UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law presents

The Thirteenth Amendment and Economic Justice

Saturday, March 3, 2018

Scholars have recently applied the Thirteenth Amendment to a number of contemporary problems ranging from minimum labor standards to mass incarceration. This Conference aims to gather scholars of the Thirteenth Amendment from law schools and academic departments throughout the United States and beyond. This conference focuses specifically on the ways that the Thirteenth Amendment can be used now in legislation, litigation and discussions aimed at reducing economic injustice in the United States.

We also welcome analysis that interrogates the interactions between economic justice and other forms of subordination such as race, gender, sexual orientation, disability, religion, and immigration status. This conference will be the inaugural event of the Thirteenth Amendment Project, an interdisciplinary association of scholars of labor, class, race, caste and poverty at law schools and universities throughout the United States and the wider world.

Conference Organizing Committee

Ruben Garcia, University of Nevada, Las Vegas
James Pope, Rutgers University
Aviam Soifer, University of Hawaii
Lea VanderVelde, University of Iowa
Rebecca Zietlow, University of Toledo

Full program on reverse and at https://law.unlv.edu/event/thirteenth-amendment-and-economic-justice-symposium
9:00 – 10:30 a.m.   Session 1: *Thirteenth Amendment and Economic Theory*

- Mary Anne Case, University of Chicago Law School, *Slavery in Other Domestic Relations*
- William Forbath, University of Texas School of Law, *The Anti-Oligarchy Constitution*
- Rebecca Zietlow, University of Toledo College of Law, *The Transition from Slavery to Liberty*
- Aviam Soifer, University of Hawai‘i Richardson Law *Current Litigation Possibilities Under the Peonage Abolition Act*
- Fred Smith, Emory University School of Law (commentator)

10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.   Session 2 – *Thirteenth Amendment & the Carceral State*

- James Gray Pope, Rutgers University School of Law, *The Thirteenth Amendment, Convict Leasing and Mass Incarceration*
- Noah Zatz, UCLA School of Law, *From the New Debtors Prisons to the New Peonage: Criminal Justice Debt as a Pathway to Forced Labor*
- Lea VanderVelde, University of Iowa College of Law
- William M. Carter, University of Pittsburgh School of Law (commentator)
- Ahmed White, University of Colorado School of Law (commentator)
- Cortney Lollar, University of Kentucky College of Law (commentator)

1:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.   Session 3: *Health, Education and Environment*

- Mehmet Konar-Steenberg, Mitchell Hamline School of Law, *The Thirteenth Amendment, Environmental Justice and City of Boerne*
- Andrea Freeman, University of Hawai‘i Richardson School of Law, *The Thirteenth Amendment and Health Disparities Related to Food*
- David Orentlicher, UNLV Boyd School of Law, *Economic Segregation and College Admission Policies*
- Kathleen Kim, Loyola Law School Los Angeles (commentator)

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.   Session 4: *Using the Thirteenth Amendment in Court*

- Camille Walsh, University of Washington-Bothell, *Historical Uses of the Thirteenth Amendment in NAACP Cases*
- Richard Blum, CUNY School of Law, *Thirteenth Amendment, Antitrust and the Power to Withhold Labor*
- Ruben Garcia, UNLV Boyd School of Law, *The Thirteenth Amendment and Minimum Wages*
- Maria Ontiveros, University of San Francisco School of Law, *Guestworker Contracts, Liquidated Damages and Debt Bondage*
- Charlotte Garden, Seattle University School of Law (commentator)