The Third Annual Center for Race, Gender, and Social Justice Presents

Social Justice Feminism

October 25–27, 2012
Cultivating Leaders, Scholars, and Activists Committed to Social Change

Social Justice Feminism is more than just the title of this conference. It describes the philosophy and animates the work of the Center for Race, Gender, and Social Justice. This work seeks to be productive, constructive, and healing, reflecting care and concern for all. The Center is intentionally intersectional and interdisciplinary in its approach. We endeavor to build bridges between the University and the urban community in which it resides, among the disciplines that make up our academic home, and between theory and practice.

This vision was the natural next step for a project that emerged from the nation’s first program in law and women’s studies. We owe the existence of the Center to young women who urged the College administration to create such a program, as well as our former Dean Joseph Tomain and former Associate Dean Barbara Watts, and the late Robin Sheets, former director of the University’s Women’s Studies Program (now the Department of Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies), who made the students’ vision a reality. From courses in law and women’s studies emerged a portfolio of programs designed to provide students not only with curricular opportunities to explore the intersections of law, gender, race, sexuality, and class, but also experiential learning and deep interdisciplinary inquiry.

In addition to the Joint Degree Program in Law and Women’s Gender, and Sexuality Studies, the Center has two additional anchors: the Freedom Center Journal, a student run publication that is a joint scholarly venture between the College and the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center; and the Domestic Violence and Civil Protection Order Clinic, which is housed at the Legal Aid Society of Greater Cincinnati.

The Center also strives to enhance the vibrant intellectual life at the College of Law by sponsoring myriad programs and speakers who share their work and life journeys with College students and the broader community. Among the fine speakers the Center has been fortunate to host are:

- **Tina Tchen**, Chief of Staff for First Lady Michelle Obama and Executive Director of the White House Council for Women and Girls;
- Ohio State professor **Michelle Alexander**, author of *The New Jim Crow*;
- Chairwoman of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, **Jacqueline Berrien**; and
- Georgetown University professor and author of *Let’s Get Free: A Hip Hop Theory of Justice*, **Paul Butler**.

We now proudly host the Social Justice Feminism Conference, hoping to continue this exciting trajectory of bridging theory and practice, breaking down disciplinary silos, and working for justice. We thank you for joining us!
Letter from Santa J. Ono, President of the University of Cincinnati

On behalf of the University of Cincinnati, I welcome you to the Center for Race, Gender, and Social Justice's conference exploring “Social Justice Feminism.” For the university, this conference represents interdisciplinarity in action. While the center is housed at the College of Law, as the conference program reveals, this conference involves faculty and students from our institution and others from a wide variety of fields, including English, Africana Studies, Sociology, History, and Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. Moreover, with its call for papers from scholars interested in activism and activists interested in academic theories, it seeks to bridge the university and the community in enlightening ways.

As a university and community, we are so proud of the Center for Race, Gender, and Justice, launched at the College of Law in 2010. The groundwork for the center has been in place for many years. Specifically, it grew from the joint degree program in Law and Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies – the first of its kind in the nation. Now, the center is involved in more path-breaking work through its publication arm (a joint enterprise between the law school and the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center) and its collaboration with the UC Action Research Center, examining how legal scholarship and activism might be transformed by community-based research and problem-solving. The center’s domestic violence clinic not only provides invaluable experiential learning for students, but provides much needed legal services for survivors of intimate partner abuse.

It makes sense that a center focused on cultivating leaders, scholars, and activists would host a conference on Social Justice Feminism. As the article on which this conference is based states, “Social justice brings to feminism a particular emphasis on fairness and transformation; it is a modification that signals change.” The article sought to start a conversation. We are delighted to be hosting at the University of Cincinnati a continuing dialogue on the important local, national, and international issues that are the substance of this conference.

On behalf of UC, welcome to our community.

Sincerely,

Santa J. Ono
President
October, 2012

Welcome!

On behalf of the University of Cincinnati College of Law, I welcome you to the Social Justice Feminism Conference, conceptualized and organized by our Center for Race, Gender, and Social Justice. Building upon UC Law’s existing joint degree JD/MA program in Law and Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies—its first program of its kind in the nation—the Center launched only two years ago. But it came to be only after many years of hard work and planning by its three faculty co-directors, Professors Emily Houh, Kristin Kalsem, and Verna Williams, and the support of many UC Law staff members and students who have dedicated themselves to the mission and work of the Center.

And what is the mission and work of the Center? The Center exists to cultivate scholars, leaders, and activists committed to social change and social justice. It bridges theory and practice and prepares students to take the lead in advancing justice. The Center achieves these goals by providing opportunities for experiential learning, research, and interdisciplinary inquiry through its joint degree program, the student-run Freedom Center Journal, and the Domestic Violence and Civil Protection Order Clinic—all of which function independently but under the Center’s auspices. Its mission also is advanced through the innovative programming the Center provides for UC Law students and colleagues throughout our University, local, national, and global communities.

This conference is an example of one of the excellent and ambitious programs we have come to expect from the Center. We’re extraordinarily proud of all that the Center has accomplished in its young life thus far, and are even more excited to have you here to participate in its work.

On behalf of UC Law, welcome. Enjoy what will surely be a lively intellectual journey over these next few days.

Very truly yours,

Louis D. Bilionis
Dean and Nippert Professor of Law
### AGENDA AT A GLANCE

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25

ALL DAY  Hotel Check-in  Hilton Netherland Plaza
6:00–8:30 p.m.  Opening Banquet and Keynote Address  Contemporary Arts Center

Why Social Justice Feminism? Lessons from Black Feminism and Intersectionality

Patricia Hill Collins, Distinguished University Professor, University of Maryland, Charles Phelps Taft Distinguished Emeritus Professor of Sociology, University of Cincinnati

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26

8:00–9:00 a.m.  Registration  UC College of Law
9:00–9:10 a.m.  Welcome by Dean Louis D. Bilionis  Room 114
9:10–10:30 a.m.  Opening Plenary

Linda Burnham, National Domestic Workers Alliance

Priscilla Ocen, Loyola Law School – Los Angeles

Barbara Phillips, Social Justice Feminist, Board Member of Women’s Learning Partnership for Rights, Development & Peace, and The Programme for Women’s Economic, Social & Cultural Rights

Kristin Kalsem, University of Cincinnati College of Law

10:45 a.m.–Noon  Concurrent Panels

Feminist History Revisited  Room 306

Misappropriating Women’s History in the Law and Politics of Abortion

Tracy A. Thomas, University of Akron School of Law

Perfecting Our Union: Social Justice Feminism and Americanism

Dorothy Q. Thomas, University of London Centre for the Study of Human Rights

Moderator: Maura O’Connor, Department of History, University of Cincinnati
Social Justice Feminism Responds to Coerced and Commoditized Sex  
Room 100A

Tamar Birckhead, University of North Carolina School of Law

Samantha Berg, Genderberg.com

Ann Bartow, Pace Law School

Moderator: Annulla Linders, Department of Sociology, University of Cincinnati

(Re)Visioning Citizenship: Resisting Legal and Social Regulatory Boundaries for Minority Groups in North America, Europe, and Southeast Asia  Room 100B

Criminalizing Manual Mexican Labor in the Age of Border Securitization: Impacts on Families and on their Social Reproduction Processes

Olga Sanmiguel-Valderrama, Department of Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, University of Cincinnati

Enclosing the Roma: Methods of Marginalization of the Roma in France

Lucy Breidenthal, MA Student, Department of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, University of Cincinnati

(D-)evolving Depictions: German Filmic Portrayals of the Turkish Muslim Female Subject and Places of Resistance

Emily Rath, MA Student, Department of Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, University of Cincinnati

Moderator: Yolanda Vazquez, University of Cincinnati College of Law

Class, Race, and Reproductive Freedom  Room 302

Applying Social Justice Feminism to an Evaluation of the Experiences of Women Seeking State-Subsidized Insurance for Abortion Care in Massachusetts

Danielle Bessett, Department of Sociology, University of Cincinnati

Social Justice Feminism and the Public Discourse on Women’s Bodies: A Methodological Model for an Activist-Based Feminist Theology

Melissa Browning, Loyola University Chicago’s Institute of Pastoral Studies

Marginalization and Reproductive Justice

Leigh Tami Goedicke, JD Student, University of Cincinnati College of Law

Moderator: Wendy Kline, Department of History, University of Cincinnati
12:15–2:15 p.m.  **Lunch and Keynote Address**  
**Room 114**  
**Social Justice Feminism in Action**  
*Anika Rahman,* President and CEO, Ms. Foundation  

Discussant: *Verna L. Williams,* University of Cincinnati College of Law

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2:30–3:45 p.m.  **Concurrent Panels**  
**Feminist Approaches to Criminal Justice Reform**  
*Room 100B*

**Towards Restorative Justice: Girls of Color and Alternatives to Incarceration**  
*Shauntrice L. Martin,* MA Student, International Institute of Restorative Practices

**Welfare Queens and Deadbeat Dads: How Metaphor Shapes Poverty Law**  
*Ann Cammett,* William S. Boyd School of Law UNLV

**Returning Citizens: An Exploration of Identity, Gender, and Criminality**  
*Lee Serbin,* MA/JD Student, Department of Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies and College of Law, University of Cincinnati

Moderator: *Ngozi Ndulue,* Ohio Justice and Policy Center

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**New Responses to Gender Violence**  
*Room 100A*

**“She Was the Myth Slipped Down Through Dreamtime:” Indigenous Women Writers’ Responses to Sexual Violence**  
*Jessica Weatherford,* PhD Candidate, University of Kansas

**Rethinking Civil Rights and Gender Violence**  
*Julie Goldscheid,* CUNY Law School

**The International Violence Against Women Act (IVAWA): A Way Forward?**  
*Mary Pat Treuthart,* Gonzaga University School of Law

Moderator: *Kenyatta Mickles,* University of Cincinnati College of Law

**“The Dinner Table of Power:” Food Security and Social Justice Feminism**  
*Room 302*

**Infiltrating the New Genetic: The Emergence of Corporate Reproductive Labor and its Rights Regime**  
*Un Kyong Ho,* MA/JD Graduate, Department of Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies and College of Law, University of Cincinnati
Approaching “the Dinner Table of Power:” Social Justice Feminism and the Poetics of Food

Rhonda Pettit, University of Cincinnati Blue Ash College

The Right to Food: a Global Agenda for the Women’s Movement

Peggy Rivage-Seul, Berea College

Moderator: Furaha Norton, Department of English and Comparative Literature, University of Cincinnati

Single-Sex Education and Social Justice Feminism

Intersectionality and the Pay-For-Play Debate in College Athletics

Erin Buzuvis, Western New England University School of Law

The Possibilities and Perils of Social Justice Feminism: What We Can Learn from the Single-Sex Public Education Debates

Juliet Williams, Department of Women’s Studies, University of California – Los Angeles

The Need for Intersectional Considerations in Education Law and Policy: How Single-Sex Educational Programs Reproduce Gendered Outcomes

Caroline Hyatt, MA/JD Student, Department of Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies and College of Law, University of Cincinnati

Moderator: Deborah Brake, University of Pittsburgh School of Law

5:00 p.m. Transportation back to the Hilton Netherland Plaza

6:00 p.m. Screening of “Sisters of ’77” and Reception Rue Reolon Room Hilton, First Floor

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27

8:00–9:00 a.m. Registration UC College of Law, 1st Floor

9:30–10:45 a.m. Concurrent Panels

Social Justice Feminism and the Workplace Room 100B

Gender (In)Justice and the Pregnancy Discrimination Act

Deborah Brake, University of Pittsburgh School of Law

Joanna Grossman, Hofstra University School of Law
Of Mommies and Mammies: Law, Gender Roles, and Breastfeeding at Work
Nancy Ehrenreich, University of Denver Sturm College of Law

The Tort Label: The Stakes of Making Federal Discrimination Law a Tort
Sandra Sperino, University of Cincinnati College of Law
Moderator: Betsy Malloy, University of Cincinnati College of Law

Reconceiving Reproduction and Parenting
Room 306

The Ethics of Reproductive Consumerism
April L. Cherry, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law

Transformative Reproduction: Rights, Equality, and Justice in the Babymaking Industry
Kimberly M. Mutcherson, Rutgers School of Law

The Sexual Orientation of Fatherhood
Dara E. Purvis, University of Illinois College of Law
Moderator: Un Kyong Ho, MA/JD Graduate, Department of Women’s, Gender, & Sexuality Studies and College of Law, University of Cincinnati

Reconciling Theory and Practice
Room 302

But Will Critical Feminist Theory Help Me Win My Case?: Conversations Between a Lawyer and a Professor About Gender-Based Asylum
Chitra Aiyar, African Services Committee, Meghana Nayak, Department of Political Science, Pace University

Against Hierarchies of Helping
Rebecca Sharpless, University of Miami School of Law

Participatory Action Research: A Practical Approach to Economic Justice
Emily Houh, University of Cincinnati College of Law,
Kristin Kalsem, University of Cincinnati College of Law
Moderator: Terry Kershaw, Department of Africana Studies, University of Cincinnati
Rethinking Women’s Rights Globally  

Re-envisioning Global Feminism: The False Promise of Gender-Mainstreaming  
Johanna Bond, Washington & Lee University School of Law

Sexual Rights as Human Rights: Informing U.S.-Based Advocacy  
Eva-Marie Malone, The Opportunity Agenda

Converging Constructions: A Historical and Cross-Border Perspective on Feminism in Post Colonial Africa  
Nkolika Ijeoma Aniekwu, Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies University of Lagos Campus

State Crime, Silencing, and Hierarchies of Value: Counteracting Lawfare with Social Justice Feminism  
Francine Banner, Phoenix School of Law, Tyler J. Wall, Department of Criminal Justice, Eastern Kentucky University

Moderator: Anne Runyan, Department of Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, University of Cincinnati

11:00 –12:15 p.m. Concurrent Panels

Feminist Documentary through the Lens of Social Justice Feminism: A Conversation  
Room 118

Andrea Kornbluh, University of Cincinnati

B. Lynn Estomin, Lycoming College

Moderator: Omotayo Banjo, Department of Communications, University of Cincinnati

Domestic Global Perspectives on Sex, Reproduction, and Social Justice  
Room 100B

Cyra Choudhury, Florida International University College of Law

Rachel Rebouche, University of Florida Levin College of Law

Moderator: Barbara Rinto, Student Life Women’s Center, University of Cincinnati

Social Justice Feminism and Pedagogy  
Room 302

Practicing Social Justice Feminism in the Classroom  
Stephanie M. Wildman, Santa Clara University School of Law
Teaching and Learning from a Social Justice Feminist Perspective: Emphasizing Self-Reflection and Intentional Choices

Khahlia Brown-Sanders, Doctoral Student; Educational Studies, University of Cincinnati

Peggy Shannon-Baker, Doctoral Student, Educational Studies, University of Cincinnati

The Future of Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies: Queering the Conversation

Lydia Weiss, MA Student, Department of Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, University of Cincinnati

Moderator: Elizabeth MacDowell, William S. Boyd School of Law

Economic Inequalities in Context

Articulating a Distinctively African-American Female Economic Justice Ethos through the Mortgage and Housing Crisis

Bryan Adamson, Seattle University School of Law

Missing the Parents: What Do Families of Special Needs Kids Need from Each Other and the Rest of Us

Karen Czapanskiy, University of Maryland Carey School of Law

Theorizing Economic Rights for Women

Rebecca E. Zietlow, University of Toledo College of Law

Moderator: Vanessa Freytag, Women’s Fund of Greater Cincinnati

12:30–1:30 p.m.  Lunch and Presentation

1:45–3:00 p.m.  Closing Plenary and Discussion Session

Sumi Cho, DePaul College of Law

Emily Houh, University of Cincinnati College of Law

Martha Chamallas, The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law
KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:

Patricia Hill Collins

Professor Collins has taught at several institutions, held editorial positions with professional journals, lectured widely in the United States and abroad, served in many capacities in professional organizations, and has acted as consultant for a number of businesses and community organizations. She is also Charles Phelps Taft Emeritus Professor of Sociology within the Department of African American Studies at the University of Cincinnati.

Professor Collins’s current research interests lie in (1) investigating the actual and/or potential interconnections between critical race theory and American pragmatism; (2) theorizing intersectionality, namely, analyzing how race, class, gender, sexuality, ethnicity and nation mutually construct one another as concepts and as social phenomena; (3) exploring epistemologies of emancipatory knowledges, for example, ideologies of nationalism and feminism as well as influential knowledges of popular culture and everyday life; and (4) examining how the status of Black male and female youth sheds light on broader social processes such as globalization, transnationalism, class inequalities, racism and gender inequities.
KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:

Anika Rahman
Anika Rahman has a distinguished career as an advocate for women, particularly women’s health and human rights. Since February 2011, Ms. Rahman has served as president and CEO of the Ms. Foundation for Women, the leading national social justice foundation committed to building women’s power to ignite change.

For more than 35 years, the Ms. Foundation has delivered strategic support to trailblazing organizations that advance women’s solutions for change at decision-making tables across the nation. Under Ms. Rahman’s leadership, the Ms. Foundation continues to focus on helping improve the lives of women and their communities.

Prior to joining the Ms. Foundation, Ms. Rahman was the president of Americans for United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the world’s largest funder of reproductive health programs. In her six-year tenure at UNFPA, Ms. Rahman was instrumental in raising awareness of the global fight for women’s rights and of America’s critical role in it. She significantly grew the organization in size and scope, establishing and directing a national public affairs and communications strategy that included political advocacy and online engagement. In addition, she successfully mobilized to have UNFPA funding restored by President Obama.

Previously, Ms. Rahman was the founding director of the International Program at the Center for Reproductive Rights, where she created a legal framework for reproductive rights as human rights and helped women around the world fight for equality. As the visionary behind the Center’s global and U.S. foreign policy work, she developed the Center into the foremost legal organization in the world on international women’s reproductive rights. Among her achievements, Ms. Rahman led investigations into human rights violations, including sexual assault, coercive sterilization and abortion-related imprisonment, in Peru, Chile and Nepal. While at the Center, Ms. Rahman built her nonprofit management, policy and fundraising skills, sustaining the International Program’s annual budget of $2.25 million.

Earlier in her career, Ms. Rahman practiced law at Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton.

Ms. Rahman earned her Bachelor of Arts from Princeton’s Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs and her Juris Doctorate from Columbia Law School. She is a lifetime member of the Council on Foreign Relations. Ms. Rahman received the 2002 Lawrence A. Wien Prize for Social Responsibility from Columbia Law School.

A prominent authority on social justice, Ms. Rahman speaks frequently on issues relating to women, including reproductive health, economic justice and violence against women. Her articles have been published in major academic and legal journals and media outlets. In 2000, she co-authored Female Genital Mutiliation: A Practical Guide to Worldwide Laws and Policies.
LOCATION OF EVENTS

**Friday** sessions will take place at the College of Law on the main campus of the University of Cincinnati.

**Friday** evening film showing will take place in the Rue Reolon Room, Hilton Netherland Plaza, Street Level.

**Saturday** sessions will take place at the College of Law on the main campus of the University of Cincinnati.

SHUTTLES

Shuttles are available for the following times:
- **Friday** Hilton to College of Law: 7:30 am - 9:30 am
- **Friday** College of Law to Hilton: 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm
- **Saturday** Hilton to College of Law: 7:30 am - 9:30 am
- **Saturday** College of Law to Hilton: 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm

PARKING

**University of Cincinnati** parking is available at the CCM parking garage. Guests may enter the garage from Corry Street, west off Jefferson. The Deaconess Hospital parking garage on Straight Street, west off Clifton Avenue, may also be available.

**Hilton** parking is available in the Hilton Garage, $15.00 for Self Park, $24.00 for Valet.

**Downtown** parking is available at Fountain Square, 520 Vine Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202, price based per hour is $1.00 - $15.00, and after 4:00 pm is only $5.00.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

**Cab Companies** Queen City Taxi (513) 307-3009, Yellow Cab (513) 821-8294, Checker Yellow Cab (513) 251-8800

**Hotel** Hilton Netherland Plaza, 35 West Fifth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202, (513) 421-9100

**Campus Police** 513-556-1111

MEALS

Continental breakfast and box lunches will be available on Friday and Saturday at the College of Law.
A special thank you to the funders whose generosity made this event possible.

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Charlotte R. Schmidlapp
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