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)

4:30 pm
Reception, Goldberg Room, Berkeley Law (Boalt Hall)

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