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**Upcoming Workshops**

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

*SUNY Buffalo*

*June 13-14, 2014*

[SCHEDULE](#)

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**Save the Date for next year's workshops...**

Vulnerability and Identities II

*Univ. of Miami, Miami, FL*

*November 14-15, 2014*

Vulnerability and the State

*Emory Law, Atlanta, GA*

*December 5-6, 2014*

Education

*Amherst College, Amherst, MA*

*April 3-4, 2015*

[Link to Workshops >>](#)

**Spring Workshops in Review**

**FLT at 30: Geographies of Violence Workshop**

On January 24-25, presenters and participants gathered at Emory Law to discuss the history of feminist discourses of violence, and new trends. Full schedule is available [here](#), and video is available at Emory Law.



**FLT at 30: Labor and Employment Workshop**

The final workshop in the FLT at 30 series was on Labor and Employment April 25-26. It also coincided with the FLT at 30 celebratory dinner on the first night of the workshop. Schedule is available [here](#), and video will be available soon at Emory Law.

**Dear Subscriber,**

The Feminism and Legal Theory Project continued the celebration of its 30th anniversary with a [celebratory dinner](#) in Atlanta on April 25. Guests heard speakers reflect on different periods of the Project's history, and look forward to the years to come. Please see the [gallery of pictures](#) at the link or by clicking on the picture below.



Speakers at the Anniversary Dinner (from left) Dean Robert Schapiro, Martha McCluskey, Kristin Bumiller, Martha Fineman, Risa Lieberwitz, Teemu Ruskola

The cap to the anniversary year will be various events in conjunction with the [Law and Society Meeting](#), May 29-June 1 in Minneapolis, MN.

FLT is proud to announce the [Chinese translations](#) of the Autonomy Myth and Illusion of Equality, and [Hein Online's](#) launch of the Women and the Law Database, which includes the FLT archive. Also in this issue: welcome to a new cohort of [visiting scholars](#), upcoming [workshops](#), and a farewell to FLT student [Samantha Jacques](#).

**The Feminism and Legal Theory Project at Law and Society, May 29-June 1 in Minneapolis, MN**

**Vulnerability and the Human Condition Paper Session**

*Thursday, May 29, 2:45-4:30 pm Hilton Minneapolis, Marquette Ballroom VII*

*Marquette Ballroom VII*

Discussant: **Ani B. Satz** (Emory Law)

Presenters:

**Martha McCluskey** (SUNY Buffalo Law School),

"From Antidiscrimination to Austerity: Escaping the NeoLiberal Subject's Equality Bind"

**Kristin Bumiller** (Amherst College),

"The Autistic Society"

**Jonathan Fineman** (Florida A&M U. College of Law),

"The Vulnerable Employee"

**Alice Hearst** (Smith College),

"Vulnerability, Childhood and Foster Care"

**FLT Collaborative Research Network Dinner**

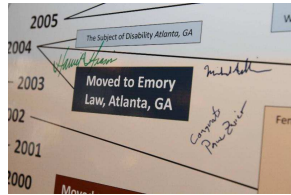
*Thursday, May 29, 7 pm Rosa Mexicano*

*609 Hennepin Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55403*

[For details and to RSVP, click HERE](#)

**30 Year Anniversary of the Feminism and**

## FLT 30th Anniversary Dinner April 25, 2014



Signing the timeline



FLT at 30 Dinner Celebration

Slideshow of pictures available [here](#)

## World Water Day at Emory



Panelists and Experts at World Water Day Event. Ms Samandari is second from the right.

### VHC represented at World Water Day

World Water Day was observed at Emory on March 17, 2014, featuring an interdisciplinary expert panel that included VHC's doctoral candidate, Atieno Mboya Samandari. Convened by Emory's Masters in Development Practice and the Center for Global Safe Water, the program covered water privatization and water as a human right. [More](#)

## Farewell to Samantha Jacques, FLT Work-study Student

It is with fond best wishes that the Feminism and Legal Theory Project (FLT) and the Vulnerability and the Human Condition Initiative (VHC) say farewell to **Samantha Jacques**, who has shared her enthusiasm, dedication and hard work with the Project as an intern and work-study student this academic



## Legal Theory Project Roundtable

Friday, May 30, 10:15 am- 12 pm University of St. Thomas Room MSL 446

This panel will reflect upon the history and impact of the FLT Project over thirty years of feminist legal scholarship and social change, and its possibilities for continued exploration into the future.

Moderator: **Hila Keren** (Southwestern Law)

Discussant: **Laura Kessler** (U. of Utah)

Participants: **June Carbone** (U. of Minnesota), **Jessica Dixon Weaver** (S. Methodist U. Dedman School of Law), **Martha A. Fineman** (Emory Law), **Michele Goodwin** (U. of Minnesota), **Fionnuala Ni Aolain** (U. of Minnesota Law), **Dorothy Roberts** (U. of Pennsylvania), **Laura Spitz** (Cornell Law)

[For More Information and to Register, Click Here](#)

## New Chinese Translations of Seminal Texts

by *Weiling Wang*

FLT is pleased to announce that **The Autonomy Myth** and **The Illusion of Equality** have been translated into Chinese, and will soon be available through China University of Political Science and Law Press.

The concepts of autonomy, equality, and freedom promoted by western countries are currently very popular in China; young adults are even obsessed with them. A lot of people think China should follow the same path as United States. However, ideas based on hearsay and external observations usually don't fit the facts.

The translation and publication of Professor Martha Albertson Fineman's two books at this time in China is of great significance. It shows us an American scholar's internal observation and understanding on these ideas. We hope, with the help of these, people in China will have a more comprehensive understanding of related concepts and ideas, and eventually find out a better way for China.

## Visiting Scholars

### Mark Rankin

*At Emory April 28-May 16, 2014*

Mark Rankin is a Senior Lecturer at Flinders Law School, where he teaches the subjects



Civil Litigation, Consumer Protection Law, Evidence and Professional Skills and Ethics. While at Emory, Mark will be researching US abortion law. This research will have a dual focus: 1. Tracking the gradual dilution of the significance of the landmark US Supreme Court decision in *Roe v Wade* (1973) 410 US 113; and 2. Highlighting the disadvantages inherent with framing any rights to abortion within the constitutional rights to privacy and liberty, rather than pursuing a women's reproductive freedom approach, and maintaining that a right to abortion exists as a necessary component of the right to equality.

### Fernando Dias Simoes

*At Emory June 23-27, 2014*

Fernando Dias Simões, originally from Portugal, holds a PhD from the Faculty of Law of the University of Santiago de Compostela (Spain). He is



year.

Samantha just graduated from Emory University with a degree in Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies and Political Science. She spends her time serving the community by preparing elementary students for the CRCT and tutoring adult ESL students. In the fall, Samantha will be in Spain working as a Language Assistant for 8-12 year-olds.

FLT materials in Hein Online's newly launched "Women and the Law" Database

Hein Online has digitized materials from the Feminism and Legal Theory Project Archives, for their newly introduced "Women and the Law" collection. Hein's press release highlighted the FLT component of their database:

*Women and the Law (Peggy) brings together books, biographies and periodicals dedicated to women's roles in society and the law. This unique collection of materials provides a platform to research the progression of women's roles and rights in society over the past 200 years. Also included are more than 70 titles from Emory University Law School's Feminism and Legal Theory Project, which provide a platform to view the effect of law and culture on the female gender.*

For more information, check out [Hein's brochure](#). Access to the database is available to all researchers at subscribing institutions through [Hein's website](#). As before, the complete archive, including videos of all past workshops, is available to researchers coming to Emory Law's Hugh MacMillan Law Library. A directory of included materials is at [this link](#).



Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Law of the University of Macau, and a Visiting Professor at the Institute of International Studies in Bangkok (Thailand). He has recently completed his third book, entitled *Commercial arbitration between China and the Lusophone world: Macau as a legal platform*. While at Emory, Fernando will pursue research into the position of Small and Medium Sized Enterprises (SMEs) in modern Contract Law. His project, entitled "Size Does Matter - SMEs as Vulnerable Persons," discusses whether SMEs, despite being legally qualified as professionals and thus not benefiting from the provisions of Consumer Law, should be entitled to special protection when they enter into standard contracts with larger companies.

#### Xia Li

At Emory July 28-August 28, 2014

Xia Li is a Professor of Law at Shandong University and Director of the Center for Study of Civil & Commercial Case Law. Her fields of specialty are Family Law, Contract Law, Tort Law and Feminist Legal Theory. While a Visiting Scholar Dr. Li will be working with Professor Martha Fineman, and Weiling Wang, current Visiting Scholar. Her current research project is on the impact of feminist legal theory on American family law, and 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!



Prof. Sharona Hoffman Interview

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