**EXPLORING LAW, DISABILITY AND THE CHALLENGE OF EQUALITY IN CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES**

**Date:  Friday, December 5, 2014   
Location: Warren Room 295, Berkeley Law  
[Conference Website](http://www.law.berkeley.edu/17481.htm)**

**AGENDA**

**8:00 AM - 8:30 AM - Sign-in for registered attendees**   
  
**8:30 AM - 9:00 AM - Opening Remarks**

* [**Laverne Jacobs**](http://www.uwindsor.ca/law/ljacobs/), Fulbright Visiting Research Chair, Canadian Studies Program, UC Berkeley & Visiting Scholar, Center for the Study of Law & Society, Berkeley Law/ Associate Professor of Law, Windsor Law
* [**Irene Bloemraad**](http://sociology.berkeley.edu/faculty/irene-bloemraad), Thomas Garden Barnes Chair, [**Canadian Studies Prog**](http://canada.berkeley.edu/)**ram** & Associate Professor of Sociology, UC Berkeley
* [**Jonathan Simon**](http://www.law.berkeley.edu/php-programs/faculty/facultyProfile.php?facID=4359), Director, [**Center for the Study of Law and Society**](http://www.law.berkeley.edu/csls.htm), Berkeley Law

**9:00 A - 10:00 AM   
Panel 1: Disability and Equality in the CRPD Era**

* [**Arlene Kanter**](http://asi.syr.edu/person/arlene-kanter/) (Syracuse University College of Law), “Reframing the Right to Equality for People with Disabilities”
* [**Ravi Malhotra**](http://www.commonlaw.uottawa.ca/index.php?option=com_contact&task=view&contact_id=259&Itemid=286) (Faculty of Law, Common Law Section, University of Ottawa), “The United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in Canadian and American Jurisprudence”
* Moderator: [**Susan Schweik**](http://blogs.berkeley.edu/author/sschweik/), Professor of English, Associate Dean of Arts and Humanities, University of California, Berkeley

**10:00 AM to 10:15 AM - Break**  
  
 **10:15 AM to 12:15 PM  
Panel 2: Social and Economic Rights for Persons with Disabilities and the Challenge of Equality**

* [**Mark Weber**](http://www.law.depaul.edu/faculty_staff/faculty_information.asp?id=58)(DePaul University, College of Law), “Immigration and Disability in the United States and Canada”
* [**Freya Kodar**](http://www.uvic.ca/law/facultystaff/facultydirectory/kodar.php) (Faculty of Law, University of Victoria), “Exploring the Accommodation Gap: Pensions and Income Security for Persons with Disabilities in Canada”
* [**Bonnie  Lashewicz**](http://www.crds.org/faculty/bmlashew/index.shtml), Department of Community Health Sciences, (University of Calgary), “More than meets the eye: Relational autonomy and decision-making by adults with disabilities”
* [**Elizabeth Pendo**](http://www.slu.edu/colleges/law/slulaw/faculty/ependo) (Saint Louis University School of Law), “Disability and Health Care”
* Moderator: [**Karen Tani**](http://www.law.berkeley.edu/php-programs/faculty/facultyProfile.php?facID=15050), Assistant Professor, Berkeley Law

**12:15 PM to 1:15 PM - Lunch (Goldberg Room)**

**1:15 PM to 3 PM  
Panel 3: Challenging Processes and Procedures -Changing the Landscape for PWDs**

* [**Aloke Chatterjee**](http://www.unb.ca/fredericton/law/faculty/achatterjee.html) (Faculty of Law, University of New Brunswick), "Can We Advance Disability Rights through the Class Action?"
* [**Stephen  Rosenbaum**](https://www.law.berkeley.edu/php-programs/faculty/facultyProfile.php?facID=154) (Berkeley Law, University of California, Berkeley), "Une Procédure en Difficulté: A Radical Blueprint for Resolving “Special” Education Disputes through an Inquisitorial Process"
* [**Laverne Jacobs**](http://www.uwindsor.ca/law/ljacobs/) (University of Windsor, Faculty of Law | Berkeley Law, University of California), “Do Disabled Voices Make a Difference?: Exploring Equality and Fairness in the Enactment of Accessibility Standards in Ontario”
* [**Carrie Griffin Basas**](https://www.linkedin.com/pub/carrie-griffin-basas/4/a6a/9b6) (Appellate and Civil Rights Attorney, Seattle, WA, M.Ed Candidate, University of Washington), “Advocacy Fatigue: Self-Care, Disability Discrimination, and Legal Attrition”
* Moderator: [**Ella Callow**](http://www.lookingglass.org/services/national-services/47-legal-program), Legal Program Director, Through the Looking Glass

**3 PM to 3:15 PM - Break**

**3:15 PM to 4:15 PM  
Panel 4: Current Disability Rights Litigation in California**

* [**Haben Girma**](https://www.habengirma.com/), Attorney, Disability Rights Advocates
* [**Arlene Mayerson**](http://dredf.org/about-us/people/arlene-mayerson/), Attorney, Disability Rights Education Defense Fund (DREDF)
* Moderator:  [**Keith Hiatt**](http://www.law.berkeley.edu/php-programs/jsp/viewProfile.php?id=50), PhD Candidate, JSP Program, Berkeley Law

**4:15 PM to 4:30 PM  
Wrapup & Closing Remarks**

* [**Susan Schweik**](http://blogs.berkeley.edu/author/sschweik/), (UC Berkeley) & [**Laverne Jacobs**](http://www.uwindsor.ca/law/ljacobs/), (Windsor Law)

**4:30 PM - End of Symposium and Reception**Goldberg Room 295, Berkeley Law (Boalt Hall)  
  
  
**7:00 PM - Dinner for speakers and organizers**Durant Hotel  
2600 Durant Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94704

