

History of the Centre for Feminist Legal Studies (CFLS)

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1970s-1980s

Development of "Women and the Law" seminars

- A **Women's Caucus** is formed by the women in the law class who entered in 1972. At their instigation, the first "Women and the Law" seminar is offered by Mai Luterus in 1973-74.
- The seminar "**Women in the Law**" is offered by Penny Bain, Lynn Smith and Marguerite Jackson in 1974-75 at the request of students and is taught for several years continuously. Different areas of law, especially criminal law, employment law, and family law, and the way women are treated under them, are addressed. Special focus is on the evidentiary rules regarding women complainants in rape cases and the myths underpinning those rules.
- Barbara Findlay replaces Marguerite Jackson and teaches the seminar with Lynn Smith (and later alone). Many feminists in the legal profession attend the seminar.
- The "Women in the Law " seminar is renamed "Women and the Law." Barbara Findlay continues to teach it from time to time.
- Lynn Smith offers an **equality rights seminar** in the mid-1980s.
- The seminar "**Law, Myth, and the Unconscious**" (later "**Psychoanalysis and Feminist Theory**") is introduced by J.C. Smith in the mid-1980s.

Women and the Law Dinners

- The Clara Brett Martin/Women and the Law dinners and speakers begin in 1975 or 1976, initiated by Ruth Lea Taylor.
- Speakers include: Rosemary Brown, Carolyn Askew, Mary Eberts, Wendy Harvey, Rosalie Abella, Judy Rebick, Madame Justice Claire L'Heureux -Dubé, and Sharon McIvor.

Faculty Collaborations

- Several faculty members work with the **Western Judicial Education Centre** on continuing education programs for judges on gender and diversity issues. This work continues into the 1990s.
- Several faculty members contribute research and legal skills to **LEAF (the Women's Legal Education and Action Fund)** and **West Coast LEAF** in regard to litigation and legislative reform work. This work also continues into the 1990s.

1990-1995

New feminist courses

- In Spring 1990, Marlee Kline offers the first seminar in **Feminist Legal Theory**. The seminar continues to be offered almost every year since that time.

- A "**feminist perspectives**" section of the Perspectives course is taught to all first-year students. Christine Boyle teaches it the first year, and later Nitya Iyer and Christine Boyle teach it together. Eventually, Feminist Perspectives becomes an option rather than a compulsory component, as do all Perspectives courses.
- Marlee Kline offers the seminar **Feminist Perspectives on Law** in the Women's Studies program at UBC.
- The seminar **Reproduction and Law** is introduced by Nitya Iyer.
- A new seminar called **Law, Family and Gender** (later renamed **Women, Law and Family**) is offered by Susan Boyd.
- The new course **Feminist Legal Studies**, designed to provide a survey of the history of western feminist legal thought and recent developments in law and feminism, is introduced and taught by Susan Boyd.
- The Feminist Legal Studies LL.B course is cross-listed with Women's Studies and offered to upper-year students in Arts as well as to law students.
- A grant from the **Teaching and Learning Enhancement Fund** (UBC) assists professors in providing social context about issues such as gender, race, sexual orientation and disability in law courses and materials.

Feminist Leadership

- Lynn Smith is appointed as **Dean of the Faculty Law** (1991-97).
- An endowed **Chair in Women and the Law** is established, thanks to the initiative taken by faculty members (including Peter Burns, Dennis Pavlich, Marlee Kline, and Lynn Smith). The Chair is approved as part of the "World of Opportunity" campaign. Funds are raised by a committee chaired by Risa Levine and through matching funds from the B.C. government.
- The mandate of the Chair is to reinforce and strengthen the existing base of feminist legal studies in the Faculty and to foster scholarship and learning directed toward social change related to the position of women position in society. Susan B. Boyd is appointed as the first incumbent of the Chair.
- The "**Chair in Women and the Law**" is renamed the "**Chair in Feminist Legal Studies.**"

Start of the Lecture Series

- The **Feminist Legal Studies Lecture Series** is established within the Faculty Seminar Program.
- Speakers include **Joan Brockman** (Criminology, Simon Fraser University) and **Regina Graycar** (Law, University of New South Wales).

Research & Visitors

- A research paper written by **Laura Spitz**, Allard School of Law student for the seminar "Law, Family and Gender," wins the 1993 National Association of Women and the Law Essay Competition.

- American feminist legal scholar **Ann Scales** is the Walter S. Owen Visiting Chair in Law.
- A three-year research grant is received from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada by Susan Boyd and a group of researchers (including Law faculty members Marlee Kline, Nitya Iyer, Judith Mosoff and Claire Young). The title of the interdisciplinary and collaborative project is "**Challenging the Public/Private Divide: Women, Law, and Social Change.**"
- The graduate seminar **Feminist Legal Studies: Key Themes and Current Debates** is offered for the first time, coordinated by Susan Boyd with the assistance of faculty members Christine Boyle, Nitya Iyer, Marlee Kline, Judith Mosoff, Marilyn MacCrimmon and Claire Young. Visiting professors from England, Australia, and New Zealand also participate.

Other Events

- A Feminist Legal Studies display is a key feature of the **50th Anniversary celebrations** of the Allard School of in October 1995.
 - The workshop "**Equality Rights and Family at the Supreme Court of Canada: Miron, Egan, and Thibaudeau**" is organized in August 1995.
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1996-1997

Visiting Scholars

- Australian feminist legal scholars **Regina Graycar** and **Jenny Morgan** are Visitors to the Faculty during fall term 1996. Regina Graycar is the Douglas McK. Brown Visiting Chair in Law.

Establishing the Centre for Feminist Legal Studies (CFLS)

- The **Centre for Feminist Legal Studies (CFLS)** is approved by the Allard School of Law and the University in Spring 1997.
- This website on Feminist Legal Studies at UBC is developed.
- **Susan B. Boyd** is appointed as the first Director of the CFLS.

Faculty

- **Nitya Iyer** is appointed to the BC Human Rights Tribunal. She resigns from UBC in 2000.
- **Ruth Buchanan** joins the Allard School of Law and offers the new seminar **Globalization and Law**.

Publications

- The English language side of the **Canadian Journal of Women and the Law** is brought to British Columbia, to be shared between the Allard School of Law and the University of Victoria Faculty of Law. The first co-editors are Nitya Iyer (UBC) and Hester Lessard (Victoria). In later years, Susan Boyd and Marilyn MacCrimmon (1997-98) and Marlee Kline (1998-2000) replace Nitya Iyer as co-editors.
 - The book **Challenging the Public/Private Divide: Feminism, Law, and Public Policy**, edited by Susan Boyd and including chapters by several feminist faculty members and graduate students, is published by the University of Toronto Press (1997).
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1997-1998

Events

- The CFLS organizes a lecture series and workshop "**Outlaw or In-Law: Lesbian Litigation in Same-Sex Cases,**" on February 10, 1998.

Research & Visitors

- **Susan Boyd** and **Claire Young** receive (with three others) a three-year research grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (1998-2001) on **Feminism, Law and Social Change in Canada, 1967-1997: (Re)Action and Resistance**. The project is collaborative with **Dorothy Chunn** (principal investigator), **Robert Menzies** of the School of Criminology, Simon Fraser University, and **Hester Lessard** of the Faculty of Law, University of Victoria.
- **Dr. Olexandra Rudneva**, Director of the Centre for Women's Legal Rights Development at the Academy of Legal Sciences of the Ukraine, is a Visiting Scholar at the Allard School of Law, March 16-20, 1998.

Updates

- Space in Annex I is renovated for the CFLS, thanks to a grant from the UBC President's Office.
 - Former dean **Lynn Smith** is appointed to the BC Supreme Court and resigns from UBC.
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1998-1999

The CFLS opens its doors

- The **CFLS is officially opened** with a party and a launch of the book *Women and The Equality Deficit: The Impact of Restructuring Canada's Social Programs*, written by Gwen Brodsky and Shelagh Day and published by Status of Women Canada.
- **Marlee Kline** is Acting Director of the CFLS while Susan Boyd is on sabbatical.

CFLS Lecture Series

- The CFLS launches its **Lecture Series** featuring, among others:
 - **Sheila McIntyre** (Faculty of Law, Queen's University) on "Two Decades of Feminism and Anti-Feminism in Canadian Legal Education"; and
 - **Megan Ellis** on "Litigating Sexual Abuse Issues."
- **Judy Fudge** of Osgoode Hall Law School is the Douglas McK. Brown Visiting Chair in Law and teaches the course *Feminist Legal Studies*. She presents "Exclusion, Segregation, Discrimination and Privatisation: Law, the Canadian State and Women Public Servants, 1908-1998" in the CFLS Lecture Series.

Faculty & Research

- **Claire Young** is appointed the Dunhill Madden Butler Chair in Women and the Law at the University of Sydney in Australia for February to May 1999.
 - Work begins on the research project **The Challenge of Change: Rethinking Law as Discipline** funded by the UBC Hampton Fund. The CFLS is a catalyst for the project and houses the meetings of the research group. Marilyn MacCrimmon and Ruth Buchanan are principal investigators and several other faculty members are co-investigators. Articles are published in (2001) 20 *Windsor Yearbook of Access to Justice*.
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1999-2000

Women and the Law Dinner

- **Sharon McIvor** is the first First Nations woman to be keynote speaker at the annual Women and the Law Dinner.

Faculty Publications

- **Canadian Feminist Literature on Law: An Annotated Bibliography** by Susan B. Boyd (with Josée Bouchard and Elizabeth Sheehy) is published as Volume 11 of the *Canadian Journal of Women and the Law* (1999).

CFLS Lecture Series

- Speakers in the CFLS Lecture Series include:

- **Dr. Sylvia Tamale** (Makerere University, Uganda) on "Women and Parliamentary politics in Uganda"; and
 - **Luningning Alcuitas** on "Human Rights from the Perspective of Philippine Domestic Workers."
 - **Hester Lessard** (Faculty of Law, University of Victoria) is a Visiting Scholar at the Allard School of Law. She presents her research on university harassment policies in the CLFS Lecture Series.
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2000-2001

- The CFLS launches a **Feminist Mentorship Program** to link women students and women legal professionals.

Projects & Publications

- The CFLS begins its collaboration with the **Poverty and Human Rights Project** directed by Shelagh Day and Gwen Brodsky and funded by the Law Foundation of BC.
- Ruth Buchanan publishes **Gender on the Line: Technology, Restructuring, and the Reorganization of Work in the Call Centre Industry** (Status of Women Canada, 2000).
- Claire Young publishes **Women, Tax & Social Programs: The Gendered Impact of Funding Social Programs Through the Tax System** (Status of Women Canada, 2000).

CFLS Lecture Series

- Speakers in the CFLS Lecture Series include:
 - **Annabel Webb** ("Seeking Justice for Girls Living in Poverty");
 - **Tanis Doe** ("Difficult Choices? Women, Fetal Disability, and Equality Rights in Canada); and
 - **Anita Braha** ("A Feminist's Law Practice: Practicalities and Possibilities").

Visiting Scholars

- Visiting scholars include:
 - **Prof. Sanda Rodgers** (former dean of the Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa), who speaks on "Institutional Abuse & Alternative Remedies: Constructing a Feminist Process for Compensating Survivors"; and
 - **Dr. Gwen Brodsky**, who speaks on "Women and Poverty: What's New in the Supreme Court of Canada."
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2001-2002

Faculty

- **Marlee Kline** is awarded the **2001 J.C. Smith Scholar Award** in recognition of her outstanding contributions to the Allard School of Law.
- Funds donated from that award to the CFLS are used to establish the **Marlee G. Kline Essay Prize**.
- UBC suffers a great loss with the death of **Marlee Kline** of leukemia on November 29, 2001.
- **Marilyn MacCrimmon** takes early retirement, but continues as an associate of the CFLS.

CFLS Lecture Series

- Speakers in the CFLS Lecture Series include:
 - **Jennifer Chan-Tiberghien** ("The Intersection of Gender and Race: Report from the Durban World Conference");
 - **Nitya Iyer** ("Negotiating Work and Family: Feminism After Law School"); and
 - **Madam Justice Lynn Smith** ("The Legal Profession and Women's Equality").

Visiting Scholars

- **Margot Young** (Faculty of Law, University of Victoria) is appointed as the Walter S. Owen Visiting Chair at UBC for 2001-02. She delivers "Equality in Times of Cutbacks" to the CFLS Lecture Series.
- Other visiting scholars include:
 - **Jenni Millbank** (University of Sydney), who speaks on "Imagining Otherness: Refugee Claims on the Basis of Sexuality in Canada and Australia" in the CFLS Lecture Series; and
 - **Sundhya Pahuja** (University of Melbourne), who speaks with **Ruth Buchanan** on "Postcards from the Edge: Feminist Methods, Globalization and the Law."

Other Projects

- The CFLS launches **LawFemme**, a semi-annual Newsletter.
 - Several articles on legal knowledge and legal education are published by UBC feminist professors in Windsor Yearbook of Access to Justice, vol. 20. The articles are products of the project **The Challenge of Change: Rethinking Law as Discipline**, funded by the UBC Hampton Fund.
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2002-2003

Faculty & Visiting Scholars

- **Dr. Catherine Dauvergne** is appointed to the Allard School of Law as the Canada Research Chair in Migration Law. She is the keynote speaker at the 26th Annual "Women in the Law" Dinner.
- **Margot Young** is a Visiting Professor during 2002-03 and is appointed formally to the Allard School of Law July 1, 2003, taking up the position in Law and Social Justice.
- **Dr. Sharon Cowan** of the University of Warwick School of Law is a Visiting Scholar during August 2002, and presents her work on Sexual Identity and Law.

Publications & Projects

- Susan Boyd publishes **Child Custody, Law, and Women's Work** (Toronto: Oxford University Press, 2003).
- The Poverty and Human Rights Project organizes a colloquium on "**Poverty: Rights, Social Citizenship and Governance.**"

CFLS Lecture Series

- Speakers in the CFLS Lecture Series include:
 - **Dr. Lise Gotell** ("Same-sex Marriage and the Construction of the New Good Queer");
 - **Dr. Ljiljana Biukovic** ("New Rules for the Club: The EU Response to the International Problem of Human Trafficking in the Candidate Countries"); and
 - **Dr. Gwen Brodsky** ("Poverty and Human Rights").
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2003-2004

CFLS Lecture Series

- The first lecture in the CFLS Lecture Series was given by newly appointed **Dean Mary Anne Bobinski** on "Women and Health Care Reform in the United States."
- Other CFLS lectures included:
 - **Gayle Horii** ("My Equality Challenge Against Correctional Service of Canada"); and
 - **Nitya Iyer** ("Pay Equity: Where Do We Go From Here?")
- **Annabel Webb**, Legal Advocate and Co-founder of Justice For Girls presented a talk in the CFLS Lecture Series on "The Pink Book' - Seeking Justice for Girls Under the Youth Criminal Justice Act." LL.B. students Patricia Cochran and Kat Kinch worked pro bono for Justice for Girls.

Other events

- The Centre for Feminist Legal Studies co-sponsored a talk by **Her Excellency Mu Sochua**, the Minister of Women's and Veteran's Affairs in Cambodia, titled "**Women's Voices in Nation Building: Lessons Learned from the Cambodian Election in Building Democracy.**"
- On May 7 and 8, 2004 CFLS co-hosted a workshop with the Peter Wall Institute for Advanced Studies and the SFU Feminist Institute for Studies on Law and Society on "**Feminist, Law and Social Change: (Re)Action and Resistance.**"

Visiting Scholars

- Visiting scholar **Fiona Raitt** of the Faculty of Law, University of Dundee, Scotland presented her paper, "The Children's Rights Movement and the Feminist Response" to the CFLS Lecture Series in February 2004.

Faculty Achievements

- Professor **Susan Boyd** is designated as a UBC Scholar at the Centre for Research in Women's Studies and Gender Relations during fall 2003, and as one of four Distinguished UBC Scholars in Residence with the Peter Wall Institute for Advanced Studies for the calendar year of 2004, to work on her SSHRC funded project (Re)Forming Child Custody Law in Canada.
 - **Catherine Dauvergne** obtains funding from Status of Women Canada for "Understanding the Effects of Canada's New Immigration and Refugee Protection Act on Women Asylum Seekers."
 - **Professor Claire Young** is awarded the Thérèse F. Casgrain Fellowship for research on the social and economic interests of women.
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2004-2005

Research Projects

- Margot Young (Co-Investigator), "**The Social Rights Accountability Project,**" SSHRCC CURA Research Grant, 2004-09 (\$1 million).
- Margot Young (Researcher), "**Re-defining Public Services in British Columbia: Challenges to Economic Security and Alternative Possibilities,**" SSHRCC CURA Research Grant, 2004-09 (\$1 million).
- Susan Boyd (Principal Investigator), "**Motherhood: Shifting Conceptions in Law and Society,**" Hampton Grant, awarded March 2005, for 2 years - \$47,438.

Faculty Achievements

- **Susan Boyd** was the **Distinguished UBC Scholar in Residence** with the Peter Wall Institute for Advanced Studies for 2004 (<http://www.pwias.ubc.ca/>). During her term, Professor Boyd organised a PWIAS workshop that was co-sponsored by the CFLS.

CFLS Lecture Series

- The **Inaugural Marlee Kline Lecture in Social Justice: The Honourable Judge Mary Ellen Turpel Lafond**, Saskatchewan Provincial Court of Justice, Thursday, October 14, 2004. Dr. Turpel-Lafond spoke on Women in Leadership and Advocacy for Children. A member of the Muskeg Lake Cree Nation, Dr. Turpel-Lafond was the first Aboriginal woman judge on the Saskatchewan bench.
- Speakers at the annual lecture series include:
 - **Ann Livingston & Chantal Brunet** of the Vancouver Area Network of Drug Users ("Issues for Women who Use Illicit Drugs");
 - **F. Pearl Eliadis** ("Out of the Wreckage: Rwanda's Women and the Genocide");
 - **Kim Pate** ("Confessions of a Recovering Lawyer: Why Prisons are the Latest Answer to Poverty, Homelessness and Mental Illness"); and
 - **Dr. Joyti Gupta** from the Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta ("The Life of the Law - A Film on Gender and Alternative Dispute Mediation Practices in West Bengal, India").

Other Events

- **Women Law Students Project:** Centre students assisted Susan Boyd in preparing a talk on Women Law Students in the Early 21st Century for the Women's Practice and Equality Issues Subsection, CBA, Vancouver.
- On May 2 and 3, 2005, CFLS co-hosted a **workshop with the Canadian Journal of Women and the Law**. Eleven feminist scholars presented papers at the workshop, and each paper was followed by comments and discussion. The sessions were held at the Wall Institute and the Allard School of Law. A reception was hosted at the CFLS.
- Several **student visitors from Korea**, Hye Jim Kim, Hae Jung Park, and Ji Hyun Kim were welcomed at the Centre from Sookmyung Women's University on July 19, 2004. They spoke with CFLS Director Susan Boyd and Student Coordinator, Kerry Lynn Okita about the status of women in Canada both generally within Canadian society and within the legal system. Their main interests were how women are treated within the legal system after divorce and within the family law.

2005-2006

Events

- **Allard School of Law Jubilee Session: Celebrating Women in the Law.** The CFLS was proud to host a session in celebration of the law school's jubilee festivities. Professor Catherine Dauvergne discussed her Status of Women Canada Project, "Gendering Asylum," and Professor Margot Young talked about her work as a member of the "Social Rights Accountability Project." Audience members were then

invited to enjoy refreshments and engage in informal discussions about the Centre and its projects.

- The **UVic/UBC Feminist Student Symposium**. The first annual event entitled "Women in Law: Studying and Beyond" fostered and encouraged a wider community among women students and faculty between the UVic and UBC Faculties of Law. Held over January 27th and 28th, 2006, this event allowed students to collaborate and identify strategies to overcome the obstacles facing them in law school and in their future legal careers. Turnout for this event exceeded expectations and generated very positive feedback.
- **Feminist Workshop for Legal and Socio-Legal Scholars** (May 27, 2006). The Centre co-hosted a one-day workshop for feminist legal and socio-legal scholars with Osgoode Hall Law School's Institute for Feminist Legal Studies.

CFLS Lecture Series

- Speakers at the annual lecture series include:
 - **Madam Justice Marion Allan** of the B.C. Supreme Court ("Should Elder Law Be Considered A Feminist Issue?");
 - **Eileen Skinnider** from International Centre for Criminal Law Reform and Criminal Justice Policy ("Darfur and Sexual Assault in International Humanitarian Law"); and
 - **Doris Buss** of the University of Ottawa Faculty of Law ("Finding the Prime Suspect: International Criminal Law, Feminism and Imperialism").
- **2nd Annual Marlee Kline Lecture in Social Justice**. Centre students and faculty organized this well-attended lecture and a visit to the Faculty by **Professor Didi Herman**, Professor of Law and Social Change, Kent University, England, "An Unfortunate Coincidence: Jews and Jewishness in English Courts" (Monday October 24, 2005).

Visiting Scholars

- The Centre welcomed **Professor Yolanda Cano Galan** of Universidad Rey Juan Carlos, Madrid, Spain. Yolanda's research looks at fighting harassment against women and Canada's contribution to the debate.
- The Centre was also privileged to have **Margaret Denike** as a visiting scholar. Margaret was an Assistant Professor in the Program in Gender Equality & Social Justice at Nipissing University. Her research focuses on the Charter of Rights and Freedoms and recent feminist critical analyses to elucidate the implications and effects of the Law test for current and future Charter equality litigation.

Events

- The **CFLS and the National Judicial Institute** hosted a delegation of judges from the Philippines on the topic of **Gender and Judicial Process in Canada** during October 2006.
- **The CFLS 10th Anniversary.** As part of its Tenth Anniversary celebrations, and with generous funding support from the Vancouver Foundation, the Centre held a one-day Community Consultation on January 19, 2007 at the Peter Wall Institute for Advanced Studies. Representatives from 15 Vancouver organizations working on women's issues joined feminist law professors to reflect on past collaborations and to discuss future projects.
- Also, on January 19, 2007 the Centre for Feminist Legal Studies celebrated its 10th Anniversary at the Centre and launched the publication of the in-depth research-study **Gendering Canada 's Refugee Process.** The research study, conducted by Catherine Dauvergne, Leonora Angeles, Agnes Huang and the Project Team, provided a gender-based analysis of the refugee application process in Canada.
- On February 27, 2007 the Centre celebrated its 10th Anniversary at UBC Robson Square with support from the Vancouver Foundation. The event was well attended by many friends of the Centre including lawyers, judges and community activists.
- Kim Brooks and Susan Boyd organized the workshop: **Why and How? Theoretical and Methodological Directions in Law, Feminism, Gender and Sexuality,** Peter Wall Institute for Advanced Studies, UBC, August 24-26, 2006. The workshop was co-sponsored by the Centre and the UK Centre on Law, Gender and Sexuality. Other sponsors included the Canadian Journal of Women and the Law and the Allard School of Law. Kim and Susan are co-editing a special issue of the CJWL based on the workshop papers.
- Britt Skinner and Susan Boyd represented the Centre at the **University of Victoria Association for Women and the Law Conference: Branching Out: Contemporary Challenges to Feminist Advocacy,** Victoria, March 2007.

Faculty Achievements

- **Catherine Dauvergne** received an award from the Australian Research Council: Discovery Grants Program to conduct a study titled "An International Comparative Analysis of Refugee Decision Making" during 2006-2008. Dauvergne was Partner investigator with Jenni Millbank, University of Sydney as Chief Investigator.

CFLS Lecture Series

- The **3rd Annual Marlee Kline Lecture in Social Justice:** CFLS student volunteers and faculty organized the well-attended evening lecture on "Rights-based Development" by Professor Lucie White, Louis A. Horwitz Professor of Law at Harvard Law School on October 19, 2007. Professor White's work examines poverty and social inequality, and is focused on how lawyers and students can make a difference in alleviating the problems of poverty.

- Speakers in the annual lecture series include:
 - **Ratna Kapur**, Centre for Feminist Legal Research, India ("Who's the fanatic now? Unveiling the Politics of 'Secular Feminism' in Constitutional Rights Discourse");
 - **Denise Réaume** from the University of Toronto Faculty of Law ("Rewriting Equality: Law v. Canada (Women's Court of Canada)"); and
 - **Shelley Gavigan** of Osgoode Hall Law School ("High Law, Low Law and Discourses of Criminalization: Aboriginal Women and Girls in the NWT Criminal Court, 1876 - 1903").

Visiting Scholars

- This year the Centre welcomed visiting scholar **Zhao Ming**, the section chief of the Department of Protection of Women's Rights and Interests from the All China Women's Federation of Beijing. She visited at the CFLS for one year, supported by the China Scholarship Council.
- In November 2006, the CFLS welcomed **Matthew Weait** a Lecturer in Law at Keele University who researches theories of responsibility in criminal law, legal responses to people living with HIV/AIDS and the legal regulation of same-sex relationships.
- In the spring term of 2007, the CFLS welcomed **Elizabeth Bruch**, a faculty member of Valparaiso Law School. She gave a lecture on "Culture of Compliance: Considering the Role of Domestic Courts in International Human Rights Litigation" as part of the CFLS speaker series.
- From January 20, 2007 to February 20, 2007, **Shelley Gavigan**, an Osgoode law faculty member, visited the CFLS.
- In April 2007, **Ruthann Robson** visited the CFLS and on April 28, 2007 presented the keynote lecture "Sexual Freedoms in Global Perspective" for the 'Standard Margins: Contemporary Issues in Canadian Law and Sexuality' conference hosted by UBC Outlaws.

Initiatives for Students

- In honour of the mother of Professor Claire Young, starting in 2007 the **Auriol Gurner Young Memorial Award** has been given annually to a second or third year LL.B. student who has made a significant contribution to feminism and the law. The first award winner was: Brenda Belak, LL.B. 2008.
- The Allard School of Law saw the addition of **LAW 309C: Topics in Feminist Legal Studies: Sexual Assaults and Related Issues**, taught by Janine Benedet. The goal of this course is to understand and critically evaluate the most recent developments in the criminal law of sexual assault in the context of the historical development of the law of rape in Canada and abroad.

2007-2008

Events

- **CFLS Dialogue on the Law School Environment:** the Centre hosted a dialogue with students and faculty on the law school environment, with a focus on questions of racism, sexism and homophobia, on October 5, 2008.
- **Reception for the Honourable Claire L'Heureux-Dubé:** A reception was held at the CFLS for the Honourable Claire L'Heureux-Dubé in January 2008, after a talk that she offered at the law school (organized by the Women's Caucus).
- Faculty & Upper-Year Students held an **"Exam Tips"** session for students on November 7, 2007.

Book Launches

- The Centre celebrated the publication of two books by UBC Press in 2008. On October 24, 2007 the Centre for Feminist Legal Studies was proud to launch the book *Poverty: Rights, Social Citizenship and Legal Activism*. The book was edited by **Professors Margot Young** and **Susan Boyd** of UBC Faculty of Law, together with **Gwen Brodsky** and **Shelagh Day**, co-directors of the Poverty and Human Rights Centre. The book represents an important collaboration between community groups and university academics, both in its editing process and as a collection of a wide range of activist and academic contributors. This book is dedicated to Louise Gosselin, whose challenge to discriminatory social assistance benefits was decided by the Supreme Court of Canada in 2002.
- The Centre also celebrated the launch of *Reaction and Resistance: Feminism, Law and Social Change* on January 24, 2008. The book was edited by **Dorothy Chunn**, Professor of Criminology and Co-Director of the Feminist Institute for Studies on Law and Society at Simon Fraser University, **Susan Boyd**, and **Hester Lessard**, Professor at University of Victoria Faculty of Law. This collection examines the current state of feminism's most lauded successes and the current policy debates surrounding these various issues.

CFLS Lecture Series

- The **4th Annual Marlee Kline Lecture in Social Justice:** CFLS students and faculty organized the well-attended November 1, 2007 evening lecture on "Memory, Law and Family Secrets" by **Carol Smart**, Professor of Sociology and Co-Director of the Morgan Centre for the Study of Relationships and Personal Life at Manchester, U.K. Professor Smart visited the Faculty of Law for a full week and was a generous and engaged visitor. In addition to the public lecture, Professor Smart presented a paper at the Law and Society Lecture Series entitled "Transitional Moments: Negotiating Personal and Political Life" and met with a number of law students and faculty members. Professor Smart's work examines family life and intimacy and the ways in which people conduct their personal lives. She most recently completed a project that examined gay and lesbian civil partnership and commitment ceremonies.
- Speakers in the weekly lecture series for this year include:
 - **Nitya Iyer** ("The Watson Spratt Case and Access to Abortion");

- **Judy Fudge** (“Substantive Equality, The Supreme Court of Canada and the Limits of Redistribution”);
- **Amber Prince** (“Atira Women’s Resource Society: Providing Feminist Advocacy for Women in the Downtown Eastside”);
- **Cherlyn McKay & Manijeh Ghaffari** (“Navigating the Criminal Justice System: Potential Barriers for Women Survivors of Violence”)
- **Claire Young** (“The Gendered Impact of Funding Pensions Through Tax Expenditures”);
- **Ning Alcuitas-Imperial** (“Philippine Women’s Resistance Against Political Killings and State-Sponsored Terrorism”);
- **Gillian Whitehouse** (“Industrial Relations Systems and Gender Pay Equity: Challenges Under Changing Legislative Frameworks in Australia”);
- **Janine Benedet** (“Prostitution and the Harms of Harm Reduction”);
- **barbara findlay, Q.C.** (“Through the Looking Glass Queerly: Perspectives of a Queer Lawyer”);
- **June McCue** (“Twenty-five Years of Charter Litigation: the Impact on First Nations”);
- **Gwen Brodsky** (“New Developments in Law: McIvor v. AG (Canada)”);
- **Fiona Kelly** (“Transforming Law’s Family: The Legal Recognition of Planned Lesbian Motherhood”);
- **Asifa Quraishi** (“Western Advocacy for Muslim Women: It’s Not Just the Thought that Counts”);
- **Van Le** (“Violence Against Women from a Feminist Anti-Violence Perspective”);
- **Valerie Oosterveld** (“Making Gender Matter in International Criminal Justice”);
- **Zara Suleman** (“Families, Law Reform and Women”);
- **Audrey Macklin** (“Particularized Citizenship and its Perils”);
- **Susan Boyd & Janine Benedet** (“Looking Forward: The Contributions of Madam Justice Bertha Wilson”);
- **Elaine Craig** (“Laws of Desire: The Political Morality of Public Sex”); and
- **UBC Feminist Faculty** (“SCC Round-Up: Annual Review of Feminist Jurisprudence”)

Visiting Scholars

- This year the Centre welcomed visiting scholar **Miyoung Gu**, a Ph.D. candidate from the Seoul National University in South Korea. Miyoung visited at the Centre for six months, reviewing Canadian employment discrimination law in the light of substantive equality and comparing U.S., U.K., and South Korean law, as well as exploring the potential of employment discrimination law to combat the feminisation of poverty in an era of neo-liberalism. Miyoung audited two classes at the UBC Faculty of Law: Women, Law and Social Change and Issues of Equality and Social Justice. She also delivered a lecture on “A Comparative Analysis of Evidentiary Standards in American and Canadian Discrimination Cases” at the UBC Graduate Students Conference in April 2008.

Feminist Courses

- **Professor Jennifer Conkie** offered **LAW 307: Women, Law and Social Change**, which surveyed the history of feminist legal thought and feminist work in law, with a focus on Canada.
- **Professor Susan Boyd** offered **LAW 365: Women, Law, and Family**, a seminar that provided a forum for in-depth consideration of feminist critical perspectives on the relationship between law and unequal relations within families.
- **Professor Margot Young** offered **LAW 372D: Poverty: Human Rights, Social Citizenship and Legal Activism**, a seminar that examined different issues relevant to the legal analysis of poverty in Canada.
- **Professor Janine Benedet** offered **LAW 405D: Topics in Criminal Law: Sexual Assault**, which examined recent developments in the criminal law of sexual assault in the context of the historical development of the law of rape in Canada and abroad.

Faculty Achievements

- **Susan Boyd** received a UBC Law Alumni Research Award for 2008.
- **Isabel Grant** received the “Dr Albert J. McClean Faculty Scholar Award” in recognition of her continued service to the Faculty in a range of areas.

Projects & Publications

- **Janine Benedet** received a 3-year \$47,404 grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada for her project “Yes means no: capacity, voluntariness and informed consent in Canadian sexual assault law”.
- **Susan Boyd & Fiona Kelly** received a 3-year \$106,445 grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada for their project on *Autonomous Motherhood? A Socio-Legal Investigation*. The project will run from 2008-2011. Other co-investigators are Dorothy Chunn (SFU Sociology) and Wanda Wieggers (University of Saskatchewan Law).
- **Susan Boyd & Fiona Kelly** received a one-year \$20,000 grant from the Law Foundation of British Columbia for a related project *Autonomous Motherhood, Changing Family Norms and Law Reform*. The project will run from 2008-2009.
- **Family Law Reform Project**: The Centre began a review of the B.C. *Family Relations Act* in collaboration with West Coast LEAF. The project, which was supported by funding from the Law Foundation of British Columbia, created a dialogue with community advocates, frontline workers and lawyers, to ensure that its law reform strategies are grounded in the realities and challenges being faced by women on a daily basis. The role of the CFLS is to conduct research on areas of law that are being reformed, such as custody and access law, and to locate research that has been conducted in Canada and other countries on the impact of legislative reform. Several students worked on this project during summer 2007. They assisted Susan Boyd with her presentation on family law reform issues relevant to women leaving abusive relationships to WAVAW, Vancouver, August 8, 2007. Fiona Kelly and Susan Boyd also presented on the child custody and parenting law reform process to Ad Hoc Committee on Custody and Access, Vancouver, August 17, 2007. See the

[“Collaborating on Family Law Reform”](#) (September 2007) 20:3 LEAFlet: the newsletter of West Coast LEAF 3 online.

Student Initiatives

- The **Feminist Mentorship Program**, initiated in 2001, continued this year to create a supportive link between female law students and a variety of women who are practising law or in an alternative legal career.
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2008-2009

Events

- **Equity Week:** The CFLS sponsored, helped organize, and hosted several events for UBC's Equity Week including:
 - **Pooja Parmar's** lecture, "Rewriting Rights: 'Learning to Learn from Below'".
 - The Centre also hosted an **Intersectionality Coffeehouse** on February 25, 2009. This open forum and dialogue with students was facilitated by faculty, and CFLS Steering Committee members, Fiona Kelly and Margot Young. The discussion focused on examining how socially and culturally constructed categories inter-relate to create systems of oppression in the law school environment, how the law informs feminist perspectives, and how the law can be used as a tool to further social justice. Annabel Webb, co-founder of Justice for Girls and the Social Justice Visitor for spring term 2009, was in attendance to offer her insights on these issues.

CFLS Lecture Series

- **5th Annual Marlee Kline Lecture in Social Justice:** CFLS students and faculty organized the well-attended October 16, 2008 evening lecture on "Racializing Disability" by **Camille Nelson**, Professor of Law at the St. Louis University School of Law. In addition to the public lecture, Professor Nelson hosted a roundtable discussion on interracial relationships and met with a number of law students and faculty members.
- Speakers in this year's annual lecture series include:
 - **Mosope Fagbongbe**, Ph.D. Candidate, Allard School of Law ("Women's Rights and Proposed African Court of Justice and Human Rights: Challenges and Prospects");
 - **Harsha Walia**, Community organizer, Legal Researcher, DTES and Migrant Justice Advocate, Co-sponsored with Law Students of Colour United ("How Effective Is the Law as a Tool for Social Change?"); and
 - **Erika Rackley**, Lecturer, Durham Law School, Durham University ("From Difference to Diversity: A UK Perspective on Women, Judging and the Judiciary").

Visiting Scholars

- **Neil Cobb**, Lecturer, Durham Law School, Durham University. While visiting, Neil furthered his research on the 2008 decision of the UK Employment Appeals Tribunal in *Ladele v. Islington Borough Council*, and the wider impact of this decision for gay rights in the U.K.
- **Margaret Davies**, Professor, School of Law, Flinders University. While visiting she furthered her work on the intersections amongst feminisms, secularism, religious perspectives, and legal systems.
- **Erika Rackley**, Senior Lecturer, Durham Law School, Durham University. While visiting she furthered her research on Brenda Hale, and the wider impact of women, judging, and the judiciary in the U.K. for diversity issues.
- **Jackie Jones**, Senior Lecturer in Law, Bristol Law School, UWE. While visiting she furthered her research on feminism and the issue of devolution in Wales.
- Each visitor presented in the **CFLS Lecture Series**.

CFLS Co-sponsorships

- The **Social Justice Visiting Scholars Programme 2008-09**.
 - The Social Justice Community Scholar in fall 2008 was **Susan Henry**, community advocate at First United Church.
 - The Social Justice Community Scholar in spring 2009 was **Annabel Webb**, co-founder of Justice for Girls.
 - CFLS Steering Committee member, **Margot Young**, was the administrator of the SJCSP in 2008-09.
 - A visit to the Allard School of Law by **Beverly Jacobs**, President of the Native Women's Association of Canada, Beverly Jacob's lecture, "Reclaiming Our Way of Being," addressed Aboriginal women's legal issues, specifically with regard to Bill C-31.
 - A visit of the **Women's Court of Canada** to the Allard School of Law in March 2009. CFLS Steering Committee member, Margot Young, was the Organizer and Facilitator of the event.
 - **Beyond Critique**, a series of panels at the Law and Society Conference. The Centre supported a reception (\$116.62) for delegates participating in this series of panels in Montreal, June 29, 2008. Participants included colleagues from the CFLS and the UK Centre on Law, Gender and Sexuality.
 - **Commemorating a Century of South Asian Presence in Canada**, November 17-23, 2008. The Centre supported a panel at this conference organized by Professor Sunera Thobani (WMST).
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2009-2010

Events

- This year the **CFLS Annual Celebration**, held January 30, 2010, included a celebration of the publication of Justice Bertha Wilson: *One Woman's Difference*,

Kim Brooks (ed) UBC Press, 2009. The book contains essays by UBC Professors Janine Benedet, Susan Boyd, Isabel Grant and Janis Sarra. We also celebrated the 50th anniversary of the second wave of the Canadian women's movement.

CFLS Lecture Series

- **The 6th Annual Marlee Kline Lecture in Social Justice:** CFLS student volunteers and faculty organized the March 25th 2010 evening lecture at the UBC First Nations House of Learning on "DE(CON)STRUCTION: Canadian Law and Indigenous Women" by **Dr. Tracey Lindberg**. Dr. Lindberg is of Cree and Metis Citizenship. A graduate of the University of Saskatchewan, Harvard University, and University of Ottawa Law Schools, she is a Governor General Gold Medalist and award winning author for her work on Critical Indigenous Legal Theory. Her first book is a jointly authored work on the doctrine of discovery and is being published by Oxford University Press in 2010. In 2011, she and Elder Maria Campbell and Priscilla Campeau are publishing a book on violence against Indigenous women with Purich Publishing. In addition to her legal writing, Dr. Lindberg has a novel being published by Harper Collins in 2010.
- Speakers in this year's annual lecture series include:
 - **Val Napoleon**, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Alberta ("Thinking about Indigenous Legal Feminist Theory");
 - **Naomi Minwalla**, Barrister & Solicitor, Naomi Minwalla Law Corporation with Successful Refugee Claimant & **Mariam Moussavian**, Interpreter ("Challenges & Triumphs for Female Refugee Claimants in Canada");
 - **Katrina Pacey**, Barrister & Solicitor, PIVOT Legal Society and PIVOT Legal LLP (" A Case Study of the Challenges of Social Justice Lawyering: Litigating Sex Workers' Rights"); and
 - **Annalee Lepp**, Associate Professor and Chair, Department of Women Studies, UVic, Director, Global Alliance Against Traffic in Women (GAATW) Canada ("Human Trafficking and the 2010 Olympics: A Retrospective on Campaigns and Controversies")

Visiting Scholars

- This year the Centre welcomed visiting scholar, **Belinda Smith**, Senior Lecturer, University of Sydney, Sydney Law School, who visited the Centre during fall term 2009. She furthered her work on inequality, primarily in respect of gender and paid work, and the use of law to address inequality. She presented her work in the CFLS Lecture series.

2010-2011

Events

- The Centre co-sponsored the **Public Forum on Specialized Domestic Violence Courts** at the Vancouver Public Library on October 6th, 2010, with Pivot Legal Society and Battered Women's Support Services. The main purpose of the forum was to spark a discussion on the advantages and disadvantages of specialized domestic violence courts, while keeping victims' best interests in mind. Five distinguished panellists added their voices to the discussion: Professor Jennifer Koshan from the University of Calgary, Wanda Wiegers from the University of Saskatchewan, Inspector Richard Konarski from the RCMP Langley Detachment, Angela Marie MacDougall, the Executive Director of Battered Women's Support Services, and Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond, the Representative for Children and Youth in BC.
- The Centre co-hosted a symposium entitled "**Colonialism, Marginalization and Gendered Violence: Dialogues for Change,**" which engaged in critical reflections on conditions that perpetuate systemic practices of gendered violence, particularly against Aboriginal women in Canada, issues of representation, and organizing to create change. Sessions included:
 - Colonialism and Missing Women (Andrea Smith, Maria Campbell, Tracey Lindberg and Priscilla Campeau), Criminalizing Women: Poverty, Sexuality and Marginalization (Melissa Farley and Rauna Kuokkanen); and
 - Indigenous Women Organizing for Change (Mavis Erickson, Sharon McIvor and Laura Holland).
- The **CFLS Annual Celebration**, held May 24, 2011, included the launch of the book *Transforming Law's Family: The Legal Recognition of Planned Lesbian Motherhood* by UBC Professor Fiona Kelly.

CFLS Lecture Series

- The **7th Annual Marlee Kline Lecture in Social Justice** took place on March 3, 2011. This year's speaker, **Professor Ruthann Robson** gave an inspiring lecture titled "UnSettled."
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2011-2012

CFLS Lecture Series

- The **8th Annual Marlee Kline Lecture in Social Justice** was given by **Professor Hester Lessard** from the Faculty of Law at the University of Victoria on January 26, 2012. Professor Lessard's lecture was titled "Justice and the 'Dream of Democracy': Missing Voices in the Struggle for Insite."
- Speakers in this year's annual lecture series included:

- **Yvonne Zylan**, Visiting Scholar (“Soldiers and Mothers Revisited: Same Sex Marriage, ‘Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell,’ and Legal Discourses of Inclusion”);
- **Sharon McIvor**, Nicola Valley Institute of Technology (“Update on *McIvor v. Canada*, the section 15 constitutional challenge to the status registration provisions of the Indian Act”); and
- **Lise Gotell**, Professor and Chair of Women’s Studies, University of Alberta (“Kinky Sex or Sleeping Spouses: Interrogating the Supreme Court of Canada’s Decision in *R v. J.A.*”)

Visiting Scholars

- **Maria Jimena Avila** (Summer 2011), UNSTA, Argentina. Her research was in the areas of Aboriginal women and affirmative action in politics.
- **Chao-Ju Chen** (Fall 2011), National Taiwan University College of Law. Chao-Ju Chen is an assistant professor at National Taiwan University College of Law, where she teaches legal history and feminist legal theory. Chao-Ju Chen gave a CFLS lecture series lecture on “Choosing the Right to Choose: *Roe v. Wade* and the Legalization of Abortion in Taiwan.”
- **Nikki Godden** (Summer 2011), Durham Law School, UK. Her research is focused on rape victims and the criminal justice system. She presented at the Postgraduate and Early Career Network of Scholars (PECANS) conference, “Interrogating In(Equality),” hosted by CFLS at the Peter Wall Institute for Advanced Studies.
- **Loveday Hodson** (Summer 2011), University of Leicester, UK. Her research last summer focused on international law and women’s rights.
- **Yvonne Zylan** (2011-2012), Hamilton College, Sociology Department, Clinton, NY. Her book, *States of Passion: Law, Identity, and the Social Construction of Desire*, is a study of sexuality, social theory and the law. She also gave a CFLS lecture series lecture on “Soldiers and Mothers Revisited: Same Sex Marriage, ‘Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell,’ and Legal Discourses of Inclusion.”

2012-2013

Events

- The Centre held a **Welcome Back Film and Food event** on 8 January 2013 that included a screening of “Crime After Crime,” a 2011 documentary about an incarcerated victim of domestic violence whose case was taken up by pro bono attorneys through the California Habeas Project
- This year's **Annual Celebration of Feminist Research** was held on 5 March 2013 and included a celebration of Susan Boyd’s election to the Royal Society of Canada

Projects

- “**The BC Family Law Act: A plain language guide for women who have experienced abuse**” was completed as a project of the Centre by Laura Johnston

(J.D. 3), supervised by Susan Boyd. The guide was developed in consultation with women's anti-violence organizations. It provides women navigating the family law system with an accessible tool to understand the new legislation, which makes substantial changes to the laws relating to matrimonial property and child custody.

CFLS Lecture Series

- The 9th **Annual Marlee Kline Lecture in Social Justice** was given by prominent Métis rights lawyer **Jean Teillet** of Pape Salter Teillet LLP, who presented on 17 January 2013. Ms. Teillet's lecture was titled "The Métis of the Northwest: Finding Justice for Invisible People." During her lecture, she described some of the factors that contribute to the invisibility of Métis people – their mobility, the erasure of their geographic boundaries by settlers, the lack of language transmission, and Manitoba's systematic oppression of the Métis from 1869-1885. She also commented on *Daniels v. Canada*, which had been released less than two weeks before the lecture. In this case, the SCC declared that Métis are "Indians" within the meaning of s. 91(24) of the *Constitution Act, 1867*. While acknowledging the favourable decision, she criticized it for watering down true Métis identity. She called on the audience to recognize Métis rights as an important issue of social justice.
- Speakers in this year's annual lecture series included:
 - **Hilla Kerner**, Vancouver Rape Relief & Women's Shelter ("State Collusion with Male Violence Against Women"), Madam Justice Victoria Gray, Supreme Court of British Columbia ("Self-Represented Women Litigants and the Law of Evidence"); and
 - **Justice Donna Martinson**, BC Supreme Court (retired) ("Violence Against Women and BC's New *Family Law Act*: Will There Be Meaningful Change?")

Visiting Scholars

- **Efrat Arbel** (2012-2014), CFLS Postdoctoral Fellow. Efrat is the Centre's first postdoctoral affiliate, funded by SSHRC. She sits on the CFLS steering committee, and is actively involved in the activities of the Centre. Her current research examines the U.S.-Canada border as a site through which to study the relationship between constitutional law, migration law, and criminal law. As part of this research, she was a Visiting Fellow at Oxford University's Centre for Criminology in 2013. Efrat spoke in the CFLS lecture series on 13 November 2012.
- **Donna Martinson** (2012-2014), BC Supreme Court Justice (retired). Her research examines how family and criminal courts deal with violence against women and children, and the failure to coordinate between the two systems. A former UBC Law faculty member, she is doing judicial education and will collaborate with faculty members and students at UBC Law who are interested in these issues. She spoke in the CFLS lecture series on 5 February 2013.
- **Victoria Gray** (2012-2013), BC Supreme Court Justice. Justice Victoria Gray is a current judge working in the Centre to research self-represented litigants and the rules of evidence in the BCSC. She spoke in the CFLS lecture series on 23 October 2012.

- **Yun-hsien (Diana) Lin** (Summer 2012), National Tsing Hua University, Taiwan. Diana's research at UBC looked at legal issues of posthumous assisted reproduction and its implications on procreative autonomy.
 - **María Teresa García-Berrio Herná** (Fall 2012), Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Spain. María was at CFLS for two weeks conducting a comparative study between Canada and Spain and their respective legislation on the political representation of women.
 - **Kathryn McNeily** (Fall 2012), Queen's University Belfast, Northern Ireland. Kathryn investigated the subjectivity of women under international human rights law.
 - **Philip Dennis Bremner** (Spring 2013), University of Exeter, UK. Philip spent 10 weeks conducting a comparative study of the legal regulation of same-sex parenting arrangements in the UK and Canada.
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2013-2014

Events

- On May 26–27, 2014, feminist and pro-feminist scholars in multiple disciplines from Canada, the United States, Australia, New Zealand, Israel, the United Kingdom, Poland, Sweden, and Taiwan gathered at UBC's Peter Wall Institute, to participate in a workshop titled **“Men's Groups: Challenging Feminism.”** The workshop was organized by Susan Boyd, Professor of Law and Chair in Feminist Legal Studies at the UBC Faculty of Law, and was co-sponsored by the Centre for Feminist Legal Studies.
- The CFLS co-sponsored the **International Women's Day Event** held by the Canadian Centre for Elder Law on March 6, 2014 at UBC Robson Square. The “Older Women's Dialogue Project: Stories of Strength and Resilience” allowed us to hear first-hand the challenges faced by older women from diverse communities across the Lower Mainland.
- The CFLS made a **written submission to the Benchers of the Law Society of British Columbia** opposing the approval of future Trinity Western University graduates for admission to the bar of British Columbia. This submission was drafted according to our policy of taking public positions only on issues of sex inequality that arise within the educational context and are directly related to our mandate as a research centre on law and feminism.
- The Centre hosted a **Women Judges Mentorship Session** on 12 November 2013: A select group of students were invited to join a panel of women judges for an intimate lunch and opportunity to ask questions and network.

- This year's **Annual Celebration of Feminist Research** on 3 April 2014 included recognition and celebration of numerous faculty publications and a farewell to Claire Young on her retirement.

CFLS Lecture Series

- The 10th **Annual Marlee Kline Lecture in Social Justice** was given by prominent feminist filmmaker, author, and disability rights activist **Bonnie Sherr Klein**, who presented on 30 January 2014. Ms. Sherr Klein's lecture was titled "I Am Who You Are."
- Speakers in this year's lecture series included:
 - **Marcie Summers**, Executive Director, Positive Women's Network ("Positive Women: Exposing Injustice");
 - **Melina Buckley**, Vancouver Lawyer & Member of the Equality Effects' 160 Girls Legal Team ("Litigating Accountability and Protection: Ending Sexual Violence Against Girls in Africa"); and
 - **Gwen Brodsky**, Distinguished Visiting Scholar, UBC Law ("Governments as Litigators in Human Rights Cases: Guarantors or Opponents of Rights?")

Faculty Achievements

- CFLS Faculty Director **Janine Benedet** was awarded both the CBABC 2014 Equality & Diversity Award and the UBC Killam Teaching Prize in 2014.

CFLS Updates

- The Centre's **LawFemme newsletter** published its final paper issue in February 2013. Current events and news are now being published on the Centre's website, Facebook and Twitter.

2014-2015

Student Initiatives

- A new initiative in the 2014-2015 year, the **Feminist Student Discussion group** met monthly in the Marlee Kline Room throughout the fall and spring semesters. The group is open to students of all years and genders and is an informal way for students to engage with the CFLS, meet feminist peers, and chat about contemporary issues involving feminism and the law.

CFLS Lecture Series

- The 11th **Annual Marlee Kline Lecture in Social Justice** was delivered by **Dr. Colleen Flood**, Professor and Research Chair in Health Law and Policy, University

of Toronto on 26 March 2015. Her lecture was titled “The Poverty of Health Human Rights in Canada.”

- Speakers at this year's weekly lecture series included:
 - **Laverne Jacobs**, Professor and Director of Graduate Studies, University of Windsor Law School (“Do ‘disabled’ voices make a difference? Exploring equality and fairness in the enactment of accessibility standards”);
 - **Lee Lakeman**, Lifetime member, Vancouver Rape Relief, Doctor of Laws (Hon.) (UBC 2013) (“Violence Against Women: Fight as a Crime or as a Social Problem?”);
 - **Dawn Fowler**, Canadian Director, National Abortion Federation (NAF) (“Abortion in Canada: The Current State of Affairs”);
 - **Donna Martinson**, Former Justice, BC Supreme Court, & **Dr. Margaret Jackson**, Director, FREDA Centre for Research on Violence Against Women and Children (“A Dangerous Disconnect: Multiple Court Processes and Intimate Partner Violence”);
 - **Shelagh Day**, Director of the Poverty and Human Rights Centre and Chair of the Human Rights Committee of the Canadian Feminist Alliance for International Action (“Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls in BC: The Inter-American Commission on Human Rights Breaks New Grounds”); and
 - **Kasari Govender**, Executive Director, West Coast LEAF (“#Cybermisogyny: Thinking through legal responses to online hate”).

Events

- On Friday, 17 October 2014, the CFLS celebrated the **85th anniversary of the Persons case** in which the Privy Council determined women to be “qualified persons” under the law. To bring awareness to the importance of this milestone, the Centre distributed “I am a Person” stickers to staff and students and displayed informational Persons Day posters throughout Allard Hall. These posters identify five feminist landmarks in and around the law school that celebrate the achievements of women in the law.
- On 28 November 2014, a panel event, **Beyond Work Life Balance: Legal Ethics and Equality for Women Lawyers**, was co-sponsored by the Centre for Business Law and the Centre for Feminist Legal Studies. The theme of the event was that the promotion of equality for women in the legal profession is part of the ethical and professional responsibilities of all lawyers. Among the panelists was CFLS Faculty Director Janine Benedet.
- This year’s **Annual Celebration of Feminist Research** on 22 May 2015 included celebration of numerous publications by feminist faculty members and a heartfelt farewell to Professor Susan Boyd, the first incumbent of the Chair in Feminist Legal Studies and the Director of the Centre for Feminist Legal Studies from 1997 until 2012, on her retirement.

Faculty Achievements

- **Professor Isabel Grant** received the **Georges A Goyer, QC Memorial Award for Distinguished Service, 2014**, awarded by the BC branch of the CBA.
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2015-2016

Student Initiatives

- Continuing last year's initiative, the **Feminist Discussion Group** continued to meet in the Marlee Kline Room to discuss issues relating to law school, feminism, and social justice.

CFLS Lecture Series

- The **12th Annual Marlee Kline Lecture in Social Justice** took place on October 29, 2015. The lecture, entitled "The Terrible Truth About Canadian Crime: No Justice for Indigenous Women" was delivered by **Kim Pate**, Executive Director of the Canadian Association of Elizabeth Fry Societies and Professor of Law at the University of Ottawa.
- Speakers in this year's weekly lecture series included:
 - **Dr. Trish Luker** ("Animating the Archive: Artefacts of Law");
 - **Shelly Johnson** (Mukwa Musayett) ("Indigenous Women Judges, Elders, Clients and Academics in the Provincial First Nations Court");
 - **Alison Symington** ("Consent: HIV Non-Disclosure and Sexual Assault");
 - **Elin Sigurdson & Karey Brooks** ("The Fight for Equal Access to Law School, the Legal Profession, and... the Courts? The Challenges Involving Trinity Western, the Minister of Advanced Education, and the Law Society, OUTLaws, and Trevor Loke");
 - **Irene Tsenpnopoulos-Elhaimer & Adrienne Moya** ("Consent and Women's Experience, Discourse and Legal Dilemmas: Where do we go from here?"); Anne Bhanu Chopra ("Sexual Harrassment in the Legal Profession");
 - **Sheila Wildeman** ("Locating the Subject of Mental Health Law");
 - **The Honourable Marie Deschamps** ("Taking Action on Sexual Misconduct");
 - **Emma Cunliffe** ("Gendered Racial Violence: R v Barton and the Death of Cindy Gladue"); and
 - **Janice Richardson** ("Feminist Perspectives on Privacy").
- Additional lectures sponsored by the Centre included:
 - **Lisa Kelly** ("Policing Child Discipline");
 - **Clara Chapdelaine-Feliciati** ("The concept and Conceptions of Girlhood Under International Law"); and
 - **Emily Grabham** ("Time, 'Remaindered Lives', and the 26 Week Qualifying Period")

- On February 10, 2016, **CFLS Co-Director Janine Benedet** presented her Inaugural Public Lecture entitled "A Revindication of the Rights of Women."
- In conjunction with UBC's Department of Educational Studies, the CFLS hosted the **Paz and Knute Buttedahl Memorial Lecture** on March 10, 2016. **Shelagh Day** delivered a lecture entitled "The National Inquiry on Murders and disappearances of Indigenous Women and Girls: What is it? How Should It Work?"

Events

- On October 18, 2015 the CFLS celebrated the **86th anniversary of the Persons Case**. To acknowledge this milestone and bring awareness to its importance, the CFLS displayed posters on the first floor of Allard Hall identifying five feminist landmarks around the law school that recognize the achievements of women in the law. The Centre also distributed "I am a person" stickers to staff and students around Allard Hall.
- On December 9, 2015 the CFLS, along with the Allard Prize for International Integrity, co-hosted a **film screening and panel discussion** on combatting crimes of sexual violence. The featured film, "Fighting the Silence", is a globally acclaimed documentary about sexual violence against women in the Democratic Republic of Congo.
- Several members of the CFLS attended **West Coast Leaf's 2016 Equality Breakfast** on March 11, 2016. This breakfast presented an opportunity to celebrate women's equality and to think about working together for equality. This year's speakers were the renowned Canadian feminist journalist **Michele Landsberg** and her daughter **Ilana Landsberg-Lewis**, a labour and human rights lawyer and Executive Director of the Stephen Lewis Foundation, which works on HIV/AIDS in Africa.
- The Centre's **Annual Celebration of Feminist Research** was held on March 23, 2016. This event was a wonderful opportunity to launch a report by the honourable Donna Martinson, Q.C. and Dr. Margaret Jackson, entitled "Future Harm: Family Violence and Information Sharing Between Family and Criminal Courts."
- The CFLS is proud to announce the opening of **RISE Women's Legal Centre** in Vancouver. This historic new service is the result of a partnership between the Peter A. Allard School of Law and West Coast LEAF. The full service storefront legal clinic, which opened its doors on May 24, 2016, will allow students and lawyers to work together to provide low-income women with much-needed legal representation in family law and related areas.

Faculty

- The CFLS lost an important member of our community with the passing of **Judy Mosoff** on December 20, 2015. Professor Judith Mosoff was a faculty member at the law school for 24 years. She played a key role in the clinical program before moving to the academic stream, and was a past member of the CFLS steering committee and organizer of the annual Marlee Kline Lecture in Social Justice. The feminist community will likely remember Judy best for her work on law and mothers with mental health issues, as well as her personal integrity and passion for social justice.
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2016-2017

Faculty

- The CFLS welcomed **Debra Parkes** as the incoming Director of the CFLS on January 1, 2017.

Feminist Courses

- This past year, **Professor Debra Parkes** offered **LAW 307: Women, Law and Social Change** in the fall semester.

CFLS Lecture Series

- The **13th Annual Marlee Kline Lecture in Social Justice** took place on November 9, 2016. The lecture, entitled "Canada's First Lesbian Sexual Assault Trial" was delivered by **Constance Backhouse**, Professor of Law at the University of Ottawa
- Speakers in this year's weekly lecture series included:
 - **Kim Pate** ("The Case for Eliminating Segregation in Prison – Not Just Solitary Confinement – For Women");
 - **Brenda L. Gunn** ("Métis Women and Self-Determination: Engaging Indigenous Legal Feminism");
 - **Niki Sharma** ("Law, Gender, and Reconciliation: Residential School Survivors Seeking Justice");
 - **Krista James** ("The Older Women's Dialogue Project: Bringing Age and Gender Analyses Together to Make Visible Hidden Impacts on Older Women");
 - **Kim Hawkins** ("Access to Justice and the Potential of Feminist Legal Education");
 - **Pearl Eliadis** ("Women's Access to Justice: Gender Equality and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development");
 - **Lisa Fong & Kassie Seaby** ("Unreliable Women and Upstanding Men: Sexual Misconduct in Professional Discipline Cases");
 - **Martha Jackman** ("The Legacy of Gosselin")

- Additional lectures sponsored by the Centre included:
 - “Supporting Vulnerable Witnesses – the Use of Courthouse Dogs in Witness Accommodation” by **Winston Sayson, QC** (Surrey Crown Counsel) & **Kim Gramlich**, Delta Police Victim Services (14 February 2017)

Events

- **CFLS 20th Anniversary Reception:** February 9, 2017 was an evening of celebration, as the Centre marked its 20th anniversary with an evening reception. The event was hosted by Dean Dauvergne and attended by former Deans Lynn Smith (under whose deanship the Centre was founded) and Maryanne Bobinski, as well as by Professor Debra Parkes (Chair in Feminist Legal Studies and Director of the CFLS), Professor Emerita Susan Boyd (inaugural Chair in Feminist Legal Studies and inaugural Director of the CFLS), current and retired feminist faculty members, students, and alumni. The event was also an opportunity to recognize Professors Emerita Susan Boyd and Claire Young as Friends of the CFLS, in recognition of their donation of \$20,000, and to invite others to become Friends of the CFLS.
- To mark the **Centre’s 20th anniversary**, a campaign to invite and recognize **Friends of the Centre** was launched in February 2017. In addition to the previous donation made by Professors Emerita Susan Boyd and Claire Young (\$20,000), the Centre received five outright gifts totaling \$1,250, as well as four monthly/recurring gifts totaling \$105/month or \$1,260/year. See the CFLS website for a full list of Friends of the CFLS. These funds will be used for special events such as workshops, symposia, and conferences to promote feminist legal research and community engagement.
- Several members of the CFLS attended **West Coast LEAF’s 2017 Equality Breakfast** on March 10, including several at the Dean’s table. This breakfast presented a great opportunity to celebrate women’s equality and to think about working together for equality. This year’s speaker was **Dr. Cindy Blackstock**, Executive Director of the First Nations Child and Family Caring Society of Canada and Professor at McGill University’s School of Social Work. A member of the Gitksan First Nation, Dr. Blackstock has 25 years of social work experience in child protection and Indigenous children’s rights.
- This year’s **Annual Celebration of Feminist Research** was held on March 14, 2017. The event featured Allard faculty and students who are engaged in research that brings feminist analyses to bear on a range of legal issues – from criminal law to migration, constitutional law, environmental regulation, international law and more.
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 - On March 8, 2017, in celebration of **International Women's Day**, Alison Colpitts and Allison Sharkey, two 1L volunteers, organized a suffragette-themed event celebrating 100 years of the beginning of voting rights for women in British Columbia. Funds raised from the event were donated to Rise Women's Legal Centre.
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2017-2018

Events

- **“Remedying Criminal Injustice: Advocating for Decarceration and Substantive Equality,”** meet and greet with **Senator Kim Pate** held on November 17, 2017.
- **National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women (6 December 2017):** A day to honor the memory of the fourteen women who were murdered at l'École Polytechnique de Montréal, and reflect on the urgency of addressing gender based violence in Canada. The Marlee Kline Room was open for reflection and dialogue for students.
- **“Child Custody, Male Violence, and the Murder of Chloe and Aubrey: A Feminist Conversation,”** panel discussion held on January 12, 2018).
- Chair of Feminist Legal Studies and CFLS Director **Debra Parkes** presented her Inaugural Lecture, **“Women, Law and the Violence of Incarceration”** at the Peter A. Allard School of Law on January 25, 2018.
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Globe and Mail, and author of the award-winning investigative journalism series, *Unfounded*, on the pervasive practice of police “unfounding” of sexual assault complaints across Canada.

- On March 9, 2018, the CFLS held a symposium in honor of **Professor Judith Mosoff**, “Disability, Family, & Law,” which involved approximately 45 people (students, Allard faculty, scholars from other universities, feminist lawyers and community members). This half-day symposium featured a keynote address by Professors Natasha Bakht and Lynda Collins (University of Ottawa) entitled “Are You My Mother? Parentage in a Non-Conjugal Family,” as well as reflections by faculty members, former students, and community members on Professor Mosoff’s contributions to law, legal education, and social policy; and a launch of the special issue of the *Canadian Journal of Family Law* in honour of Professor Mosoff.

CFLS Lecture Series

- The 14th **Annual Marlee Kline Lecture in Social Justice** (31 January 2018): This year, the Centre was pleased to welcome **Jacinta Ruru**, Professor in the Faculty of Law at the University of Otago and Co-Director, Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga, New Zealand’s Māori Centre of Research Excellence. Professor Ruru presented the Marlee Kline Lecture in Social Justice on 31 January 2018. Her lecture was titled “Honouring Our Ancestors in Law: Legal Personality and Indigenous Governance of Lands and Waters.” A number of other events were organized for Prof. Ruru’s visit, including a lecture co-presented by the Indigenous Legal Studies Program as part of Indigenous Awareness Week, and a workshop with local lawyers and scholars who work at the intersection of Indigenous laws and environmental protection.
- Speakers in this year's weekly lecture series included:
 - **Suzanne Bouclin** (“Long before OITNB, there was Caged!” film screening and talk);
 - **Fiona Kelly** (“Genetic Detectives: Single Mothers by Choice Who Make Early Contact with their Child’s Sperm or Egg Donor”);
 - Roundtable discussion with **feminist professors at Allard Law**, “Feminisms and Law 101” (held on 10 October 2017);
 - **Kasari Govender & Raji Mangat** (“Litigating for Access: Suing the Government over the Crisis in Family Law Legal Aid”);
 - **Margot Young & Caitlin Shane** (“BC’s Overdose Crisis: What’s Law Got to Do with It?”);
 - **Eva-Maria Svensson** (“Gender Equality in the Governance of the Arctic: A Swedish/Nordic Perspective”);
 - Roundtable of **Allard Law Graduate Students**, Discussion of Feminist Legal Research In-Progress, (held on 16 January 2018);
 - **Jennifer Schulz** (“Mediation, Gender, and Intuitive Intervention”);
 - **Ayesha Chaudhry & Sarah Khan** (“Islamophobia, Freedom of Speech and the limits of Canadian Multiculturalism”);
 - **Hadiya Roderique** (“Black on Bay Street”);

- **Shauna Labman** (“24 Years Later: A Comparative Analysis of the Immigration and Refugee Board’s Gender Guidelines (1993) and Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity and Expression Guidelines (2017)”);
- **Sarah Hunt** (“Decolonizing Access to Justice for Indigenous Women: Reflections on an Inquiry in Process”); and
- **Nadine El-Enany & Sarah Keenan** (“The Remains of Empire: From Grenfell to The Gweagal Shield”).

Feminist Courses

- **Professor Debra Parkes** offered **LAW 307: Women, Law and Social Change** in the Fall 2017 semester.

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2018-2019

Events

- **“Persons Day” - Anniversary of *Edwards v Canada (AG)*** on October 18, 2018. The Centre for Feminist Legal Studies commemorated this historic ruling and served cake at the weekly lecture in celebration.
- **National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women** on **December 6, 2018**, a day to honor the memory of the fourteen women who were murdered at l'École Polytechnique de Montréal, and reflect on the urgency of

addressing gender based violence in Canada. Flowers and some material about the Day of Remembrance and Action were placed on a table in the Hong Kong Lounge on the main floor of Allard Hall, and the Marlee Kline Room was open for reflection and dialogue for students.

- The Centre teamed up with #LawNeedsFeminismBecause to hold an event celebrating **International Women’s Day** on March 8, 2019. The day was commemorated with the launch of the #LawNeedsFeminismBecause photo campaign. The album is shared on both the [UBC #LawNeedsFeminismBecause Facebook page](#) and the [CFLS Facebook page](#). Catering was provided by Tayybeh, a company helmed by Syrian Refugee Women.
- **Celebration of Feminist Research and Book Launch** (19 March 2019): The Centre gathered faculty and students to acknowledge and celebrate feminist research being done at Allard Law. We were lucky to have **Elsbeth Kaiser-Derrick** launch her book *Implicating the System: Judicial Discourses in the Sentencing of Indigenous Women* (Published by University of Manitoba Press) and speak about her process.
- **“Shifting Normativities: Families, Feminisms, Laws” Conference** (9 & 10 May 2019): The CFLS joined the Canadian Journal of Family Law, the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Fund, and the Franklin Lew Innovation Fund in supporting this international conference held at Allard Hall. It brought together an interdisciplinary group of scholars and lawyers from across Canada and around the world to talk about family law and feminist theory. This exciting event celebrates and takes as its jumping off point the many contributions of **Professor Emerita Susan Boyd**, the founding Director of the CFLS, in teaching, research, and advocacy. Coverage of the conference can be viewed by searching #ShiftingNormativities on the CFLS Twitter.

CFLS Lecture Series

- The **15th Annual Marlee Kline Lecture in Social Justice** (15 January 2019): This year, the Centre was pleased to welcome **Sonia Lawrence**, Professor in the Faculty of Law at Osgoode Hall Law School. Professor Lawrence’s lecture was titled "What we talk about when we talk about rights: infinite loops and uncertain futures for feminist legal strategies." Professor Lawrence’s work centers on the legal conception of equality. A reception followed the lecture to facilitate dialogue.
- Speakers in this year's weekly lecture series included:
 - **Leonie Pihama** (“Mana Wahine Waitangi Tribunal Claim”);
 - **Julie MacFarlane** (“What would A2J for Victims of Sexual Violence look like?”);
 - **Donrich Thaldar** (“Tradition and Justice: Legal Developments relating to New Reproductive Technologies in South Africa”);
 - **Elaine Craig** (“Putting Trials on Trial: Sexual Assault and the Failure of the Legal Profession”);
 - **Carol Liao** (“#MeToo and the Boardroom”);

- **Vicky Conway** (“Lawyers4Choice and Repealthe8th: Feminist Legal Academics’ Contribution to Reforming Abortion Law in Ireland” (lecture delivered on 6 November 2018));
- **Kim Brooks** (“The Daily Work of Fitting in as a Marginalized Lawyer”);
- **Lisa Kerr** (“What Equality Means in Sentencing”);
- **Maneesha Deckha** (“Something to Celebrate?: De-listing Dairy in the Canada’s National Food Guide”);
- **Samuel Singer** (“Widening the Lens: Lessons from Canadian Trans Jurisprudence”);
- Black Women in the Law Panel featuring **Melanie Ash**, **Mona Yousif** and **Thelma Zindoga** (“Reflections on ‘Black on Bay Street’ One Year on”);
- **Bethany Hastie** (“‘Unwelcome’: Stereotypes and Gender Myths: Workplace Sexual Harassment Cases at the BC Human Rights Tribunal”); and
- **Robyn Maynard** (“Abolition, the law, and Black Liberation”)

Faculty

- CFLS Director **Debra Parkes** spoke on the “Won’t You Be My Neighbour?” panel at the public KDocs screening of ‘RBG’ at Kwantlen Polytechnic University on February 6, 2019.

Feminist Courses

- **Professor Debra Parkes** offered **LAW 307: Women, Law and Social Change** in the Fall 2018 semester.
- **Professor Regine Tremblay** offered **LAW 342: Topics In Comparative Law: Feminist and Queer Legal Theory** in the Spring 2019 semester.

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Room and the Centre is now collaborating with #LawNeedsFeminismBecause on binding the photos into books to be viewed for years to come.

- **Support during Brett Kavanaugh Hearing and R v Barton Hearing** during the week of October 9, 2018. The CFLS recognized the emotional taxation arising from news coverage surrounding these hearings and invited students and faculty to use the Marlee Kline Room as a safe space. Snacks, tea and a button-maker were available to alleviate stress.
 - The Centre cooperated with Indigenous Legal Studies and the Women's Caucus as well as Kyla Lee of Acumen Law to hold a **suit drive** on February 14, 2019. The suit drive collected and provided suits and workwear to self-identified woman law students for free.
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