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**“New Directions in Legal Education Research”**

In this talk, Professor Young will discuss her recent book, *How to Be Sort of Happy in Law School* (Stanford University Press, 2018). The book is ambitiously multimethod, drawing on a survey of over 1000 law students that Young designed and fielded, interviews with law students, alums, law professors, administrative and academic staff, law school dropouts, law librarians, law school janitors, and more. The result is one of the most comprehensive studies of the law school experience to date. Young’s talk will include take-homes from the book for law and society scholars: the social sources of variation in law students’ experience, particularly how identity affects the ways people experience law school; the structural factors that shape students’ sense of subjective well-being; and the implications her findings hold for law school education and the legal profession. Young will also talk about future directions for law school research and will preview the next phase of her work on law schools, which seeks to understand how law students form social networks within and outside law school, and particularly how race, gender, and socioeconomic background affect professional network formation.

**PLACE** Selznick Seminar Room, 2240 Piedmont Avenue  
**TIME** 12:45 – 2:00pm. Coffee and water provided. Bag lunches welcome.  
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