

## Call for Papers – Friday September 19<sup>th</sup> Deadline

### Feminist Legal Theory Collaborative Research Network at the Law and Society Association Annual Meeting

Seattle, May 28 - 31, 2015

Dear friends and colleagues,

We write to invite you to participate in panels sponsored by the Feminist Legal Theory Collaborative Research Network at the Law and Society Annual Meeting in 2015.

Information about the Law and Society meeting (including registration and hotel information) is at: <http://www.lawandsociety.org/Seattle2015/seattle2015.html>

Within Law & Society, the Feminist Legal Theory CRN seeks to bring together scholars across a range of fields who are interested in feminist legal theory. There is no pre-set theme to which papers must conform. We would be especially happy to see proposals that fit in with the LSA conference theme, which is the role of law and legal institutions in sustaining, creating, interrogating, and ameliorating inequalities. We welcome proposals that would permit us to collaborate with other CRNs, such as the Critical Research on Race and the Law CRN or the Gender, Sexuality and the Law CRN. Also, because the LSA meeting attracts scholars from other disciplines, we welcome multidisciplinary proposals.

Our goal is to stimulate focused discussion of papers on which scholars are currently working. Thus, while proposals may reference work that is well on the way to publication, we are particularly eager to solicit proposals for works-in-progress that are at an earlier stage and will benefit from the discussion that the panels will provide.

Our panels will use the LSA format, which requires four papers, but we will continue our custom of assigning a commentator for each individual paper. A committee of the CRN will assign individual papers to panels based on subject and will ask CRN members to volunteer to serve as chairs of each panel. The chair will develop a 100-250 word description for the session and submit the session proposal to LSA before their upcoming deadline on October 15, so that each panelist can submit his or her proposal, using the panel number assigned. Chairs will also be responsible for recruiting commentators but may wait to do so until panels have been scheduled later this winter.

If you would like to present a paper as part of a CRN panel, **please submit a 400-500 word abstract, with your name and a title**, on the Feminist Legal Theory CRN TWEN page (details provided below). If you would like to serve as a chair or a commentator for one of our panels, or if you are already planning a LSA session with four panelists (and papers) that you would like to see included in the Feminist Legal Theory CRN, please let Cynthia Godsoe know ([cynthia.godsoe@brooklaw.edu](mailto:cynthia.godsoe@brooklaw.edu)). In addition to these panels, we may try to use some of the other formats that the LSA provides: the “author meets readers” format, salon, or the roundtable discussion. If you have an idea that you think would work well in one of these formats, please

let us know.

TWEN is an online resource administered by Westlaw. If you have access to Westlaw but haven't yet registered for the TWEN page, signing up is easy:

Sign onto Westlaw, hit the tab on the top for "TWEN," then click "Add Course," and choose the "FLT CRN 2014" from the drop-down list of National TWEN Courses.

Once you arrive at the Feminist Legal Theory CRN TWEN page, look to the left hand margin and click on "Law & Society 2015 – Abstracts." If you do not have a Westlaw password, please email Aziza Ahmed at Az.Ahmed@neu.edu and ask to be enrolled directly.

**Please submit all proposals for paper presentations by Friday, September 19.** This will permit us to organize panels and submit them prior to the LSA's deadline on October 15. If we cannot accept all proposals for the CRN, we will notify you by early October so that you can submit an independent proposal to LSA.

We hope you'll join us in Seattle to discuss the scholarship in which we are all engaged and connect with others doing work on feminism and gender.

Best,

LSA Planning Committee

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