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Harriet McBryde Johnson has been a lawyer in Charleston, South Carolina since 1985. Her solo practice emphasizes benefits and civil rights claims for poor and working people with disabilities. For about 30 years, she has been active in the struggle for social justice, especially disability rights. A nationally-known advocate and activist, her current affiliations include Charleston’s Disability Resource Center, the Carolina Alliance for Fair Employment (CAFÉ) and the National Lawyers’ Guild Disability Rights Committee. She also holds the world endurance record (16 years without interruption) for protesting the "Jerry Lewis" telethon for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. She holds degrees from Charleston Southern University (B.S. 1978), the College of Charleston (M.P.A., 1981), and the University of South Carolina School of Law (J.D., 1985).
The Edith House Lecture Series in Law

“Disability Rights: A Liberation Movement for all People.”

Presented by
Harriet McBryde Johnson

Wednesday, March 21, 2007
4:00 p.m.
Larry Walker Room, 4th Floor, Dean Rusk Hall

Welcome.................................................................Kellee Padgett
WLSA President

Introductory Remarks..............................................Tiffany A. Cartwright
WLSA Vice President

Introduction of Lecturer............................................E. Ann Puckett
Director of the Law Library and Professor of Law

Lecture.................................................................Harriet McBryde Johnson

Questions & Answers..............................................Harriet McBryde Johnson

Conclusion............................................................Tiffany A. Cartwright

Reception to follow in the Sutherland Courtyard.

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, Project Safe, an annual welcome party for first year students, and participation in the GAWL Art Auction. The high point of WLSA’s year is the Edith House Lecture.
The Women Law Students Association is grateful to Rebecca White, Dean of the Law School; Paul Kurtz, Associate Dean; Professor Sarajane Love, WLSA’s faculty sponsor; Professor E. Ann Puckett; and the entire faculty and staff of the law school for their support of this lecture. The series is made possible through the generous contributions of alumni, faculty, students, and friends of the Edith House endowment fund for the Edith House Lecture Series in Law.

For those interested in contributing please contact the law school development office at (706) 542-7639. The Women Law Students Association and the Law School community appreciate your interest and support of this endowment fund.

Women’s History Month

The University of Georgia and the UGA School of Law are pleased to announce the 11th Annual Women’s History Month Exhibition at the Lucy Hargrett Draper Center & Archives for the Rights of Women in History & Law. The exhibit will include a wide variety of British and American Suffrage materials.

This exhibit is located at the UGA Main Library on the 3rd Floor in the Main Gallery of the Hargrett Rare Book & Manuscript Library. Hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm and on Saturday from 1:00 pm until 5:00 pm.
Previous Edith House Lectures

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.


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.

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

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


R. Lea Brilmayer, Nathan Baker Professor of Law, Yale University, “International Affairs and the Implausibility of Democracy.” April 6, 1998.


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


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.