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FLT Resources
The Feminism and Legal Theory Project, in conjunction with the Vulnerability and Human Condition Initiative, has compiled an extensive resource list for researchers, news media, students, and peers. Resources >>

Recent Publications

Gender in Law, Culture, and Society Series
Ashgate Press, 2013

Dear Subscriber,

The Feminism and Legal Theory Project is proud to celebrate its 30th anniversary this academic year. The year-long celebrations began with the Catherine Roraback Archive launch, and the FLT@30 Workshop series, with workshops on key areas for feminist inquiry: sex and reproduction, the family, and violence. The final workshop in the series, focused on Labor and Employment, is taking place on April 25-26 and will coincide with a celebratory FLT@30 gala dinner hosted by Emory Law on Friday, April 25. Invitations to this special event will be sent out shortly on the FLT listserv - please mark your calendars.

FLT has also welcomed a new fellow, Yvana Mols, and several visiting scholars. Also included in this issue: FLT featured in Emory Report, FLT timeline, recent publications and upcoming workshops.

The Feminism and Legal Theory Project at 30

The Feminism and Legal Theory Project was featured in the Emory Report in January. Read the full article at the link.

For more than 30 years, the Feminism and Legal Theory (FLT) Project has fostered interdisciplinary examinations of the ways in which the interaction of law and culture shapes expectations, policies and practices related to gender. Read More.

The Feminism and Legal Theory Project Timeline:
Thirty Years of Scholarship

The Feminism and Legal Theory Project has been prolific over the past 30 years, publishing 11 books, presenting 83 workshops, conferences, and "Uncomfortable Conversations," and hosting more than 40 visiting scholars. Sample timeline below, but click here for the full version.

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Paula Ahumada
Paula Ahumada is a doctoral
candidate at Universidad de Chile School of Law. Her areas of interest are legal and political theory, constitutional law, and human rights. Her current research studies how collective interests work as limitations to fundamental rights using different theories of rights’ frameworks. She is particularly interested in exploring how the vulnerability approach can be applied to rethinking the role of the state and media in order to respect and ensure the right of freedom of speech.

**Sharona Hoffman**

Sharona Hoffman, J.D., LL.M., is the Edgar A. Hahn Professor of Law and a Professor of Bioethics at Case Western Reserve University. She is also the Co-Director of the Law School’s Law-Medicine Center and has been a member of the faculty since 1999. Professor Hoffman served as Associate Dean for Academic Affairs from 2006 until 2009.

**Adam Knowles**

Adam Knowles recently completed his PhD in the Department of Philosophy at the New School for Social Research with a dissertation that investigated the role silence in Heidegger’s reading of Ancient Greek philosophy through a feminist and postcolonial perspective. While at Emory he will pursue research into the philosophical valence of the right to remain silent. His project, entitled Mute of Malice: Law, Speech and the Vulnerability of Silence, investigates the possibility of meaningful silences and valid confessions within the framework of legal theory.

**Visiting Scholar’s Current Work**

**Equality Between Men and Women in China**

Weiling Wang, Visiting Scholar

Yaping Deng, a world-renowned Chinese female table tennis player, published an English version of her book titled, "From Bound Feet to Olympic Gold in China: The Case of Women’s Table Tennis" in 2004. From the perspective of a female athlete, Yaping Deng analyzed the policy of equality between men and women, and reviewed the huge change in women’s lives since the foundation of People’s Republic of China.

Many people, even foreigners, are familiar with the ancient Chinese phenomenon that Yaping Deng mentioned, where women had to bind their feet. This reflects the lower status of women. In fact, in ancient China, women were totally subordinated to men. People thought men were superior to women, and women could not go to school. The only role of women was to give birth to children (boys) to continue the family line. According to the legal provision, women had to completely comply with "three obey" - obey fathers before marriage; obey husbands after marriage; obey sons after the death of husbands. We can almost say that women in ancient China were mere appendages of men, and they didn’t have full capacity for acts. [Read more >>]

**Reflections on Travel and Learning**
Exploring Masculinities
Albertson Fineman and Michael Thomson

Roraback Reception
November 15, 2013

Pictures from the reception below: showing the archive display, and Amy Kesselman’s introduction to Catherine Roraback’s life and work.

Lakshmi Arya, Fulbright-Nehru Postdoctoral Research Fellow
This is a reflection on the experience of travel and learning, for the two are inextricable. Consider, as a banal example, the first time you go to an airport and fumble through the many stages of immigration and security. What becomes routine and unthinking after many visits to the airport, needs learning the first time.

Travel to a new country is that learning spread over many months. Everything is new. One has to be a child again and discover the buttons at a traffic signal and the colours of the fall. It destabilizes the familiar world, and calls attention to our vulnerability.

Travel brings one face to face with the limit of what one knows. Is that even philosophically possible? Can we know or imagine anything beyond the limit of what we know, for to imagine it would bring it into the domain of the known? Thus, is the only philosophical possibility to know the unknown (when we encounter it) by the parameters of what we already know-to subsume it, make it part of oneself? How does one articulate epistemic difference: that which is wholly other?

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Welcome to Yvana Mols, New Post-Graduate Fellow

The Feminism and Legal Theory Project (FLT) and the Vulnerability and the Human Condition Initiative (VHC) are pleased to welcome Yvana Mols as their new post-graduate fellow.

Yvana was actively involved as a JD student at Emory Law and as co-founder of the Vulnerability and the Human Condition Initiative Student Advisory Group. She brings significant work experience in higher education, both as a professor and administrator. She has taught courses in logic, ethics, and composition, and has presented her scholarly work at conferences and workshops across the US and Canada. She has also worked as an administrator and publications coordinator for the Cancer and Leukemia Group B, of the University of Chicago.

Yvana looks forward to continuing the important work of FLT/VHC and exploring new avenues for engagement. She will facilitate FLT/VHC’s robust visiting scholar program and events that bring these visiting scholars’ work in dialogue with others in the Emory community, including the organization of academic presentations and interviews. She will also administer FLT/VHC’s quarterly workshops as well as marketing and online communications.

Education: JD, Emory University School of Law, 2013; MA in Philosophy, Institute for Christian Studies, Toronto, Ontario; BA in Philosophy and Education, Trinity Christian College.

Honors and Achievements:

- Lincoln Academy Student Laureate, Illinois’ highest undergraduate student honor.
- Executive Symposium Editor of the Emory Bankruptcy Developments Journal (EBDJ), where she coordinated and organized the 2013 EBDJ Symposium. Her comment, entitled "Bankruptcy
Stigma and Vulnerability, was published in EBDJ in 2012.

- Barton Center for Child Welfare Law and Policy, Policy and Legislative Clinics. Clinical work resulted in a comprehensive policy to support children in foster care with incarcerated parents, as well as the Georgia General Assembly’s successful passage of HB-21, providing for the enforcement of post-adoption contact agreements.
- Admitted to the Georgia Bar, 2013.