Reproductive Rights, Law & Policy (Fall 2010)
Professor Ikemoto

Syllabus

Time and Place

Class meetings: Tuesdays, 3:10 – 5:00 p.m., Room 2064

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Room 2110
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Office hours
Mondays, 3:10 – 5:00 p.m.
Wednesdays, 3:10 – 4:00 p.m.

Reading Materials
Reading packets will be distributed in class or by email.
Readings will also include website material, and possibly, a book (a non-textbook).

Basic Requirements – Summary
Regular class attendance, completion of reading assignments, regular and thoughtful participation in class discussion.

NOTE: Either failure to attend class on a regular basis or failure to participate on a regular basis will negatively affect your grade.

Completion of written assignments (described below), including 20 page research paper.

Work in Progress commentary and presentation (described below).
WRITING ASSIGNMENTS

Research Paper Topic: Due TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, at the beginning of class
1-3 sentences in writing.
You must meet with Professor Ikemoto and receive pre-approval of your topic before September 14.

Research Paper Outline: Due TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, at the beginning of class.
2-5 pages in writing – must include major headings, sub-headings, and a 1 paragraph description of each major section of the paper; and a preliminary thesis statement.


Works-in-Progress Comments: You will have primary responsibility for providing written and oral comments on two works-in-progress by classmates. Your comments will be due in class when the relevant work-in-progress is presented. Criteria for comments will be distributed in class in mid-semester.

Research Paper – Final Paper: Due WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22 by NOON.
You may deliver a hard copy to me in my office or my mailbox, or you may email a copy to me at lcikemoto@ucdavis.edu.

Only the final paper will be given a letter grade. The other assignments will be graded on a Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory basis. Missing a due date or turning in an assignment which receives an “Unsatisfactory” will negatively affect your course grade by half a grade.

WORKS-IN-PROGRESS ASSIGNMENTS

Each student will present her/his paper in a work-in-progress session during the last 2-3 weeks of class. Each paper will receive a 20 minute session. During that session, the author will make a 5 minute presentation of the draft paper; two assigned commenters will provide constructive commentary on the draft; the rest of the class will then participate in a discussion of the draft.

The author must distribute the draft one week before the scheduled work-in-progress session. Assigned commenters must provide written, as well as, oral comments.

The Works-in-Progress Schedule will be set up by the end of September.
READING ASSIGNMENTS

Introduction
Asian Communities for Reproductive Justice, A NEW VISION FOR ADVANCING OUR MOVEMENT FOR REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS, REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH, AND REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE (2005).
Center for Reproductive Rights, REPORT ON THE UNITED STATES’ COMPLIANCE WITH ITS HUMAN RIGHTS OBLIGATIONS IN THE AREA OF WOMEN’S REPRODUCTIVE AND SEXUAL HEALTH (2010).

Abortion
1) Roe v. Wade in Social & Political Context

2) Abortion in the courts, 1973 through Casey
   Harris v. McRae, 100 S. Ct. 2671 (1980)
   Dubay v. Wells, 506 F.3d 422 (6th Cir. 2007).

3) Abortion Wars in the 21st Century

Embryo personhood amendments
Contraception
Population control and Reproductive liberty

Contraception and Sexuality
The History of Sex Education in the U.S.
http://www.faqs.org/childhood/Re-So/Sex-Education.html
Guttmacher Institute, Sex and STI/HIV Education, STATE POLICIES IN BRIEF as of Sept. 1, 2010.
OR Kaiser Family Foundation, State Sex and STD/HIV Education Policy, as of August 1, 2010 http://www.statehealthfacts.org/comparetable.jsp?ind=567&cat=11

Contraception and Conscience
Guttmacher Institute, Refusing to Provide Health Services, State Policies in Brief, as of Sept. 1, 2010.
American Pharmacists Association, Federal Conscience Clause, GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS ISSUE BRIEF (March 2010).
APHA policy statement http://www.apha.org/advocacy/policy/policysearch/default.htm?id=1335

Contraceptive abuse/coercion

Sterilization: Eugenics, Reproductive Liberty, Disability Discrimination
Eugenics, Law & Involuntary Sterilization

**Family Planning & Sterilization**


North Carolina Dep’t of Health & Human Services, Div. of Med. Assistance, *Sterilization Procedures 2008*


Sterilization “In the Best Interests”


http://www.scientificamerican.com/article.cfm?id=the-pillow-angel-case--th

Project Prevention  http://www.projectprevention.org/

**Pregnancy Regulation**

Drug use during pregnancy


Alabama use of chemical endangerment law against pregnant women,

http://advocatesforpregnantwomen.org/blog/2010/07/health_experts_warn_alabama_co.php

Fetus v. Woman


Stallman v. Youngquist, 125 Ill. 2d 267 (1988).


Superior Court of New Jersey has ruled in favor of VM


**Fetal Protection Policies in the Workplace**

The Privatization of Reproductive Choice/Control
Beyond the Right to Decide
Lisa C. Ikemoto, When a Hospital Becomes Catholic, 47 Mercer L. Rev. 1087 (1996)

Private enforcement

In the Corporate Sphere
Asian Pacific Environmental Network, Building Healthy Communities from the Ground Up 1-16.

ART Use: The Fertility Industry
The Technologies
http://www.ucsfivf.org/ucsf-services.htm

The Industry
Browse websites found by searching terms, such as “fertility clinic,” “IVF,” “egg donor,” “surrogate mother,” etc.
Rene Almeling, Selling Genes, Selling Gender: Egg Agencies, Sperm Banks, and the Medical Market in Genetic Material, 72 Amer. Soc. Rev. 319 (June 2007).

ART Use: Gametes, Embryos & Family
Legal Scan

Eggs and Sperm
Browse
California Cryobank http://www.cryobank.com/
Cryos http://dk.cryosinternational.com/home.aspx
Family Creations http://www.familycreations.net/index-eggdonation.php
Growing Generations http://www.growinggenerations.com/


Search on-line: “sperm donor identity”

Embryos

*Davis v. Davis*, 842 S.W.2d 588 (Tenn. 1992).


Search on-line “Embryo “adoption”


*Works in Progress Sessions – from November 9 through November 20, 2010.*