

# Social Justice Workshop

## Fall 2010 - Women's Human Rights

Professor [Beth Van Schaack](#) will teach the Fall 2010 Social Justice Workshop: Women's Human Rights. This workshop will endeavor to understand and critique where appropriate the way in which women's issues have been framed by, and have supplemented, the existing formulation of international human rights norms. Topics to be addressed include violence against women, the economic and social rights of women, and the sexual and reproductive rights of women. This course takes as its starting point the perennial and virtually universal subjugation of women around the globe, which finds expression in nearly every religious, legal, national, and cultural tradition.

Lectures are open to members of the university community and the general public.

\*All seminars and film to begin at 4:10 p.m. in Bannan 237

\*Receptions will be held at 5:30 p.m. in Strong Common Room

### Thursday, September 2, 2010

[Diane Amann](#) (University of California Davis School of Law)

*Women at Nuremberg*

Diane Amann is a professor of law, research scholar, and founding director of the California International Law Center at King Hall, U.C. Davis School of Law. Her scholarship examines the interaction of national, regional, and international legal efforts to combat atrocity and cross-border crime. Vice President of the American Society of International Law, she earned a Dr.h.c. in law from Universiteit Utrecht, Netherlands, and a J.D. *cum laude* from Northwestern University School of Law. She clerked for U.S. District Court Judge Prentice H. Marshall and for U.S. Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens, and has served as an assistant federal public defender in San Francisco. She is the founder of IntLawGrrls: voices on international law, practice, policy ([intlwgrrls.blogspot.com](http://intlwgrrls.blogspot.com)).

### Thursday, September 16, 2010

[Michelle Oberman](#) (Santa Clara Law)

*Abortion Laws and Women's Lives: Exploring the Relationship Between the Uterus, the Conscience, and the State*

Michelle Oberman is a professor of law at Santa Clara Law where she specializes in the area of health policy and the law, with particular emphasis on the intersection of women's health, poverty, criminal law, and public health issues. She is a graduate of the University of Michigan Schools of Law and Public Health. As a legal scholar with a background in public health, her research focuses on legal and ethical issues relating to adolescence, sexuality, pregnancy, and motherhood. In recent years, she has written about statutory rape, postpartum mental health issues and the law, filicide, substance abuse by pregnant women, and the fiduciary obligations of health care providers to their patients.

### Thursday, October 7, 2010

[Beth Van Schaack](#) (Santa Clara Law)

*A Feminist Review of the Crime of Aggression*

Beth Van Schaack is an associate professor at Santa Clara Law, where she teaches and writes in the areas of human rights, transitional justice, international criminal law, public international law, international humanitarian law, and civil procedure. She earned her B.A. from Stanford University, and her J.D. from Yale Law School. Since 1995, she has served as a legal advisor to the Documentation Center of Cambodia. For the academic year

2009-2010, she was a visiting scholar with the Center on Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law at Stanford University. She also served on the United States delegation to the International Criminal Court Review Conference in Kampala, Uganda. She has been a senior associate at Morrison & Foerster LLP, where she was trial counsel for *Romagoza v. Garcia* and on the criminal defense team for John Walker Lindh. She has also served as acting executive director and staff attorney with The Center for Justice and Accountability, and as a law clerk with the Office of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia. In 2006, she served as prosecutor for the International Citizen's Tribunal for Sudan.

**Thursday, October 14, 2010**

[Doris Buss](#) (Carleton University - Ottawa, Canada)

*Is Polygamy a Women's Rights Issue?*

Doris Buss is an associate professor of law at Carleton University, where she teaches and researches in the areas of international human rights law, women's rights, and international criminal law. Her work examines social movement activism, identity, and international law and policy. She is the co-author (with Didi Herman) of *Globalizing Family Values: The International Politics of the Christian Right*, published by the University of Minnesota Press in 2003 and co-editor (with Ambreena Manji) of *International Law: Modern Feminist Approaches*, published by Hart in 2005. Prior to joining Carleton, Professor Buss taught law at Keele University in the United Kingdom, and was called to the bar in two Canadian provinces: Nova Scotia and Alberta. She earned her LL.B. from Dalhousie and an LL.M. from the University of British Columbia.

**Thursday, November 4, 2010**

[Nancy Northup](#) (President, Center for Reproductive Rights)

*Recent Transnational Law Developments on Reproductive Rights*

Nancy Northup is president of the Center for Reproductive Rights, a global human rights organization that has brought groundbreaking cases before national courts, U.N. committees, and regional human rights bodies, and has built the legal capacity of women's rights advocates in over 45 countries. Before joining the Center, Ms. Northup was the founding director of the Democracy Program at the Brennan Center for Justice at New York University School of Law, where she litigated voting rights, electoral reform, and campaign finance cases. From 1989-96, she was an assistant U.S. attorney and deputy chief of appeals in the criminal division of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York. She is a graduate of Columbia Law School, and served as a law clerk to Judge Alvin B. Rubin on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. She holds adjunct appointments at NYU and Columbia law schools.

**Thursday, November 18, 2010**

[Joanna Erdman](#) (Co-Director, International Reproductive and Sexual Health Law and Programme and Director, Health Equity and Law Clinic at the University of Toronto)

*The Procedural Turn in Transnational Abortion Law*

Joanna Erdman is co-director of the International Reproductive and Sexual Health Law Programme and Director of the Health Equity and Law Clinic at the University of Toronto. She earned a J.D. from Toronto and an LL.M. from Harvard, and has published on the regulation of reproductive and sexual health care, Canadian and comparative health policy, and human rights law. Her primary scholarship concerns sex and gender discrimination in health systems.