Building Theory through Empirical Legal Studies
The Great Hall in the Bancroft Hotel
Friday, April 24, 2009

Continental Breakfast and Welcome 8:00 – 9:00
Lauren Edelman, Director, Center for the Study of Law and Society
Christopher Edley, Dean, UC Berkeley School of Law

Session I: Keynote Address 9:00 – 10:00
Richard Lempert, University of Michigan (emeritus)
"The Inevitability of Theory: Get Used to It"

Session II: Litigation, Complaint Mobilization, and Inequality 10:30 – 12:00
John Hagan, Northwestern University (Discussant/Moderator)
"Legal Mobilization in U.S. Schools: How Race Conditions Students' Response to Laws and Rights"
Sandra Levitsky, University of Michigan
“What Rights?: The Construction of Political Claims to American Health Care Entitlements"
Margo Schlanger, Washington University
“EEOC Employment Discrimination Injunctions: Trends and Travails”

Lunch Break 12:00 – 1:30

Session III: Law and Organizations 1:30 – 3:00
Mark Suchman, Brown University (Discussant/Moderator)
Alexandra Kalev, University of Arizona, and Tristin Green, Seton Hall
“Organizational Structures and Relational Discrimination: New Avenues for Linking Macro and Micro Mechanisms of Stratification”
“When Organizations Rule: Judicial Deference to Institutionalized Employment Structures”
Orly Lobel, University of San Diego, and Yuval Feldman, Bar Ilan University
“The Incentives Matrix: Experimental Studies of the Comparative Effectiveness of Enforcement Systems”

Session IV: Judicial and Agency Politics 3:30 – 5:00
Christopher Zorn, Pennsylvania State University (Discussant/Moderator)
Daniel Ho, Stanford University, Kevin Quinn, Harvard University, and Erica L. Ross, Stanford University
“The Empirical Dimensions of the Standing Doctrine and Judicial Voting”
Stephanie Lindquist, University of Texas, and Pamela Corley, Vanderbilt University
“Strategies of Judicial Review”
Anne Joseph O’Connell, U.C. Berkeley
“Vacant Offices in the Administrative Agency Positions, 1977-2005”

Closing Reception 5:00 – 7:00