

2022 Symposium

**THE ERA:  
A NEW GUARANTEE OF SEX EQUALITY  
IN THE U.S. CONSTITUTION**

## Thursday, March 3, 2022

### 10:45am - 11:00 am ET *Dean's Welcome and Opening Remarks*

- **Gillian Lester**, Dean of the Faculty of Law and Lucy G. Moses Professor of Law, Columbia Law School
- **Katherine Franke**, James L. Dohr Professor of Law and Faculty Director, ERA Project, Columbia Law School
- **Ting Ting Cheng**, Director, ERA Project, Columbia Law School

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### 11:00am - 1:00pm ET *Session 1: The Meaning of a 21st Century ERA*

This panel will set the stage for the history and revitalization of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA), going in depth into the constitutional requirements for the amendment ratification process, legal and political hurdles, and the current challenges to its implementation. What are the paths forward? What does an inclusive and feminist ERA look like, what would it mean, and why do we need it?

*Presenters:*

- **David Pozen**, Vice Dean for Intellectual Life and Charles Keller Beekman Professor of Law, Columbia Law School
- **Julie Suk**, Professor of Law, Fordham University School of Law
- **Jennifer McClellan**, Virginia State Senator
- **Michelle Kallen**, Former Virginia Solicitor General
- Moderator: **Ting Ting Cheng**, Director, ERA Project, Columbia Law School

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### 1:30pm - 3:30pm ET *Session 2: ERA and the 14th Amendment's Gender Equality Jurisprudence - From Reed v. Reed to U.S. v. Virginia and Beyond*

This panel will discuss the foundational work of Ruth Bader Ginsburg as a litigator and Supreme Court Justice in building the groundwork for gender equality in the Constitution, and what commentators have referred to as the *de facto* ERA. This panel will analyze and critique the 14th Amendment's formal equality model and tiers of scrutiny, and its deficiencies in addressing inequality today. Speakers will also explore what a substantive equality model would look like in contrast.

*Presenters:*

- **Cary Franklin**, McDonald/Wright Chair of Law and Faculty Director, Williams Institute, UCLA School of Law
- **Kendall Thomas**, Nash Professor of Law, Columbia Law School
- **Victoria Nourse**, Ralph Whitworth Professor of Law, Georgetown Law School
- Moderator: **Olatunde Johnson**, Jerome B. Sherman Professor of Law, Columbia Law School

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**Friday, March 4, 2022**

**10:00am - 12:00pm ET Session 3: ERA and Abortion - Equality Arguments for Reproductive Rights**

This panel will explore access to abortion as an equality right that includes pregnant people of various gender identities. In anticipation of a post-*Roe* landscape and as the Supreme Court deliberates the parameters of reproductive justice in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, this panel will ground the right to abortion in equality principles found in the 14th Amendment and promised in the Equal Rights Amendment.

*Presenters:*

- **Reva Siegel**, Nicholas deB. Katzenbach Professor of Law, Yale Law School
- **Serena Mayeri**, Professor of Law and History, University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School
- Moderator: **Katherine Franke**, James L. Dohr Professor of Law and Faculty Director, ERA Project, Columbia Law School

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**1:30pm - 3:30pm ET Session 4: Gender Justice and the ERA in Practice**

This panel will investigate how explicit gender protection in the Constitution could transform federal laws and different areas of the law in practice to address the pressing needs of today, such as abortion access, anti-pregnancy discrimination, reproductive health access, maternal mortality, medical coverage, paid leave, childcare infrastructure and the care economy.

*Presenters:*

- **Michele Goodwin**, Chancellor's Professor of Law and Director, Center for Biotechnology and Global Health Policy, UC Irvine Law
- **Khiara M. Bridges**, Professor of Law, UC Berkeley
- **Kate Andrias**, Professor of Law, Columbia Law School
- **Jody Heymann**, Distinguished Professor and Founding Director, WORLD Policy Analysis Center, UCLA
- Moderator: **Candace Bond-Theriault**, Director, Racial Justice Policy and Strategy, Center for Gender and Sexuality Law, Columbia Law School

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**3:30pm - 4:00pm ET Keynote Address and Closing Remarks**

- Keynote Speaker: **Letitia James**, Attorney General, State of New York
- **Katherine Franke**, James L. Dohr Professor of Law and Faculty Director, ERA Project, Columbia Law School
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