

THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

2009 Edith House Lecturer



Felice Batlan is an Assistant Professor of Law at Chicago-Kent College of Law. Prior to that she was an Associate Professor of Law at Tulane University where she was also an Associated Professor in the Women's Studies Department. She is a Summa Cum Laude graduate of Smith College and a Magna Cum Laude graduate of Harvard Law School where she was Executive Editor of the Harvard Women's Law Journal. Upon graduating from law school she clerked for Judge Constance Baker Motley. She earned her doctorate in history at New York University, specializing in U.S. legal and gender history. Before attending graduate school, Professor Batlan practiced corporate and securities law at a law firm in New York City and was then the Associate General Counsel and Global Head of Compliance for Greenwich Capital Markets. Her work, which explores interactions between law and gender in the nineteenth and twentieth century, has appeared in numerous law reviews and history journals. She is also an editor of H-Net. Continuity and Change, and Macmillan's Encyclopedia of the Supreme Court. In Spring 2008. Professor Batlan received the IIT Julia Beyridge award for service to women students. Currently she is a Golieb Fellow in legal history at New York University School of Law.

The Edith House Lecture Series in Law

"Are We Our Mother's Law Students?: Women's Law School Experiences and an Agenda for Action"

Presented by Felice Batlan

Thursday, April 9, 2009 3:30 p.m. Larry Walker Room, Rusk Hall

Welcome	Erica Patrick WLSA President
Introductory Remarks	Candice Barrett WLSA Vice President
Introduction of Lecturer	Professor Lori Ringhand
Lecture	Felice Batlan
Questions & Answers	Felice Batlan
Conclusion	Candice Barrett

Reception to follow in the Rotunda, Hirsch Hall.

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, Prevent Child Abuse Athens, exam and curriculum workshops for first year students, and participation in the GAWL Art Auction. The high point of WLSA's year is the Edith House Lecture

Previous Edith House Lectures

Shirley Hufstedler, U.S. Secretary of Education under President Jimmy Carter, "Freedom and Justice for Some," March 19, 2008.

Harriet McBryde Johnson, "Disability Rights: A Liberation Movement for All People." March 21, 2007.

Sarah Weddington, University of Texas, "Some Leaders are Born Women." March 23, 2006.

Jean Toal, Chief Justice, Supreme Court of South Carolina, "Women in the Law." March 24, 2005.

Linda Hamilton Krieger, Professor of Law, University of California, Berkley, "Naturalizing Anti-Discrimination Law." February 25, 2004

Kathy Hall-Martinez, Director of the International Program, Center for Reproductive Law and Policy, "Using Legal Strategies to Promote Women's Reproductive Rights: Achievements and Challenges." March 3, 2003.

Dr. Kelly Askin, Carr Center for Human Rights Policy, Harvard University, "Securing Justice for Women in the U.N. International War Crimes Tribunals and Beyond." March 26, 2002.

Dorothy Roberts, Professor, Northwestern University School of Law, "Missing Voices: Black Mothers and the Politics of Child Welfare." February 15, 2001.

Susan Oki Mollway, U.S. District Judge, Hawaii, "Getting Confirmed as a Federal Judge." October 6, 1999.

Sarah Weddington, Assoc. Professor, University of Texas, "Roe v. Wade · 25 Years Later." September 23, 1998.

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

Martha S. West, Professor of Law, University of California, 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 of School and Work." November 2, 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, Unviersity of California, Los Angeles, "Mainstreaming Feminist Legal Theory and the Production of Legal Knowledge." March 12, 1993.

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

Mari J. Matsuda, Assoc. 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 of Libre de Bruxelles, "Positive Action Within the European Economic Community." September 25, 1985.

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

Gladys Keller, Justice, 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

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 for four years in Clearwater, Florida. She was then appointed Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida, a position she held 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. 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.



