

SCHOLARSHIP

A) LAW REVIEW ARTICLES

1. *Dance Halls, Masquerades, Body Protest and The Law: The Female Body as a Redemptive Tool Against Trinidad's Gender-Biased Laws*, 13 Duke J. of Gender L. & Pol'y 177 (2006) (This article is also reproduced in the Caribbean Review of Gender Studies, which is an online journal published by the University of West Indies' Center for Gender Studies).

This article proposes that feminist jurisprudence considers the female body as a tool for redemption and liberation and showcases certain Trinidadian women as examples of women who use their bodies to fight patriarchy. The term "body protest" is coined in this article to describe women's use of the female body as a mode of expression, and as a tool for liberation and transformation.

2. *Individual Rights and Civil Liberties in Post-911 American Immigration Practices: Do Human Rights Still Matter?* Oxford Round Table's Forum on Public Policy, Volume 2, Number 2, (2006)

This essay analyzes post-911 immigration practices and argues that these practices create global racial stratifications that undermine the gains, thus far made, in the area of International Human Rights.

3. *At the Intersection of Post-911 Immigration Practices and Domestic Policies: Can Katrina Serve as a Catalyst for Change?* 26 Chicana/o-Latina/o L. Rev. 155 (2006)

This essay investigates how the interest convergence phenomenon, pinpointed by Derrick Bell, and the public purpose analysis in *Kelo v. City of New London* can serve to address the racial stratifications and unequal results that often result in redevelopment cases.

4. *Big Love: Is Feminist Polygamy an Oxymoron or a True Possibility?* 18 Hastings Women's L.J. 3 (2007)

This article analyzes Islamic law and the institution of polygamy through the lenses of the narratives of Islamic women and novelists. This paper contends that cultural narratives (even when fictional) and legal discourse are interdependent and that Islamic women's depictions of their lives in polygamy can and should inform Islamic women's struggles for rights and protection

5. *Lessons from Islamic Law: A Case for Expanding the American Conception of Surviving Spouse So As to Include De Facto Polygamous Spouses*, 64 Wash. & Lee L. Rev. 1461 (2007)

This essay investigates the ways in which United States' Inheritance laws can be reformed so as to protect women living in De Facto polygamous unions. De Facto Polygamy is an informal form of polygamy that creates one or more family units for

every man. This essay is the result of a symposium organized by Professor Louise Halper (Washington and Lee University). The Washington and Lee University School of Law and the Islamic Legal Studies Program at Harvard Law School sponsored this symposium.

6. *Love Don't Live Here Anymore: Economic Incentives for More Equitable Models of Urban Redevelopment*, 35 B.C. Envtl. Aff. L. Rev. 1 (2008)

This article proposes an equity-based model for urban redevelopment. It presents urban redevelopment as a partnership between city officials, private developers and city residents. Consequently, it argues that equitable redevelopment plans should include a percentage of future profits in the calculation of just compensation for not only homeowners but also for renters

7. *When Freedom Is Not Free: Investigating the First Amendment's Potential for Providing Protection Against Sexual Profiling in the Workplace* (William and Mary Journal of Women and the Law, Volume 15, Issue 2, winter 2009)

This article explores the ways in which the First Amendment can be instrumental in dismantling the application of gender biases to grooming and attire policies in the workplace.

8. *Girls Gone Wild and Rape Law: Revising the Contractual Concept of Consent and Insuring an Unbiased Application of "Reasonable Doubt" When the Victim Is Non-Traditional*, (American University Journal of Gender, Social Policy and the Law, Volume 17, Number 1, 2009)

This article focuses on the consent issues inherent in multi-partner rape cases and proposes methods designed to trigger a fairer application of the reasonable doubt standard.

9. *Sex, Drugs, Rock & Roll and Moral Dirigisme: Toward a Reformation of Drugs and Prostitution Regulations?* (UMKC Law Review, 78 UMKC L. Rev. 101).

This article rests on the proposition that regulation often fosters the growth of the subject of regulation rather than its annihilation. The Prohibition Movement in the early twentieth century, the Anti-Drugs Movement as well as the Anti-Polygamy movement are all examples of that fact. This article investigates other economic and social alternatives to some of the existing ineffective legal regulations.

10. *We Reap What We Sow: Reversing Detrimental Pre-Disaster Policies Using Post-Disaster Development Strategies to in Mississippi and Haiti* (University of Pennsylvania Journal of Law and Social Change)

This article extrapolates some key lessons from studying two pre-disaster structures that perpetuate environmental oppression and poverty as well as develop post-development economic models for these disaster-stricken areas

B) BOOK CHAPTERS

1. *Black Venus Hottentot Revisited: Gratuitous Use of Black Women's Bodies and the Role of Race and Gender in Campus and Academic Reactions*, (RACE TO INJUSTICE: LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE DUKE UNIVERSITY LACROSSE PLAYERS' RAPE CASE, Carolina Academic Press). The book's editor is Professor Michael Seigel (University of Florida College of Law) (Invited).
2. *Navigating the Topography of Inequality: A Proposal for Remediating Past Geographic Segregation during Post-Disaster Rebuilding* (LAW, PROPERTY, AND SOCIETY Ashgate Publishing, edited by Professor Robin Paul Malloy)
3. *The New Faces of Feminism: Using Organic Feminism to Achieve Justice for Women in the Post-Feminism Era* (TRANSCENDING THE BOUNDARIES OF LAW, edited by Martha Albertson Fineman and published by Routledge) (Invited)
4. *Eradicating the Badge of Inferiority Associated with Stay at Home Dads: Masculinity, Vulnerability, Disability and the Employment Context* (Forthcoming in ETHICS, LAW & SOCIETY (Volume V, Ashgate Publishing, edited by Professors Nicky Priaux of Cardiff Law School (UK) and Anthony Wrigley of Keele University (UK).) (Invited)

C) WORK-IN-PROGRESS

BOOK PROJECT

SEXPLOITATION FROM THE NEWSROOM TO THE COURTROOM: INVESTIGATING SEXUAL PROFILING IN AMERICAN SOCIETY

This book contends that sexual profiling hinders rather than benefit mainstream society and that its eradication could help promote a more efficient and greater self-reliant society.