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Martha S. West, Professor of Law at the University of California at Davis, graduated magna cum laude from Brandeis University in 1967. She earned her J.D. from Indiana University - Bloomington, graduating summa cum laude in 1974. While still a student in law school, Professor West assisted in drafting the University's first affirmative action plan in 1973. Additionally, she developed a course on women and the law, teaching the family law section of the course in 1973. She has taught courses at UC Davis on labor law, feminist legal theory and gender and the law from 1982 through the present, and served as Associate Dean of UC Davis School of Law from 1988 through 1992. Professor West has published numerous articles and papers on affirmative action and labor law, and has received several awards for her work.

THE EDITH HOUSE LECTURE SERIES IN LAW

"What's In It For Me?-- Why Don't White Women Support Affirmative Action?"

presented by

*Professor Martha S. West
University of California, Davis*

*Thursday, October 24, 1996
3:30 p.m.*

<i>Welcome</i>	<i>Judy McLeod</i> <i>WLSA President</i>
<i>Introductory Remarks</i>	<i>Melisa J. Anderson</i> <i>WLSA Vice-President</i>
<i>Introduction of Lecturer</i>	<i>E. Ann Puckett</i> <i>Director and Professor of Law</i>
<i>Lecture</i>	<i>Martha S. West</i> <i>Professor of Law,</i> <i>University of California, Davis</i>
<i>Questions and Answers</i>	<i>Professor Martha S. West</i>
<i>Conclusion</i>	<i>Melisa J. Anderson</i>

Reception follows in the Auditorium Foyer

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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 preparing meals at the Athens Homeless Shelter, projects with Habitat for Humanity, clothing drives for the Battered Women's Shelter, and an annual welcome party for first year students. The high point of WLSA's fall schedule is the Edith House Lecture.

Previous Edith House Lecturers

Professor 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 & 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, "Toward 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

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

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This lecture is dedicated to the memory of Professor Ellen Jordan, a former WLSA advisor and professor at both the University of Georgia School of Law and the University of California at Davis. Professor Jordan was the first woman to serve as Dean of the law school at UC-Davis. She taught a wide variety of subjects, including civil procedure, contracts, sales, commercial paper, unfair trade, administrative law, insurance, negotiation and alternative dispute resolution. While at the University of Georgia, Professor Jordan served as associate dean of the law school from 1983 through 1986, when she became vice president for academic affairs. She returned to teaching in 1988. Last fall, Professor Jordan taught alternative disputes at the University of Georgia.

Professor Jordan died on August 9, 1996. Her incredible dedication to her family, her work and the profession of law remain as a testament to her life and an inspiration to us all.

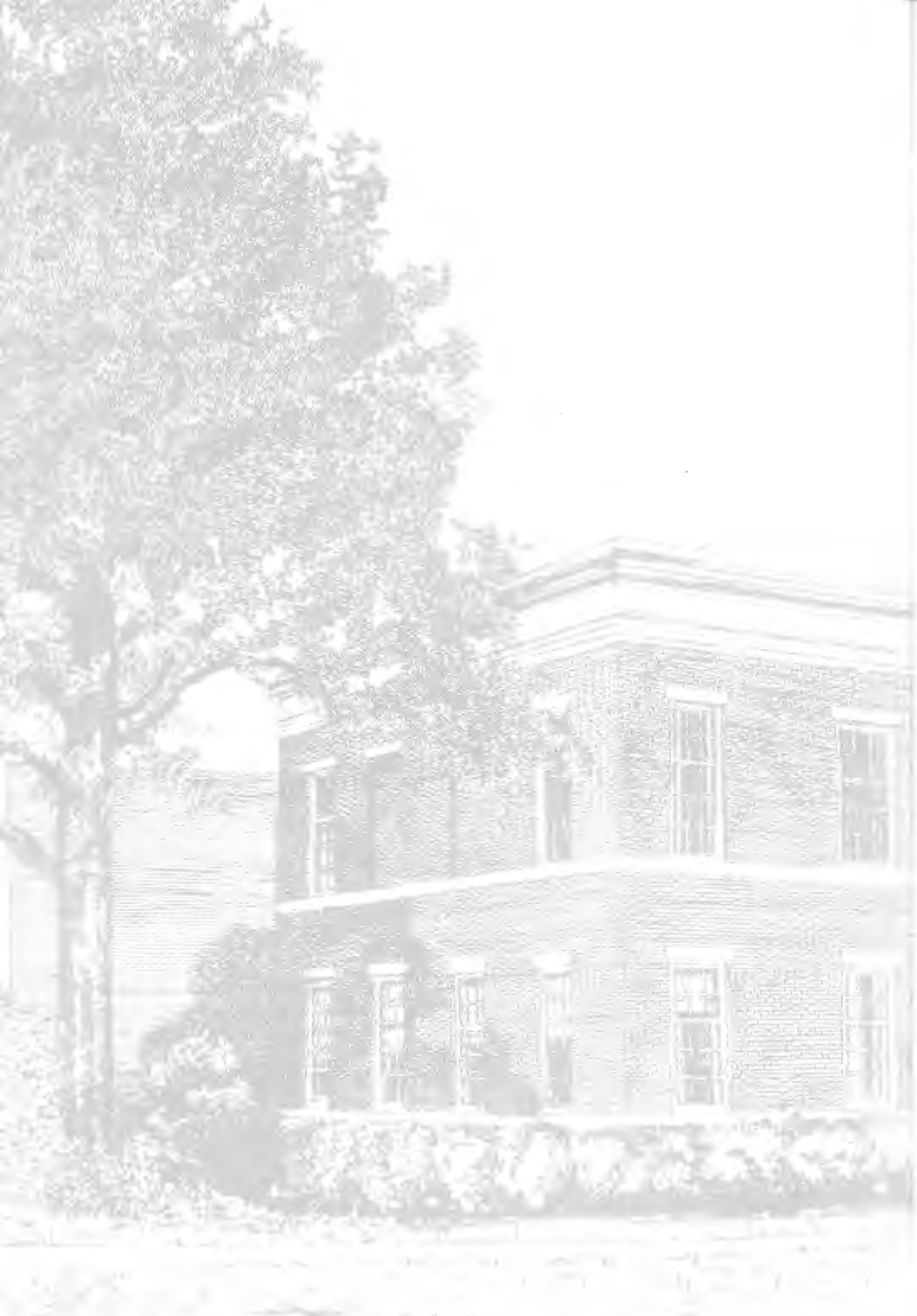
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Edith Elizabeth House, a native of Winder, Georgia, was co-valedictorian of the Class of 1925, and one of the first two women to graduate from the University of Georgia School of Law. Following graduation, she practiced law for four years in Clearwater, 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.



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