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Movements for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights: Critical Reflections

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Background & Questions Driving Our Discussion

The 40th year anniversary of *Roe v. Wade* and the 32nd year of the HIV epidemic provide an opportunity to reflect on and strategize about activist engagement over the last four decades. This gathering of experts will provide an opportunity for those of us working on and writing in the areas of sexual and reproductive health and HIV (defined broadly) to reflect, share, dialogue, and strategize. Several questions will structure our conversation over the course of the roundtable:

- How have legal advocacy, litigation, and activism forwarded the broader goals of the sexual and reproductive health and HIV movements globally and domestically?
- What has been the relationship between legal advocacy, litigation, and activism on sexual and reproductive health and HIV since HIV was first discovered and named?
- What are the limitations of legal strategies on HIV and sexual and reproductive health? Have there been unintended consequences?

Panelists will provide short comments reflecting on their area of work to spark discussion. Panelists will speak to the following:

- What could we have done better? Which legal strategies worked and which did not? Why?
- Who has been excluded from our movements? Who has been included? What drove the inclusion and exclusion from our movements? Who sets agendas? How might we critically reflect on these strategies?

- How have movements in the United States interacted with, shaped, and impacted movements around the world? What does this mean for U.S. activists, lawyers, and advocates? What does this mean for setting agendas? What does this broadly indicate about cross-boarder coalitions and activism between the Global North and Global South?
- How have ideas on feminism, gender, and sexuality travelled? How have these ideas flowered in context? Has this been productive? Complicated? Why? How?
- What is the historic trajectory of the advocacy movement? How does this shape what we do today?
- What are the limitations of the legal and policy advocacy in bringing about the desired outcome?

Day 1

September 12, 2013

Location: McLeod Suites, Third Floor, Curry Student Center

11:00-12:00 – Arrival

12:00-12:30 – Welcome and Introductions

- Welcome from Dean Jeremy Paul, Northeastern University School of Law
- Welcome and Introductions, Aziza Ahmed, Associate Professor of Law, Northeastern University School of Law

12:30-1:30 -- Lunch Speaker: Terry McGovern, Columbia Mailman School of Public Health – *Strategic Choices for Women, HIV, and Human Rights: The Early Days*

1:30-1:45 – Break

1:45 – 4:00 -- Thinking Critically About Sex and Reproduction

Mindy Roseman, Harvard Law School Human Rights Program

Lisa Kelly, Harvard Law School

Rachel Rebouche, Temple Beasley School of Law

Sapna Desai, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (skype)

Carolina Ruiz, University of Toronto

Moderator: Kara Loewentheil, Yale Law School

4:00-4:20 -- Break

4:20 – 6:30 – Thinking Critically About Sex, Sexuality, and Approaches to Sex Work

Libby Adler, Northeastern University School of Law

Vivek Divan, United Nations Development Programme

Rebecca Schleifer, Global Health Justice Project at Yale

Darby Hickey, Best Practices Policy Project
Janie Chuang, American University Washington College of Law
Moderator: Lisa Kelly, Harvard Law School`

6:30-7:00 – Walk to Dinner @ Lucca Back Bay

Dinner Speaker -- Katherine Franke, Columbia Law School

Day 2

September 13, 2013

Location: McLeod Suites, Third Floor, Curry Student Center

8:00-9:00 -- Breakfast and Arrival

9:00-10:45 -- Critical Perspectives on Sex, Sexuality, Sexual Violence, HIV, and Human Rights

Svati Shah, University of Massachusetts, Amherst (skype)
Lina M. Céspedes-Báez, Universidad Del Rosario (Faculty) / Temple Beasley School of Law (SJD)
Andrea Ritchie, Streetwise and Safe
Wendy Parmet, Northeastern University School of Law
Ali Miller, Yale Law School
Moderator: Carole Vance, Columbia Mailman School of Public Health

10:45 – 11:00 -- Break

11:00 – 12:30 -- Critical Perspectives on Gender, Movements, and Identity

Chase Strangio, ACLU
Naina Khanna, Positive Women's Network – U.S.A
Beri Hull/Sonia Haerizadeh, International Community of Women Living with HIV/AIDS
Brook Baker, Northeastern University School of Law
Moderator: Marlene Fried, Hampshire College

12:30-1:45 -- Lunch Speaker: Janet Halley, Harvard Law School, *Sex and Reproductive Justice Inside and Outside the State Today*

2:00-2:15 -- Conclusion