

Feminist Disability Theories and the Law

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The goal of this workshop is to explore the intersection between disability studies and feminist legal theory. We hope to forge a greater alliance between the rapidly-growing field of disability studies and the already rich field of feminist research in legal studies. Both feminist legal theory and feminist disability studies have interrogated diverse experiences and aspects of gendered embodiment in regard to disability, including disability discrimination, access to medical care and reproductive technologies, bodies and embodiment, illness and pain, birth regulation, childcare, and sexuality. In some areas, however, the synthesis has not been easy. The majority of feminists defend reproductive choices, while disability activists and scholars warn against eugenic impulses in structural contexts.