

# Thelton E. Henderson Center for Social Justice Social Justice Thursdays - Special Event

**Date: March 19, 2009**

**Time: 12:45 - 1:45 p.m.**

**Location: Boalt - 110**

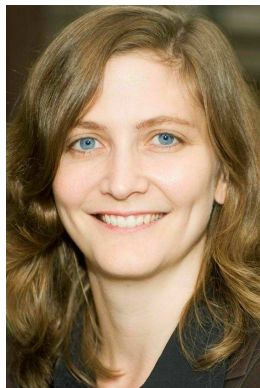
## Group Identity: Nature or Culture?

**Elizabeth Emens**

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Commentator: **Kathy Abrams**

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Why do progressives see identity categories such as sex, disability, sexual orientation, and race as socially constructed and resist claims that group identity is “natural”?

Columbia University Law School Professor Elizabeth Emens tackles this question in her talk about her essay “Against Nature.” Emens teaches and researches in the areas of employment discrimination law, disability law, contracts, and law and sexuality. Her paper is available, please email Wilda White at [wwhite@law.berkeley.edu](mailto:wwhite@law.berkeley.edu) to request a copy. Lunch provided.

Event co-sponsored by the Boalt Hall Women’s Association.