Critical Race Theory, Social Theories of Power and Wealth, Cultural Studies, and Clinical Theory. Students may take the course for two or three credits, depending upon the scope of the project/paper they undertake. This course can be used to satisfy the upper-level writing requirement.

927-001**Int'l Trafficking in Persons (3cr)****Vandenberg & Fryszman**

This course aims to provide an overview of international and U.S. law and policy responses to the problem of human trafficking. It begins with an inquiry into the question of what trafficking is – a question that, despite the existence of legal definitions of trafficking – remains highly contested. The course will explore this question through three case studies, involving trafficking of women into the sex industry and domestic work, and the trafficking of men into forced labor. It will then examine trafficking-specific international, regional, and U.S. laws, and explore the role of broader international and regional human rights regimes in addressing trafficking. Having studied the role of law in the fight against human trafficking, students will step back and spend the second half of the semester examining the dynamics of anti-trafficking advocacy movement and assess its effectiveness in combating trafficking.

978-001**Women and Conflict (2cr)****SáCouto**

This course aims to provide an overview and evaluation of the responses of international law to the experience of women in times of conflict and repression. The course will examine feminist critiques of IHL and consider the links between conflict and issues such as women's inequality and inequitable economic and social conditions. Specifically, the course will explore how women in times of conflict are treated under the various categories of the laws of war, such as civilians, combatants, detainees and POWs, but also question whether these laws are sufficient to encompass the variety of ways women are affected by conflict. The course will also look at the developing jurisprudence dealing specifically with accountability for gendered violence from various international/ized tribunals. The course will end with a critical evaluation of the consequences, both intended and unintended, of the prosecution of sexual and gender-based violence by these courts and tribunals and of feminist interventions in international law more generally. Students will be expected to write a research paper on a topic related to the issues discussed in class and to lead a class discussion about their research.

Courses Including Gender Component

636-001	Family Law	Saez
656-001/2	Asylum & Refugee Law	Baluarte/ McConnell
668-001	Employment Discrimination	Whol
682-001	Critical Race Theory	Hutchinson
706-001	Adv. Civ. Pro: Complex Litigation in Civil and Human Rights	Coleman
812-001	Elder Law	Abравanel
849-001	Legal Drafting: Family Law Practice & Litigation	Spratt
861-001	Economic, Social and Cultural Rights	Nifosi-Sutton
993-001	Adoption Law, Policy, and Practice	Maskew

Faculty Integrating a Gender Perspective

610-001	U.S. Legal History II	May
618-001	Intl Environmental Law	Hunter
619-001	Comparative Law	Ala'i
638-001	Juvenile Law	Cannon
664-001	Labor and Employment	Carle
655-001	Immigration & Naturalization	Rathod
745-001	Pension & Employee Benefit Law	Abramowitz
795-005	Civil Rights Litigation	Yeomans
962-001	Adv. IP: Patent Litigation	Isa- Odidi