

Student Call for Papers:

Vulnerability in the 21st Century Legal Scholarship Workshop

March 23, 2012

WHO SHOULD SUBMIT?

Anyone interested in thinking about vulnerability and seeking publication, specifically:

- A **topic or idea to discuss** for future publication (*targeted at 1Ls*)
- **Papers** drawing on themes of vulnerability
- **Papers** that could be examined from a vulnerability perspective

Selected students will participate in the workshop process by presenting their work and taking questions and suggestions from the audience. Workshopping provides an opportunity for students to receive feedback as they develop their work.

WHAT IS VULNERABILITY?

Rather than a characteristic experience of certain “populations,” we understand vulnerability to be a principle and universal element of the human condition. This concept of vulnerability highlights the ever-present possibility of harm, injury and misfortune inherent to bodily existence. It allows us to demand that our legal structures and our theories about equality, politics, society, and justice center on the ever-present condition of human frailty. Vulnerability is universal, constant and complex, but it is also experienced in particular and uneven ways. By asking how the law interacts with—and often ignores—vulnerability, we can better understand how to build equitable structures of resilience.

WORKSHOP DETAILS:

The workshop will begin with lunch at 12:00 pm on Friday, March 23 at Emory Law School.

Workshop Sessions *will be divided into three parts:*

- 1) Abstracts Workshop: *Developing a Vulnerability Analysis*
- 2) Paper Workshop I: *Bringing a Vulnerability Lens to Existing Work*
- 3) Paper Workshop II: *Honing Approaches to Vulnerability*

The day will conclude with a formal dinner.

SUBMISSION PROCEDURES:

All graduate students may submit work. All submissions must include a **title**, an **abstract**, and **preferred presentation session**. To be considered for presentation in session **(2)**, please *also* submit your paper draft and a paragraph about its potential intersection with vulnerability. Submissions for session **(3)**, should *also* submit a full draft of a paper. Include your name, school, expected graduation year, and contact information.

Please email your submission by **March 6, 2012** to vhcstudents@gmail.com.

For detailed information: <https://blogs.emory.edu/vhcstudents>

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