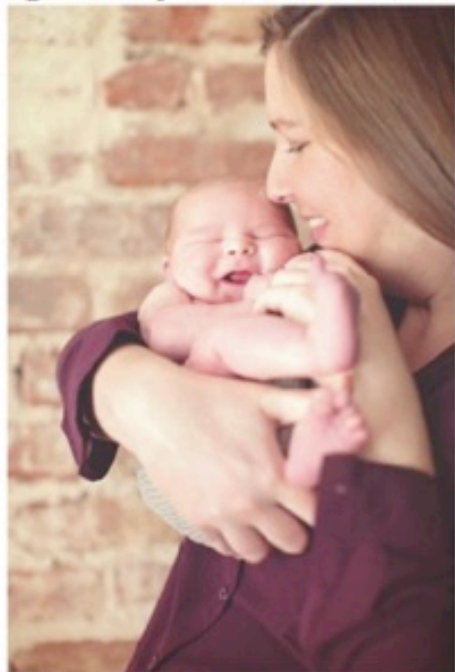


Meet Thomas Mols!

The FLT/VHC family would like to joyfully welcome its newest addition! Stop by Yvana's office next Monday, March 9th at 3:30 for Vulnerabili-TEA time to meet Thomas and greet his proud mother, Yvana.



Thomas Mols
Born February 2, 2015

Recent Publications & Presentations

Martha Albertson Fineman

Publication: *Equality and Difference- The Restrained State*, 66 Alabama L. Rev. 609. (2015).

Stu Marvel

Presentations:

"The Resilience of the Traditional Family" at "An Uncomfortable Conversation: The Universal and the Particular, Vulnerability and Identities II" in Miami, FL, November 14-15.

IGLP: The Workshop, in Doha, Qatar, January 2-11. See additional [details below](#).

Barbara Woodhouse

Presentations:

"Building Multidisciplinary Children's Centers and Institutes," at the conference "Our Children: An Endangered Species," Caribbean Regional Conference of the International Society of Family Law, Nassau, Bahamas (November 21, 2014)

"Insights from Comparative and Sociological Analysis," at the conference "Family Rights in the Age of Juridical Pluralism," at the Università degli Studi di Firenze, Italy (November 13, 2014)

This Fall's Workshops

The Universal and the Particular: Vulnerability and Identities II

On November 14-15 2014, in conjunction with the University of Miami School of Law, VHC co-hosted "Vulnerability and Identities II." The workshop was a follow-up to our workshop on the universal and particular held in 2012. Participants continued an investigation of the relationship between vulnerability and identity-based analysis, with an emphasis on considering the potential of both concepts to advance substantive justice. The workshop interrogated the increasing visibility of universal approaches to the human condition, while also deepening understanding of identity and its role in shaping social and cultural understandings. Multiple papers addressed the enduring need for recognition of identity and identitarian frameworks, even as other papers explored the limits of these frameworks in areas like public health, marriage, and family welfare. Full schedule is available [here](#), and video is available at Emory Law.



Picture drawn by child in Scanno, Italy reflecting hope for peace and security. Given to Barbara Woodhouse during her study on the implementation of the Committee on the Rights of the Child in Italy.



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Feminism and Legal Theory Project

Martha Albertson Fineman, Director

Greetings!

Greetings from the Feminism and Legal Theory Project and Vulnerability and the Human Condition Initiative! In addition to an [upcoming workshop](#) at Amherst, there will also be a series of visiting scholar presentations throughout the Spring semester. Please find below the schedule for our current scholars and links to video of the visiting scholar [interviews](#).

Also included in this newsletter: new [publications](#) and presentations by FLT/VHC members, Activities of the VHC Student Advisory Board, and current and upcoming course offerings.

Kirsten Sandberg's Visit to Emory Law



Kirsten Sandberg, Chair of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child, visited Emory Law in November to share some of the committees working methods and dilemmas as they address human rights issues for children around the world. She also came to learn more about the applicability of vulnerability theory to her work on the Committee. Follow the link below to watch her November 18th presentation.

INSTITUTE FOR GLOBAL LAW & POLICY

Stu Marvel attended the 2015 IGLP: The Workshop in Doha, Qatar, an intensive residential program organized each year by Harvard Law School in partnership with the Qatar Foundation. The IGLP Workshop brings over 100 doctoral, post-doctoral scholars, and junior faculty together in Doha, Qatar with a core group of senior IGLP faculty from around the world for a unique series of lectures and intensive interdisciplinary debates. While in residence in Doha, participants reviewed current scholarly developments, reconsidered canonical texts and networked with colleagues from across the world. Intensive writing workshops offered participants the opportunity to receive valuable feedback on their own research from their peers and more senior colleagues in small group settings.



The IGLP initiative particularly aims to promote innovative ideas and alternative approaches to issues of global law, economic policy, and social justice in the aftermath of the economic crisis. The goal is to strengthen the next generation of scholars by placing them in collaboration with their global peers as they develop innovative ideas and alternative approaches to issues of global law, economic policy, social justice and governance.

Spring 2015

Upcoming Workshops

A Workshop on Vulnerability and Education

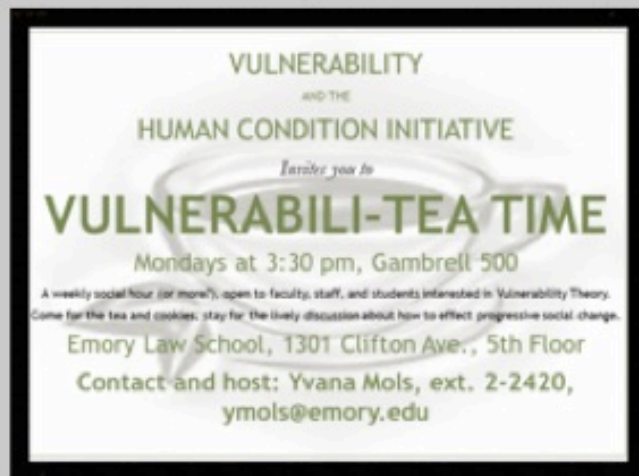
[Register Now!](#)

Amherst College, Amherst, MA
April 24-25, 2015

[Link to Workshops >>](#)

At Emory or in the Atlanta Area and Interested in Getting More Involved?

Join us for Vulnerabili-TEA Time!
Mondays, 3:30 pm in Yvana Mols' Office: Gambrell Hall 500



OR

Reach out to the Vulnerability and the Human Condition Initiative Student Advisory Board, a group of students, alumni and staff committed to furthering the goals of the Vulnerability and Human Condition Initiative.
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Course Offerings 2014-2015

Spring 2015

From Partners to Parents (Martha Fineman, Atieno Samandari)

From the Syllabus: *This seminar will explore the trends in family law governing marriage and parenthood over the past several decades. During the latter part of the 20th century substantial changes in behavior have occurred, reflecting attitudinal shifts about women's equality, sex and sexuality, and the importance and permanence of the marriage bond. Often identified as battlegrounds in the "cultural wars," these are areas where the law has scrambled to adjust to evolving expectations and emerging notions of equity and equality.*

Vulnerability and the Law (Martha Fineman, Stu Marvel)

From the Syllabus: *This seminar explores the relationship between law and vulnerability from both a theoretical and a practical perspective. The course is anchored in the understanding that fundamental to our shared humanity is our shared vulnerability, which is universal and constant and inherent in the human condition. It will offer students an opportunity to engage with multiple perspectives on vulnerability, with an emphasis on law, justice, state policy and legislative ethics.*

A Workshop at
The City University of New York

Risking Vulnerability

Risquer la Vulnérabilité

Keynote Presentation By
Martha Albertson Fineman

Martha Albertson Fineman will be the Keynote Speaker for this event.

What might vulnerability express that cannot be articulated in comparable concepts such as dependency, fragility, precarity? What does the concept conceal or render invisible? How do we theorize non-human vulnerability, and inquire into the relations between the vulnerability of life and the vulnerability of forms of life? The purpose of this workshop is to bring together scholars from various disciplines and different national settings to begin assessing the heuristic value of the concept, and to set the foundation for an international conference in 2016. This workshop aims to identify what counts as vulnerability in contemporary social sciences, political and moral philosophy, and beyond, in order to examine the epistemological and political consequences of this theoretical polarization.

Visiting Scholars

Baoshi Wang, PhD, LL.M.

At Emory June 2014- June 2015

Dr. Wang is an associate professor in Law at the Hunan Normal University (China) where he teaches civil law, conflict of laws, comparative law and international arbitration law. He additionally serves as the director of the International Law Institute, is a member of both the



Chinese Society of Private International Law and the *Chinese Association for Family Law*, and is also a partner of Hunan Furong Law Firm. During his time at Emory, Dr. Wang will be working with Prof. Fineman on US family law, more specifically on the legality of agreements between spouses.

Mirjam Katzin

At Emory January 1, 2015 - April 30, 2015

Mirjam Katzin is a graduate student in Social Welfare Law at Lund University, Sweden. The working title of her Ph.D. project is *Citizens as Customers: the Marketization of Swedish Care for Older People*. The goal of this project is to investigate the legal changes in the Swedish care for older people in connections with the marketization of the Swedish welfare system that has occurred over the past decade, as "care choice systems" have been introduced. The concept of vulnerability is used to question the premise of these care choice systems, which are built on the ideal of autonomy rather than the ideal of equality. This shift in Swedish social policy is analyzed through the lens of the vulnerability theory.



Paula Ahumada

At Emory through May, 2015

Paula Ahumada is a doctoral candidate at Universidad de Chile School of Law. Her areas of interest are legal and political theory, constitutional law, and human rights. Her current research looks at how collective interests work as limitations to fundamental rights using different frameworks. In particular, her doctoral investigation explores the legitimate regulations of freedom of the press and expression in Chile, considering how the Inter-American system of human rights has interpreted this freedom as a cornerstone for a democratic society. Paula is interested in exploring how the vulnerability approach can be applied in rethinking the role of the state and media in order to respect and ensure the right of freedom and speech.



Xia Li

At Emory January 22, 2015- February 22, 2015

Director of the Center of Family Law and Feminism Legal Theory, Xia Li is a Law Professor and at East China University of Political Science and Law. Her fields of specialty are Family Law, Contract Law, Tort Law and Feminist Legal Theory. While a Visiting Scholar. Her current research project is on the impact of feminist legal theory on American family law. She has completed the translation of Professor Fineman's *Autonomy Myth* into Chinese.



Unable to attend the Spring 2015 Visiting Scholar presentations? **No problem!** These talks have been filmed and archived. You can check them out along with visiting scholar interviews and special programming on the FLT web page.

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