

Beyond Rights: Vulnerability and Justice

A Vulnerability and Human Condition Initiative & Feminism and Legal Theory Project Workshop

May 6-7, 2011

**Smith College – Neilson Browsing Room of the William Allan Neilson Library
9 Elm Street, Northampton, MA 01063**

FRIDAY, MAY 6

Vulnerability Theory – 4 to 6:30 p.m.

- Aoife Nolan (Durham Law School) – *Does Vulnerability Theory Really Move us Beyond Human Rights?*
- Mary Anne Case (University of Chicago Law School) – *Vulnerable Individuals and Vulnerable Human Nature in the Vatican’s Nightmare Vision of the “Gender Agenda” for Law*
- Fiona de Londras (University College Dublin School of Law) – *Societal Institutions and the Richness of Regulatory Potential*
- Siobhán Mullally (University College Cork) – *A Relational Understanding of Rights: Exploring the Meaning of Citizenship and Attachment at the European Court of Justice*

Dinner – 6:30 to 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 7

Continental Breakfast – 9 a.m.

Capacity, Capabilities and Vulnerability – 9:30 a.m. to Noon

- Kate Kaul (Syracuse University) – *Vulnerability, For Example: Disability Theory as Extraordinary Demand*
- Margaret Hall (University of British Columbia) – *Autonomy and the Mental Capacity Threshold: Theorizing Vulnerability*
- Marie Failinger (Hamline University School of Law) – *The Paradox of Madness: Toward Reclaiming a Dignity For us All in Our Treatment of Mental Illness*
- Kris Weller (Duke University) – *Translational Medical Research: Rethinking Vulnerable Subjects*

Lunch – Noon to 1 p.m.

Histories, Transitions and Transformations – 1 to 3 p.m.

- Susan Carle (Washington College of Law) – *A Comparative Study of Differences in Rights-Based Discourse Strategies Among Civil Rights and Women’s Reform Networks, 1890-1910*
- Rachel Rebouché (University of Florida Levin College of Law) – *Comparative Method in Abortion Law Reform*
- Aziza Ahmed (Northeastern University School of Law) – *The Injustice System? Muslims in India and America Post 9/11*

Legal Responsiveness – 3:30 to 5 p.m.

- Swati Birla (University of Massachusetts Amherst) – *Reflecting on Oppression: Lessons From Post-Colonial Tradition in India*
- Martha McCluskey (State University of New York at Buffalo Law School) – *“Personal Responsibility,” Collective Support and Corporate Vulnerability*