

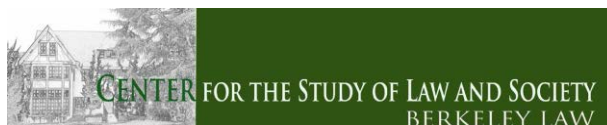


***Exploring Law, Disability
and the Challenge of Equality
in Canada and the United States***

**Friday, December 05, 2014
The Warren Room, 295 Boalt Hall (School of Law)
8 am – 5:30 pm
Including buffet lunch and reception
Admission by PRIOR REGISTRATION only**

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Agenda

Sign-in for registered attendees-from 8 AM

Opening Remarks - 8:30 AM to 9 AM

- **Laverne Jacobs**, Fulbright Visiting Research Chair, Canadian Studies Program, UC Berkeley & Visiting Scholar, Center for the Study of Law & Society, Berkeley Law/ Associate Professor of Law, Windsor Law
- **Irene Bloemraad**, Thomas Garden Barnes Chair, Canadian Studies Program & Associate Professor of Sociology, UC Berkeley
- **Jonathan Simon**, Director, Center for the Study of Law and Society, Berkeley Law

9 AM to 10 AM

Panel 1: Disability and Equality in the CRPD Era

- **Arlene Kanter** (Syracuse University College of Law), "Reframing the Right to Equality for People with Disabilities"
- **Ravi Malhotra** (Faculty of Law, Common Law Section, University of Ottawa), "The United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in Canadian and American Jurisprudence"
- Moderator: **Susan Schweik**, Professor of English, Associate Dean of Arts and Humanities, University of California, Berkeley

10 AM to 10:15 AM - **break**

10:15 AM to 12:15 PM

Panel 2: Social and Economic Rights for Persons with Disabilities and the Challenge of Equality

- **Mark Weber** (DePaul University, College of Law), "Immigration and Disability in the United States and Canada"
- **Freya Kodar** (Faculty of Law, University of Victoria), "Exploring the Accommodation Gap: Pensions and Income Security for Persons with Disabilities in Canada"
- **Bonnie Lashewicz** (Department of Community Health Sciences, University of Calgary), "More than meets the eye: Relational autonomy and decision-making by adults with disabilities"
- **Elizabeth Pendo** (Saint Louis University School of Law), "Disability and Health Care"
- Moderator: **Karen Tani**, Assistant Professor, Berkeley Law

12:15 PM to 1:15 PM - **Lunch** (Goldberg Room)

1:15 PM to 3 PM

Panel 3: Challenging Processes and Procedures -Changing the Landscape for PWDs

- **Aloke Chatterjee** (Faculty of Law, University of New Brunswick), "Can We Advance Disability Rights through the Class Action?"
- **Stephen Rosenbaum** (Berkeley Law, University of California, Berkeley), "Une Procédure en Difficulté: A Radical Blueprint for Resolving "Special" Education Disputes through an Inquisitorial Process"
- **Laverne Jacobs** (University of Windsor, Faculty of Law | Berkeley Law, University of California), "Do Disabled Voices Make a Difference?: Exploring Equality and Fairness in the Enactment of Accessibility Standards in Ontario"
- **Carrie Griffin Basas** (Appellate and Civil Rights Attorney, Seattle, WA; M.Ed Candidate, University of Washington), "Advocacy Fatigue: Self-Care, Disability Discrimination, and Legal Attrition"
- Moderator: **Ella Callow**, Legal Program Director, Through the Looking Glass

3:00 PM to 3:15 PM - **break**

3:15 PM to 4:15 PM

Panel 4: Current Disability Rights Litigation in California

- **Haben Girma**, Attorney, Disability Rights Advocates
- **Arlene Mayerson**, Attorney, Disability Rights Education Defense Fund (DREDF)
- Moderator: **Keith Hiatt**, PhD Candidate, JSP Program, Berkeley Law

4:15 PM to 4:30 PM

- **Wrap up & Closing Remarks: Susan Schweik** (UC Berkeley) & **Laverne Jacobs** (Windsor Law)

4:30pm

Reception, Goldberg Room, Berkeley Law (Boalt Hall)

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