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Professor Roberts has been a visiting professor at the University of Pennsylvania and Stanford, and a fellow at Harvard University's Program in Ethics and the Professions. She serves as a consultant to the Center for Women Policy Studies in Washington, D.C., and as a member of the board of directors of the National Black Women's Health Project, the National Coalition for Child Protection Reform, and the Public Interest Law Center of New Jersey. She has delivered several endowed lectures, including the James Thomas Lecture at Yale Law School, was elected twice by the Rutgers School of Law graduating class to be faculty graduation speaker, and was voted outstanding first-year course professor by the Northwestern School of Law class of 2000. She received the Radcliffe Graduate Society Medal in June, 1998. She is currently working on a book entitled Shattered Bonds: The Color of Child Welfare, which will be published by Basic Books in November 2001.

THE EDITH HOUSE LECTURE SERIES IN LAW

"Missing Voices: Black Mothers and the Politics of Child Welfare"

presented by

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Thursday, February 15, 2001

3:30 p.m.

Law School Auditorium

Welcome	Mariclair E. Partee, WLSA President
Introductory Remarks	
Introduction of Lecturer	Judge Patricia Barron
Lecture	Professor Dorothy Roberts
Questions and Answers	Professor Dorothy Roberts
Conclusion	

Reception follows in Law School Rotunda

As one of the largest student organizations at the University of Georgia School of Law, WLSA's mission is to strengthen women by providing educational, professional and social events that benefit all students, with a focus on women in law. Past activities have included projects with Habitat for Humanity, clothing drives for the Battered Women's Shelter, an annual welcome party for first year students, and an annual wine and cheese reception for faculty and students. The high point of WLSA's spring schedule is the Edith House Lecture.

Previous Edith House Lecturers

Susan Oki Mollway, United States District Judge for the District of Hawaii, "Getting Confirmed as a Federal Judge." October 6, 1999

Sarah Weddington, Associate Professor, The University of Texas at Austin, "Roe v. Wade—25 Years Later." September 23, 1998

Anne M. Coughlin, Class of 1941 Research Professor, University of Virginia, "Sex and Guilt." October 15, 1997

Martha S. West, Professor of Law, University of California at Davis, "What's in It for Me? Why Don't White Women Support Affirmative Action?" October 24, 1996

Mary E. Becker, Professor of Law, University of Chicago, "The First Amendment and Sexual Harassment at School and at Work." November 2, 1995

Chief Judge Dorothy Toth Beasley, Georgia Court of Appeals, "Why Are We Here?" January 25, 1995

Brooksley E. Born, Partner, Arnold and Porter, Washington D.C., "Private Practice/Public Service: Reminiscences on the Women's Rights Movement." March 9, 1994

Carrie Menkel-Meadow, Professor of Law, University of California, Los Angeles, "Mainstreaming Feminist Legal Theory and the Production of Legal Knowledge." March 12, 1993

Patricia J. Williams, Associate Professor of Law, University of Wisconsin, "Banished Bodies." March 13, 1992

Mari J. Matsuda, Associate Professor of Law, University of Hawaii, "Towards a Feminist Theory Interconnecting Subordinations." April 8, 1991

Patricia A. Cain, Professor of Law, University of Texas, "A Postmodern Feminist Critique of Equal Protection Doctrine." March 15, 1990

Martha Minow, Professor of Law, Harvard Law School, "Diversity: Gender, Religion, and Race." March 16, 1989

R. Lea Brilmayer, Nathan Baker Professor of Law, Yale University, "International Affairs and the Implausibility of Democracy." April 6, 1988

Antonia Handler Chayes, Chairman, ENDISPUTE, Inc., "Beyond Negotiation: Alternative Dispute Resolution." March 12, 1987

Elaine Vogel-Polsky, Professor of Law, University Libre de Bruxelles, "Positive Action within the European Economic Community." September 25, 1985

Justice Shirley S. Abrahamson, Supreme Court of Wisconsin, "Justice and Juror." March 7, 1985

Judge Gladys Keller, Superior Court, District of Columbia, "The Crisis in Child Support." April 3, 1984

Nadine Taub, Professor of Law, Rutgers University, "Refining the Equality Principle: Formal Equality, Substantive Equality and Special Treatment for Women." May 3, 1983

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Edith House, a native of Winder, Georgia, was co-valedictorian of the Class of 1925, and one of the first two women to graduate from the University of Georgia School of Law. Following graduation, she practiced four years in Clearwater, Florida. She was then appointed Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida, and held that post for the next thirty years. When the Southern District was subdivided to create the new Middle District, Ms. House was appointed to the post of United States Attorney for the new Southern District. Upon completion of the transitional period, Ms. House retired in 1963. She lived in Jacksonville, Florida, until her death on December 14, 1987. It is in memory of her hard work and pioneering spirit that this lecture series is dedicated.

