

Greetings,

Following the thirtieth anniversary celebrations of last year, the Feminism and Legal Theory Project and Vulnerability and the Human Condition Initiative are keeping up the pace of events for the 2014-2015 academic year. In addition to [upcoming workshops](#) at Emory, University of Miami, and Amherst, there will also be a special talk by [Kirsten Sandberg](#), Chair of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child, exploring the methods and dilemmas in her work.

FLT/VHC continue to host many [visiting scholars](#) and is proud to announce the 2015-2017 post doctoral fellow: [Atieno Mboya Samandari](#) and a new research assistant, [Rachel Ezrol](#). Please find below information about our upcoming scholars and links to video of the visiting scholar [interviews](#).

Also included in this newsletter: new [publications](#) and presentations by FLT/VHC members, Martha Albertson Fineman featured in the latest issue of [Emory Insights](#), current and upcoming course offerings, and a new Chinese Translation of the Illusion of Equality.



The new cover for the forthcoming Chinese translation of Fineman's *The Illusion of Equality*, soon available through Chinese University of Political Science and Law Press

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Upcoming Workshops

An Uncomfortable Conversation:
The Universal and The Particular
Vulnerability and Identities II
University of Miami School of Law
November 14-15, 2014
[SCHEDULE](#)

Fall 2014

Martha Albertson Fineman's Feature in Emory Law Insights

Emory Law Insights Fall 2014 publication showcased recent scholarly work by Professor Martha Albertson Fineman. It included an excerpt from *Vulnerability: Reflections on a New Ethical Foundation for Law and Politics*. The article chronicles the journey and triumphs of both FLT and VHC.

"The vulnerable subject is the embodiment of the realization that vulnerability is a universal constant aspect of the human condition. Dependency and vulnerability are not deviant, but natural and inevitable." - Martha Albertson Fineman

Are you interested in reading about how Prof. Fineman complicates the notion of formal equality? Do you want to learn more about vulnerability theory? [Click here.](#)

[REGISTER NOW!](#)



A Workshop on Theorizing the State: The Resources of Vulnerability

Emory Law

December 5-6, 2014

[CALL FOR PAPERS](#) (Deadline to Submit: September 29, 2014)

[REGISTER NOW](#)

Save the Date:

Education

Amherst College, Amherst, MA

April 3-4, 2015

[Link to Workshops >>](#)

This Summer's Workshop

Vulnerability, Resilience, and Public Responsibility for Social and Economic Well Being

On June 13-14, presenters and participants gathered at SUNY Buffalo to explore topics ranging from climate change and sexual exploitation to the scope and effects of neoliberalism. Full schedule is available [here](#), and video is available at Emory Law.

Course Offerings 2014-2015

Fall 2014

Feminist Legal Theory (Yvana Mols, Martha Fineman)

Sexuality and Gender (Stu Marvel)

Women and International Human Rights Law (Stu Marvel--at Agnes Scott)

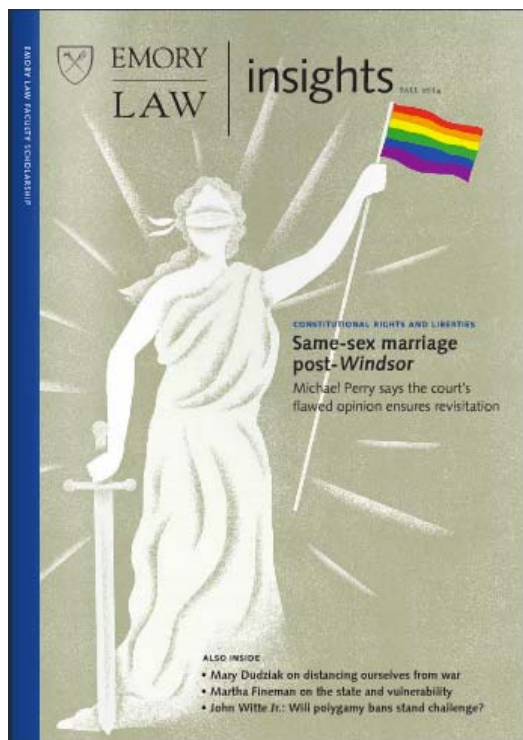
Spring 2015

Partners to Parents (Martha Fineman)

Vulnerability (Stu Marvel, Martha Fineman)

Mark Your Calendars!

The UN Committee on the Rights of the Child: Working Methods and Dilemmas



Forthcoming Publications & Presentations

Martha Albertson Fineman

Publication: *Equality and Difference- The Restrained State*, Alabama L. Rev. (Forthcoming 2014).

Forum: Tulane Law's Forum on the Future of Law and Inequality (Nov. 7, 2014).

Stu Marvel

Presentation: Vulnerability at Cornell Law's Berger Talk at the Clarke Center for International and Comparative Legal Studies (October 3, 2014).

Yvana Mols

Publication: *Legal Aspects of Domestic Violence*, International Encyclopedia of Social and Behavioral Sciences (James D. Wright, 2d Ed., Forthcoming).

Ani Satz

Publication: "Vulnerability" in *Keywords in Disability* (Ben Reiss, Rachel Adamas & Ben Serlin, eds., 2014)

Presentation: Roundtable, HIPAA and Workers Compensation, Discussion Group: Public Health Law Theory and Practice, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, Amelia Island, Florida (Aug. 1, 2014).

Panel: Fragmentation after Health Care Reform, ACA Implementation-Some Initial Observations and Critiques, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, Amelia Island, Florida (Aug. 2, 2014).



Barbara Woodhouse



Kirsten Sandberg, chairperson of the *Committee on the Rights of the Child*, will be speaking about her work with the Committee as it begins its 25th year.

Tuesday, November 18, 2014
4:30 PM, Gambrell 575
Light reception to follow
[RSVP HERE!](#)

**FLT Announces 2015-2017
Postdoctoral Fellow: Ateino
Mboya Samandari**



The Vulnerability and the Human Condition Program (VHC) is pleased to announce the 2015-02017 postdoctoral fellow, Atieno Mboya Samandari. Atieno has been an active participant in the VHC Initiative as an SJD student at Emory Law School, and is planning to start the position following graduation in May 2015. Before coming to Emory for her SJD, Atieno had acquired an impressive record of international contributions: studying as a visiting scholar at University of Kwa-Zulu Natal Center for Sociolegal Studies in Durban, South Africa, working as a consultant for the UNICEF and the World Bank on gender equity and human rights in Africa, and authoring over twenty books on the right to food, health and education. Atieno has law degrees from the University of Nairobi (Kenya) and Georgetown University (USA), and is admitted to the New York bar.

Presentation and publication: "I Bambini Di Scanno Stanno Bene Dove Stanno," *Il Gazzettino della Valle de Sagittario*, Summer Ed; *On The Ecology of Childhood*, Italy (August 9, 2014).

Forum: On Sharing the Environment with Wildlife, convened by Parco Nazionale Abruzzo Molise (August 29, 2014).

Keynote: "Rights Here, Right Now" Conference: "Children Working: Building a World Fit for Everyone," Swansea (September 12, 2014).

Visiting Scholars

Baoshi Wang, Phd, LLM

At Emory June 2014- June 2015

Dr. Wang is an associate professor in Law at the Hunan Normal University (China) where he teaches civil law, conflict of laws, comparative law and international arbitration law. He additionally serves as the director of the International Law Institute, is a member of both the *Chinese Society of Private International Law* and the *Chinese Association for Family Law*, and is also a partner of Hunan Furong Law Firm. During his time at Emory, Dr. Wang will be working with Prof. Fineman on US family law, more specifically on the legality of agreements between spouses.



Mirjam Katzin

At Emory January 2015 - April, 2015

Mirjam Katzin is a graduate student in Social Welfare Law at Lund University, Sweden. The working title of her PhD project is *Citizens as Customers: the Marketization of Swedish Care for Older People*. The aim of this project is to investigate the legal changes in the Swedish care for older people in connections with the marketizations in the Swedish welfare system that have occurred over the past decade, with care choice systems being introduced. The concept of vulnerability is used to question the premise of the care choice system, which is built on the idea of autonomy rather than the idea of equality. This is shift of Swedish social policy, and this shift is analyzed through the lens of the vulnerability theory.



Xia Li

At Emory January 2015- February 2015

Director of the Center of Family Law and Feminism Legal Theory, Xia Li is a Law Professor and at East China



Say Hello to FLT's New Research Assistant!



Rachel Ezrol graduated from Emory University in the spring of 2014 with a degree in Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies.

During her time as an undergraduate, she served as a healthy sexuality intern with Emory's Office of Health Promotion where she developed a comprehensive sex-positive resource guide and worked to organize Emory's first ever Sex Week. She currently volunteers with the Feminist Women's Health Center and is working to get her newly formed 501c3, Redefine Normal Inc., up and running. Rachel is looking forward to working as a research assistant with the Feminism and Legal Theory Project (FLT) and the Vulnerability and the Human Condition Initiative (VHC) where she will focus on adapting Fineman's vulnerability theory into practice.

University of Political Science and Law. Her fields of specialty are Family Law, Contract Law, Tort Law and Feminist Legal Theory. While a Visiting Scholar. Her current research project is on the impact of feminist legal theory on American family law. She has completed the translation of Professor Fineman's *Autonomy Myth* into Chinese.



Visiting Scholar Interviews

VHC has continued interviewing visiting scholars, and has made the videos available to you on the [website](#). Learn more about what our visiting scholars are working on!



Interview of Weiling Wang, Ph.D. Candidate, Shandong University, China

Are You Interested in Getting More Involved?

Join us for Vulnerabili-TEA Time!
Mondays, 3:30 pm in Yvana Mols' Office: Gambrell Hall 500



or

Reach out to the Vulnerability and the Human Condition Initiative Student Advisory Board, a group of students, alumni and staff committed to furthering the goals of the Vulnerability and Human Condition Initiative.
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