Program Agenda and Student Assignments

Friday, February 25

6:00 - 8:00 P.M. Welcome Reception - Marriott Kingsgate Conference Hotel - All are welcome

Saturday, February 26

8:45 - 10:30 Welcome Plenary: A New Women’s Movement: Claiming the Law for Social Change
Graciela Sanchez, Executive Director, Esperanza Peace and Justice Center, San Antonio, TX; Jamala Rogers, St. Louis, MO; and Loreta Ross, National Center for Human Rights Education, Atlanta, GA

Reporter: Carrie Dettmer
Assistant: Michelle Pan

10:45 - 12:15 Concurrent Sessions

A. Health Care as a Human Right in the U.S.
Angela Hooton, Associate Director of Policy and Advocacy, National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health, New York, NY; Leila Hessini, IPAS, Chapel Hill, NC; and Malika Redmond, National Center for Human Rights Education, Atlanta, GA

Reporter: Jason Abeln
Assistant: Alison DeVilliers

Maggie Cervantes, Executive Director, New Economics for Women, Los Angeles, CA; Taina Bien-Aime, Equality Now; and Susana Almanza, Executive Director, People Organized in the Defense of Earth and Her Resources, Austin, TX

Reporter: Trevin Pearl
Assistant: Cindy Lunsford

C. Ask the Funder
Moderator: Rubie Coles, Moriah Fund, Washington DC. Panelists: Shira Saperstein, Moriah Fund, Washington DC; Benita Melton, C.S. Mott Foundation, Flint, MI; and Desiree Flores, Ms. Foundation for Women, New York, NY

Reporter/Assistant: Hilary Stork

D. When Poverty Becomes Personal: Family Policy, Social Controls, and Finding Real Solutions to Economic Inequality
Moderator: Jocelyn Frye, Director of Legal and Public Policy, National Partnership for Women & Families, Washington, DC. Panelists: Gwendolyn Mink, Charles N. Clark Professor of Women’s Studies, Smith College; Lisalyn Jacobs, Vice President of Government Relations, Legal Momentum (formerly NOW Legal Defense), Washington, DC; and Diana Spatz, Executive Director, LIFETIME (Low-Income Families’ Empowerment through Education), Oakland, CA

Reporter: Darlene Fawkes
Assistant: Christy Hanley, Rachel Hamilton
Lunch and Plenary: Listening and Speaking to Women of Color: Research & Messaging on Women’s Health
Aimee R. Thorne-Thomsen, Executive Director, and Eshauna Smith, Program Manager, Pro-Choice Public Education Project, New York, NY
Through focus groups conducted in four U.S. cities, the Pro-Choice Public Education Project recently examined the health care issues and concerns of young African American women and Latinas. During this session, PEP will share the sometimes surprising, always interesting results of their research, as well as the implications for reaching out to young women of color.

Reporter: Geoffrey Brown
Assistant: Derek Mize

2:45 - 4:15 Concurrent Sessions

A. Emerging Issues in Reproductive Health: The Impact of Ideology and Technology on Women's Access & Rights
Lisalyn Jacobs, Vice-President for Government Relations, Legal Momentum, Washington, DC; Sujatha Jesudason, Director, Project on Gender, Justice & Human Genetics, Center for Genetics and Society, Oakland, CA; and Lourdes Rivera, National Health Law Program, Los Angeles, CA

Reporters: Katie Stanbery, Carrie Hagan-Gray
Assistant: Katrina Jennings

B. It is Better to Speak: Making Our Voices Heard in the Media
Lisa Rudman, Executive Director, National Radio Project, Oakland, CA; Sarah Olson, Oakland, CA; Renita Pitts, Albany, CA; and Shanina Shumate, Oakland, CA

Reporters: Megan Webb, Jolynn Woeher
Assistant: Casey Lane

C. The Erosion of Civil Rights Enforcement: How Do We Fight Back?
Jacqueline Berrien, Associate Director Counsel, NAACP Legal Defense Fund, New York, NY and Lia Epperson, Assistant Counsel, NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Washington, DC

Reporters: Kieran Wheeler, Neil Desai
Assistant: Susie Coan, Chris Hiter

D. “All of Us or None”: The Feminization of the Criminal Justice System
Harriette Davis, All of Us or None/National Network on Women in Prison, Berkeley, CA and Rachel Roth, Ibis Reproductive Health, Cambridge, MA

Reporter: Debra Dority
Assistant: Thomas Smith

6:00 - 8:30 P.M Reception and Dinner at the National Underground Railroad and Freedom Center
RSVP by Monday, February 21 if you would like to attend the banquet.

Sunday, February 27

9:00 - 11:00 Plenary: Organizing for a More Diverse Movement
Carmen Vazquez, Deputy Executive Director, Empire State Pride Agenda Foundation, New York, NY; Barbara Phillips, Program Officer, Human Rights, Peace and Social Justice Program, Ford Foundation, New York, NY; Crystal Plati, Executive Director, Choice USA, Washington, DC; and Brenda Joyner, VP of Diversity, Planned Parenthood
Reporter: Gina Lombardo
Assistants: Antonia Johnson, Ian Lin

11:00 - 11:30  Conference Wrap Up: What Are Our Next Steps?

Reporter: Derek Mize