

## CALL FOR PAPERS

The Feminism and Legal Theory Project at 30:

### A Workshop on Geographies of Violence: Place, Space, and Time

January 24-25, 2014

Emory University School of Law, Atlanta, Georgia

*The summer of 2013 marks the beginning of the 30<sup>th</sup> year of operation for the Feminism and Legal Theory Project. During the 2013-2014 academic year we will be looking at the history and impact of feminist legal theory in a variety of key areas of concern to those interested in the institutionalization, construction, and maintenance of gender and gender differences, as well as broader issues of social and economic justice.*

*Following in the footsteps of our workshops on sex and reproduction and the family as areas of early feminist legal scholarship, we will consider violence. Thirty years ago the discussions revolved around “domestic violence,” this workshop will look at the issues more broadly.*

*One overarching question in all the sessions is: what is the role for and future of feminist legal theory and gender analysis in a “post-egalitarian” and “intersectional” world in which claims and analyses based on gender differences are viewed with suspicion?*

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#### Submissions Procedure:

Email a proposal as a Word or PDF document by October 21, 2013 to Yvana Mols at: [ymols@emory.edu](mailto:ymols@emory.edu)

\*\*Decisions will be made by

October 31 and working paper drafts will be due December 20, 2013 so they can be duplicated and distributed prior to the Workshop.

#### Workshop Details:

The Workshop begins Friday at 4PM in room 575 of Emory Law School (1301 Clifton Rd, Atlanta, GA). Dinner in the Hunter Atrium will follow Friday's session. Panels continue on Saturday from 9 AM to 5PM; breakfast and lunch will be provided.

#### Issues For Discussion May Include:

- What “counts” as violence?
- How does the space and place in which violence occurs affect our responses to it?
- Why is there such resistance to the idea of wide-spread gendered violence in American politics?
- What are the different perspectives on violence reflected in disciplines such as law, medicine, public health, anthropology, political science, ethics, and religion?
- How do societal institutions act in conjunction with or opposition to the state in understanding and addressing violence?
- What is the relationship between interpersonal violence and structural violence? Between violence and art and culture?
- Can the state be understood as violent?
- What are the benefits and drawbacks in looking at violence from a societal or cultural, rather than an individual or criminal justice, perspective?
- What would a society designed to eliminate violence look like?
- What is the relationship between “public” and “private” violence?
- What can we learn from looking at gender-based violence (broadly conceived) among cultures with different traditions, economic organizations and legal frameworks for gender equality?
- Is gendered violence endemic to all societies, and inherent in human nature? Or are there identifiable causes and remedies? What about violence against children?
- What is the relationship between neglect and violence?
- Can violence ever be justified, for example in the cause of humanitarian interventions?
- How do the categories of “victim/perpetrator,” “domestic violence,” “intimate partner violence,” and “gendered violence” shape our approaches to law and policy?
- What is “rape culture” and what are its implications for individual cases of aggression?
- How does violence shift across the course of the lifespan?
- How and why should we think differently about violence directed toward different age groups: children, youth, adults, and seniors?
- What can and should be done to address emerging forms of online bullying and virtual violence?