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Introductory Speakers

3:10 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.: Dean Karen Rothenberg, University of Maryland School of Law
Professor Paula Monopoli, Director, Women, Leadership & Equality Program, University of Maryland School of Law

Presentation of Papers *

3:30 P.M. - 3:55 P.M.: Professor Marley Weiss, University of Maryland School of Law

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4:20 P.M. - 4:45 P.M.: Professor Barbara Palmer, American University
Professor Diane Lowenthal, American University

4:45 P.M. - 5:30 P.M.: Question and Answer Session
Moderator: Professor Jana Singer, University of Maryland School of Law

Reception

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Speaker Profiles

Marley Weiss, J.D., Professor of Law, University of Maryland School of Law
Professor Weiss specializes in all facets of labor and employment law, including comparative and international aspects of the field, and has published on a wide range of related topics. She recently published "Two Steps Forward, One Step Back - Or Vice Versa; Labor Rights Under Free Trade Agreements from NAFTA, Through Jordan, Via Chile, To Latin America, and Beyond" in the UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO LAW REVIEW.

Stephen Gottlieb, J.D., Professor of Law, Albany Law School, Union University
Professor Gottlieb's latest book is MORALITY IMPOSED: THE REHNQUIST COURT AND LIBERTY IN AMERICA (NYU Press, 2000). He has written and edited several books in the fields of constitutional law and jurisprudence and is also widely known for his work on the Supreme Court, constitutional theory and election campaign law.

Barbara Palmer, PhD., Academic Director and Assistant Professor, Washington Semester Program in Women and Public Policy, American University
Professor Palmer is an expert on women in congressional elections, sex-discrimination law and Supreme Court process. She has published several articles on the impact of Justices O'Connor and Ginsburg on the Supreme Court, and how incumbency has created the "political glass ceiling" in congressional elections.

Diane Lowenthal, PhD., Assistant Professor, Washington Semester Program in Women and Public Policy, American University
Professor Lowenthal specializes in political decision-making and the role of women in politics. She recently published her article "Can Voters Predict Changes in Their Own Political Attitudes?" in POLITICAL PSYCHOLOGY.

Jana Singer, J.D., Professor of Law, University of Maryland School of Law
Professor Singer teaches Family Law and Constitutional Law. She is the author of FAMILY LAW: CASES, MATERIALS AND PROBLEMS (Matthew Bender, 1998). Professor Singer is a member of the American Law Institute.

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