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Feminist legal theory expert to deliver annual House lecture

NOTE: Due to inclement weather, this lecture was recheduled for April 9, 2009

Athens, Ga. - Felice J. Batlan, a specialist in feminist legal theory, will deliver the University of Georgia School of Law's 27th Edith House Lecture. The lecture, titled "Are We Our Mother's Law Students?: Women's Law School Experiences and an Agenda for Action," will be held March 2 at 3:30 p.m. in the Larry Walker Room of Dean Rusk Hall and is free and open to the public.

An assistant professor at Chicago-Kent College of Law, Batlan teaches corporate law, securities regulation, legal history and feminist legal theory. Her scholarship explores interactions between law and gender in the 19th and 20th centuries, with her work appearing in numerous law reviews and history journals. Batlan is an associate editor for *Continuity and Change*, an academic journal dedicated to exploring the legal and social structures of past societies, and the Macmillan-Gale *Encyclopedia of the Supreme Court of the United States*. She received the Illinois Institute of Technology's Julia Bevrige Award in spring 2008 for her service to female students.

"Felice Batlan is an accomplished legal scholar who represents the true spirit of the Edith House Lecture Series," Women Law Students Association officer and lecture organizer Candice Barrett said. "I am delighted to hear her thoughts on women and the law."

Currently, Batlan is also a Golieb Fellow in legal history at New York University School of Law. Before her career in academe, Batlan practiced corporate and securities law at a New York City law firm and worked as associate general counsel and global head of compliance for Greenwich Capital Markets. Additionally, Batlan served as a judicial clerk to Judge Constance Baker Motley of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York.

Batlan earned her undergraduate degree *summa cum laude* from Smith College and graduated *magna cum laude* from Harvard Law School, where she served as executive editor of the *Harvard Women's Law Journal*. She later returned to school at NYU and earned her doctorate in history, specializing in U.S. legal and gender history.

The Edith House Lecture Series is hosted annually by WLSA in honor of one of the first female graduates of the University of Georgia School of Law. House, a native of Winder, Ga., was co-valedictorian of the law class of 1925, the first class to graduate women.

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