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1. REPRODUCTIVE AND SEXUAL HEALTH LAW PROGRAMME

Faculty of Law, University of Toronto

The Goals of the International Reproductive and Sexual Health Law Programme are:

- To improve the protection and promotion of rights relating to reproductive and sexual health
- To develop greater understanding of how laws and policies can both inhibit and facilitate the protection and promotion of reproductive and sexual health
- To improve interdisciplinary collaboration among specialists, for example, in law, medicine, public health and health policy and service administration, on legal approaches to protect and promote reproductive and sexual health.

We pursue these goals through activities in four components of the Programme:

- **Capacity Building:** including graduate scholarship support, the training of students, fellows and visitors, and teaching and curriculum development.
- **Research and Publication:** including publication in peer reviewed journals and other forums, presentations and distribution of research through low cost channels.
- **Advisory and Advocacy Work:** including the Health Equity and Law Clinic, legal advocacy including *amicus curiae* interventions and advisory opinions, reviews and commentaries.
- **Information Resources and Network Building:** including the Programme website, Open Educational Resources, and the REPROHEALTHLAW listserv.

Programme Directors

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Health Equity and Law Clinic Director and Adjunct Professor

Programme Coordinator

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2. REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

Rebecca J. Cook, Bernard M. Dickens and Joanna N. Erdman

In 2010, the International Reproductive and Sexual Health Law Programme celebrated the publication and launch of a key contribution to the field, *Gender Stereotyping: Transnational Legal Perspectives*, by Rebecca Cook and Simone Cusack (University of Pennsylvania Press). Drawing upon domestic and international law, as well as on judgments given by courts and human rights treaty bodies, *Gender Stereotyping* offers perspectives on ways gender stereotypes might be eliminated through the transnational legal process in order to ensure women's equality and the full exercise of their human rights. The book was launched in Melbourne Australia, New York City and Toronto and adapted for physicians in an *International Journal of Gynecology and Obstetrics* article on the implications of unethical gender stereotyping in reproductive health care.

Throughout the year, the Programme contributed to research and advocacy in reproductive and sexual health law. It was granted intervener status and submitted written comments in cases before the **Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, European Court of Human Rights** and the **Supreme Court of Argentina**. At the request of the Attorney General of Canada, Rebecca Cook contributed an Expert Report on “State Obligations to Eliminate Polygamy under International Law” for a case now in the **Supreme Court of British Columbia, Canada**.

Joanna Erdman, Co-Director of the Programme, concentrated on legal scholarship, submitting articles to leading journals on “**Access to Information on Safe Abortion: A Harm Reduction and Human Rights Approach**” and “**The Procedural Turn in Transnational Abortion Law**.” In addition, she directed the **Health Equity and Law (HEAL) Clinic**, which continued to engage organizations and students in creating positive legal and policy change. In the spring, Prof. Erdman and two HEAL Clinic students piloted these “**Case Studies on Cutting Edge Human Rights Issues**” at an Open Society workshop in Skopje, **Macedonia**, to facilitate the introduction of interdisciplinary courses on law, human rights, and patient care in Eastern European higher education.

Co-Directors Rebecca Cook and Bernard Dickens took two trips this year, focused on teaching reproductive rights in Latin America. In April, they went to **Bolivia, Argentina** and **Uruguay**, speaking with non-governmental organizations and universities in a well-planned, action-packed nine-day schedule. At the end of August, they headed for **Mexico City**, responding to invitations from the CIDE Law School, the Mexican Academy of Penal Sciences (GIRE), the Autonomous National University of Mexico (UNAM), Ipas Mexico and at the Supreme Court of Justice.

The Programme's success this year was augmented by a new graduate from **Macedonia** and a new Reproductive Health Law scholar from **Kyrgyzstan**. Programme activities were enriched in the fall by the visits of two Latin American scholars, our Global Fellow **Veronica Undurraga from Chile** and our visiting scholar **Debora Diniz from Brazil**.

We are pleased to present our complete 2010 activities in the remainder of this Annual Report.



3. CAPACITY BUILDING

The reproductive and sexual health field has deeply invested in capacity building in biomedical, demographic, social science and health system research. Our Programme, while modest in scope, invests in capacity building and training in reproductive and sexual health law. Our capacity building activities seek to support the next generation of legal advocates to develop laws, policies and practices for the protection and promotion of reproductive and sexual health.

In 2010, our successes in Capacity Building included:

- 1 Master of Laws (LL.M.) Graduate, totaling 29 LL.M.s and 1 S.J.D. Alumni from 17 countries
- 1 new Reproductive Health Law Scholar (Kyrgyzstan), 3 Student Researchers
- 3 International visitors (Chile, Brazil, US)
- 4 Courses (University of Toronto & Washington School of Law, American University)

3A. TRAINING

3Ai. MASTER OF LAWS (LL.M.) SCHOLARS AND ALUMNI

Graduate Scholarships enable candidates from developing and transitional countries to pursue a Master of Laws (LL.M.) degree at the Faculty of Law, University of Toronto, in reproductive and sexual health law. The Faculty of Law has an endowed scholarship in reproductive and sexual health law and another in women's rights. Additional scholarships are made possible through generous grants. Scholarships are awarded to legally trained candidates in women's rights or health advocacy organizations, professional health associations, international agencies or university law faculties who wish to pursue advanced scholarship in the field.

LL.M. Graduate

In 2010, our 30th Reproductive and Sexual Health scholar successfully completed a thesis in reproductive and sexual health law and was awarded the LL.M. degree.

Ninoslav Mladenovic from MACEDONIA

Graduate Scholar in Reproductive and Sexual Health Law

Thesis: The Legacy of Cuerrier: Issues Unresolved, Questions Unanswered

A large body of jurisprudence has developed in Canada criminalizing the conduct of HIV positive persons who transmit or expose others to the HIV infection in an equivocal attempt to be seen to be doing something about individuals who are perceived to be driving the HIV epidemic. Convictions have been obtained for charges ranging from aggravated assault to, most recently, murder. The *Cuerrier* judgment, a landmark decision of the Supreme Court of Canada, left a number of issues unresolved. Given the ambiguities in the decision, this thesis addresses the unfortunate consequences resulting from the *Cuerrier* decision. In particular, it argues that while criminalization of non-disclosure may seem logical to many, at the same time it carries a significant public health consequences. The thesis concludes that criminalization is an inadequate strategy to prevent further HIV infection, its increased use in practice is misguided, and counterproductive to public health goals, thus alternatives to the routine

criminalization of HIV transmission that may enhance the goals of public health should be considered.

Update: Since graduation, Ninoslav has been working as Senior Human Rights Adviser with the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights, a research association in Macedonia.

LL.M. Candidate

In 2010, the Programme welcomed its 31st Graduate Scholar in Reproductive and Sexual Health Law: ***Gulnaz Naamatova from KYRGYZSTAN***

Gulnaz Naamatova graduated *summa cum laude* in Law at the American University in Central Asia in 2009. She had also attended a Summer School in European Human Rights law the University of Vienna in 2007, and had been a Visiting Scholar on Domestic Violence at the University of Buffalo, New York from August to December 2009. For her LL.M. thesis, she plans to focus on the reproductive rights of rural women in the Kyrgyz Republic in the context of national legislation and certain articles of CEDAW.

Alumni Profile

Since 1999, 30 scholars (29 LL.M., 1 S.J.D.) have graduated from the Programme. A key evaluation measure of the Programme's Graduate Scholarships is the long-term successes of our alumni, in particular their contributions to scholarship, education, advocacy and reform.

Geographic Representation

- Africa: 6 Graduates
- Latin America: 12 Graduates
- Asia: 6 Graduates
- Eastern Europe: 6 Graduates

Alumni have published articles based on their theses in the following journals:

- *Annual Survey of Nepalese Law*
- *Ateneo Law Journal*
- *Chicago Journal of International Law*
- *Connecticut Journal of International Law*
- *European Journal of Health Law*
- *ILSA Journal of Int'l & Comparative Law*
- *Int'l Journal of Gynecology and Obstetrics*
- *Journal of Law and Equality*
- *The Lancet*
- *La Revista Argentina de Teoría Jurídica de la Universidad Torcuato di Tella*
- *Medicine & Law*
- *Reproductive Health Matters*

J. Sagade published her S.J.D. thesis as a book: *Child Marriage in India: Socio-legal and Human Rights Dimensions* (New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2004).

Post-Graduation Alumni Employment

- **Government**, including: South African National AIDS Council; National Supreme Court of Justice (Mexico).

- **Regional and International Governmental Organizations**, including: Rapporteurship on the Rights of Women, Inter-American Commission on Human Rights; UNHCR-Nepal, and World Health Organization.
- **Non-Governmental Organizations**, including: Center for Reproductive Rights (USA); College of Midwives of Ontario (Canada); Ipas Brazil; Women’s Human Rights Institute; Forum for Women, Law and Development (Nepal); International Council of AIDS Service Organizations (ICASO), Soros Foundation (Kazakhstan), World AIDS Campaign.
- **Universities and Research Institutes**, including: College of Europe in Brussels (Belgium); Institute of Public Health (Instituto de Saude Coletiva - ISC) at the University Federal of Bahia (Brazil), Universidad Diego Portales (Chile); School of Law, Queen Mary, University of London (England); International Law Society Law College (India); National University of Juridical Sciences (India); Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights (Macedonia); Obafemi Awolowo University (Nigeria); University of Ibadan (Nigeria); Ateneo Human Rights Center, Ateneo Law School (Philippines), College of Law, University of the Philippines, Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria (South Africa) and the University of the Witwatersrand (South Africa)

3Aii. INTERNATIONAL VISITORS AND STUDENT RESEARCHERS

GLOBAL FELLOW:

Our *Global Fellows Program*, launched last year, provides scholars and advocates with support to develop research, teaching and leadership skills at the Faculty of Law, University of Toronto for two to six weeks. Fellows are invited to present at seminars, guest lecture in courses, and assume an active role in the HEAL Clinic. In 2010, we welcomed our fourth Global Fellow:

Veronica Undurraga, a Chilean scholar, teacher, litigator and doctoral candidate at the Centre for Human Rights of the University of Chile, held a fellowship at the Faculty of Law, October 15 to November 29, 2010.

Past Collaboration on Research Articles

Undurraga, V. & R. Cook, “Constitutional Incorporation of International and Comparative Human Rights Law: The Colombian Constitutional Court Decision C-355/2006” in *Constituting Equality: Gender Equality and Comparative Constitutional Law*, Williams, S.H. ed. (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2009).

Fellowship Research and Collaboration:

Cook, R.J. & V. Undurraga, Article 12 (Health) in M. Freeman, C. Chinkin and B. Rudolf eds., *The United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women: A Commentary* (Oxford: OUP, 2011).

Conference attendance:

“Open Hearts, Open Minds and Fair Minded Words: A Conference on Life and Choice in the Abortion Debate, Princeton University, New Jersey, USA, October 15-16, 2010.

Presentations and Teaching:

- “The use of the proportionality principle in the judicial review of abortion laws: problems and possibilities” Constitutional Round Table, November 17, 2010.
- Co-taught course on Women’s Rights and Transnational Law, Oct 17 –Nov. 24, 2010
- Brought a Latin American perspective to the Programme.

OTHER INTERNATIONAL VISITORS:

Debora Diniz, PhD, Professor of public health and bioethics, Public Health Graduate Program and Co-founder and Researcher, Anis Institute of Bioethics, Human Rights and Gender, University of Brasilia, Brazil chose to spend her sabbatical at the Faculty of Law and Joint Centre for Bioethics from September to November, 2010. Prof. Diniz is well known for her human rights documentaries and her intellectual activism on the first Latin American Supreme Court case on abortion, before the Supreme Court of Brazil.

Research and Study at the Faculty of Law:

- law reform strategy concerning termination of pregnancy involving an anencephalic fetus
- Authored listserv commentary “Portuguese Constitutional Court upholds Abortion law”
- Audited Reproductive and Sexual Health Law course

Presentations:

- “Abortion at the Brazilian Supreme Court: A Bioethical Challenge” Joint Centre for Bioethics, October 13, 2010
- “Severina’s Story” Debora Diniz’s human rights documentary on the content and impact of a 2005 decision of the Brazilian Supreme Court decision. November 10, 2010.

Bert L. Lockwood, Professor Bert Lockwood, Editor in Chief of Human Rights Quarterly, Editor of Pennsylvania Studies in Human Rights book series for University of Pennsylvania Press, and Director, Urban Morgan Institute for Human Rights, University of Cincinnati, was the guest of the Programme for 2 days.

Presentations/Consultation:

- “Writing Human Rights” presentation and consultation graduate law students, Faculty of Law, Faculty Lounge, Flavelle House, November 10, 2010.
- “Writing Human Rights” consultation with Prof. Marieme Lo and students of the Women’s Studies Programme, New College, November 11, 2010.
- Chair, Panel discussion on “Gender Stereotyping: Psychological, Legal and Transnational Perspectives” Faculty of Law, Flavelle House, November 11, 2010.

RESEARCH ASSISTANTS

- Anna Pippus researched constitutional interpretations of the “protection of life”.
- Jenny Leon provided research assistance for a chapter on CEDAW Article 12 (Health).
- Sandra Dughman, an alumna, compiled Latin American judicial decisions for a chapter on Article 12 of CEDAW and translated 3 articles to Spanish

3B. TEACHING & CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

3Bi. COURSES AT THE FACULTY OF LAW, UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

In 2010, the Programme offered three full semester courses at the Faculty of Law. Course curricula include key case law and scholarship with updates to reflect new and emerging trends in the field.

Reproductive and Sexual Health Law, (RC, JE)

This upper year course is based on Reproductive Health and Human Rights: Integrating Medicine, Ethics and Law by Rebecca Cook, Bernard Dickens and Mahmoud Fathalla (Oxford University Press, 2003) and a case law supplement.

Public Health Law (BD)

This upper-year perspective course focused on the legal and regulatory framework surrounding the state's role as promoter and protector of the population's health. It discusses the legal powers of the state and state actors in implementing public health measures, the limits of state action, particularly relating to coercive measures that intrude upon the exercise of individual rights, and regulatory regimes suitable to specific public health concerns. Class topics related to Sexual and Reproductive Health included: Ethics, Genetics, HIV/AIDS, Privacy and Confidentiality, and Vaccines. Joanna Erdman guest lectured for the class on vaccines, focusing on cervical cancer and the HPV vaccine.

Clinical Legal Education: The Health Equity and Law Clinic (JE)

Students explore the role of legal advocacy in ensuring equitable reproductive and sexual health policies and practices in domestic, regional and international contexts. The Clinic is based on a clinical seminar model. In the seminar, students critically examine the relationship between legal principles of social justice and the conceptual foundations of health and healthcare equity. Readings are drawn from the disciplines of epidemiology, medical anthropology, economics, philosophy, political science, and law. For more information on HEAL Clinic Projects, see section 5A on legal advisory and advocacy activities.

3Bii. OTHER TEACHING

“Reproductive Health and Human Rights: Ethical, legal and human rights dimensions of maternal mortality,” Global Health Longitudinal Elective (GHE), Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto Medical Students. March 8, 2010. (RC)

“Stereotyping of Women in the Health Sector” Joint Centre for Bioethics, University of Toronto, March 17, 2010. (RC)

“Gender Stereotyping in Health Care” guest lecture at the Dalla Lana School of Public Health. University of Toronto, March 18, 2010. (RC)

“Responsibility to dismantle stereotypes of women in the health sector,” 8th Annual Global Health Conference, Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto, May 4, 2010. (RC)

“Understanding Barriers to Women's Access to Health Services” Graduate Research Day, Women's College Research Institute, Women's College Hospital, Toronto, May 10, 2010. (RC)

“Ethical and Legal Issues in Women’s Health” in Prof. Izzeldin Abuelaish’s course on Women’s Health in Countries in Conflict, SPH-1, Dalla Lana School of Public Health, Health Sciences Building, Toronto, Sept, 27, 2010. (RC)

“Gender Stereotyping: Transnational Legal Perspectives” in panel discussion "Gender Stereotyping: Psychological, Legal and Transnational Approaches," Faculty of Law, University of Toronto, November 11, 2010. (RC)

“Stereotyping Women and Men in the Health Sector,” in Prof. Dianne Godkin’s course on Foundation in Bioethics, MSC30014, Joint Centre for Bioethics, University of Toronto, November 12, 2010. (RC)

“Informed Consent” and “Codes and Guidelines” (BD as Co-director of the International Research Ethics course) Joint Centre for Bioethics, University of Toronto, March 13 and 17, 2010. (BD)

“Legal Issues in Genetic Counseling” lecture for Issues in Genetic Counselling students held at the Faculty of Law, University of Toronto, November 2, 2010. (BD)

“Vaccines: The HPV Vaccine,” Public Health Law, Faculty of Law, University of Toronto: September 28 2010, and Queen’s University Law School March 11, 2010. (JE)

“Vaccines: The HPV Vaccine,” Queen’s Law School, March 11 2010. (JE)

“Women’s Health Ethics,” Foundations Seminar, Joint Centre for Bioethics, University of Toronto: 5 February 2010. (JE)

3Biii. CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

Throughout the year, the Programme distributes copies of curricula and teaching materials through the website and on request, to assist in the creation of new courses and training programmes. The Programme Directors also provide advice to colleagues on teaching reproductive and sexual health law. The Programme supported curriculum development in reproductive and sexual health law in various countries:

Canada: Joanna Erdman served as a Member of the Clinical Legal Education Committee, Faculty of Law, University of Toronto, which addresses curriculum or pedagogy issues related to clinical education programs and seeks to support and promote these programs. Activities related to the committee included planning for joint training initiatives, opportunities for integration of clinical work with upper year paper courses and a guest speakers program focused on clinical education.

3Biv. CAPACITY BUILDING IN LATIN AMERICA

Rebecca Cook and Bernard Dickens visited South America from April 20 to 29, 2010 and delivered a total of 12 lectures in addition to providing advisory consultations on law, policy and curriculum. At meetings with the university law deans and faculty, they discussed inclusion of reproductive and sexual health and rights in legal curricula.

CAPACITY BUILDING IN LATIN AMERICA . . .

BOLIVIA : Consultations and Lectures in La Paz, hosted by Eliana Del Pozo, Director, Ipas Bolivia:

Mesa de Derechos, Mesa de Maternidad Segura, Rights and Safe Motherhood Committees Seminar on Human Sexual and Reproductive Rights, seminars held at Camino Real, April 20, 2010:

- “Dealing with negative responses to abortion” (RC)
- “Human Sexual and Reproductive Rights” (BD)

Individual meetings with Bolivian officials, April 21, 2010

- Minister of Health, April
- Mayor of La Paz,
- Vice-minister of Governmental Coordination

Universidad Católica Boliviana -San Pablo, Faculty of Law, April 21, 2010:

- Meeting with Dr. Eduardo Rodriguez Veltzé, Dean, Faculty of Law
- “Human Rights of Women: International Perspectives” (RC)
- “Reproductive Health and Human Rights: Integrating Medicine, Ethics and Law,” (BD)

Gynecological and Obstetric Society, Bar Association, and Ministries of Justice and Health, conference at the Camino Real, April 21, 2010.

- Meeting with Minister of Health (RC, BD)
- “FIGO Professional Ethical Guidelines” (BD)
- “Doctors as Advocates for women” (RC)
- “Integrating Medicine, Ethics and Law into Reproductive Health,” (BD)
- “Social justice and access to abortion services” (RC)

Universidad Mayor de San Andres -San Pablo”La Paz, Bolivia, April 21, 2010.

- Meeting with Dean and Faculty, Faculty of Law

Grassroots organizations’ seminars, April 21, 2010.

- “Human Rights of Women: International Perspectives” (RC)
- “Human Rights, Maternal Mortality, Indigenous Women and Reproductive Rights” (BD)

ARGENTINA: Workshop and lecture in Buenos Aires, April 23, 2010

Abortion Law Reform Project workshop, CEDES research institute, with Paola Bergallo, Monica Gogna, Martin Hevia, Mercedes Cavallo and Silvina Ramos.

Escuela de Derecho Universidad Torcuato di Tella,

- “Unethical Female Stereotyping in Reproductive Health.” (RC)
- “The Ethical Responsibilities of Conscience” (BD)

CAPACITY BUILDING IN LATIN AMERICA . . .

URUGUAY: consultations and lectures in Montevideo: April 26-28, 2010

Iniciativas Sanitarias of Uruguay,

“Resolving Ethical Issues in the Uruguayan healthcare context” April 26, 2010 (BD)

University of the Republic of Uruguay (UDELAR Uruguay), Faculty of Law, April 26, 2010

- “Abortion in Transnational Human Rights Law” (RC)
- Responses to articles presented by young scholars regarding “Uruguayan executive veto on decriminalization of abortion.” (RC)

Bioethics Workshop for Clinical Gynecologists, UDELAR School of Medicine, April 27, 2010

- “Conscientious Objection” (BD)
- “Conscientious Commitment” (BD)

Meeting with allied parliamentarians and Mujer y Salud (MYSU) April 28, 2011 (RC, BD)

MEXICO: Co-Directors Rebecca Cook and Bernard Dickens visited Mexico from August 24 to September 2, 2010 for the inauguration of CIDE Law School’s Right to Health Programme, inspired by Prof. Alejandro Madrazo’s visit to our Programme in January 2009. It includes a course on “Sexual and Reproductive Rights” and International Reproductive Rights workshops.

CIDE Law School -- International Reproductive Rights workshops:

- “Gender Stereotyping in Reproductive and Sexual Health,” August 25, 2010. (RC)
- “The Limits of Conscientious Objection” September 1, 2010 (BD)

Supreme Court of Justice of Mexico

- “Gender Stereotyping and the Law,” for the Gender Unit, August 26, 2010 (RC)
- Meeting with the Minister of the Supreme Court, August 27, 2010 (RC & BD)

Mexican Academy on Penal Sciences; Instituto de Investigaciones Jurídicas, National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM); Reproductive Choice Research Group (GIRE) – August 30, 2010.

- “Interpreting the ‘Protection of Life’ ” (RC)
- “The Challenge of Embryos as Born Persons” (BD)

College of Bioethics, UNAM, Meeting with Ricardo Tapia, President of the College, August 31, 2010 (BD)

Ipas Mexico - consultation with Dr. Raffaella Schiavon, General Director (RC, BD)

LATIN AMERICA: International Planned Parenthood Foundation – Western Hemispher Region

Rebecca Cook and Bernard Dickens participated in the provision of “Ethics and Law training in reproductive rights” for Latin American healthcare personnel, Princeton, N.J., USA, October 16, 2011 (RC, BD)



4. RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

In 2010, our successes in Research and Publications included:

- 1 book: *Gender Stereotyping: Transnational Legal Perspectives*
- 1 compilation: *Legal Grounds II: Reproductive and Sexual Rights in African Commonwealth Courts*
- 4 articles on Ethical and Legal Issues on Reproductive Health in the *International Journal of Gynecology & Obstetrics*
- 7 other publications, 3 new Spanish translations, 25 research presentations
- 22 forthcoming publications

4A. GENDER STEREOTYPING: TRANSNATIONAL LEGAL PERSPECTIVES

This 270-page volume by Rebecca Cook and Simone Cusack was published December 29, 2009 as part of the “Pennsylvania Studies in Human Rights” series. Drawing on domestic and international law, as well as on judgments given by courts and human rights treaty bodies, *Gender Stereotyping* offers perspectives on ways gender stereotypes might be eliminated through the transnational legal process in order to ensure women's equality and the full exercise of their human rights.

A leading international framework for debates on the subject of stereotypes, the Convention of the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) was adopted in 1979 by the UN General Assembly and defines what constitutes discrimination against women. It also establishes an agenda to eliminate discrimination in all its forms in order to ensure substantive equality for women. Applying the Convention as the primary framework for analysis, this book provides essential strategies for eradicating gender stereotyping. Its proposed methodology requires naming operative gender stereotypes, identifying how they violate the human rights of women, and articulating states' obligations to eliminate and remedy these violations.

4B. COMPILATION

Legal Grounds II: Reproductive and Sexual Rights in African Commonwealth Courts

a joint publication of our Programme, the Center for Reproductive Rights, and the LLM Programme on Reproductive and Sexual Rights of the University of the Free State, South Africa. 107 pages.

http://www.law.utoronto.ca/visitors_content.asp?itemPath=5/12/12/0/0&contentId=1618

Legal Grounds is a much-needed tool for advocates, activists, and academics working in the African region. The first volume was published in 2005, when very few publications examined how national courts interpret and apply regional and international human rights laws — particularly when dealing with legal issues that affect women's rights. Since 2007, Programme alumni Kibrom Isaak-Teklehaimanot and Onyema Afulukwe summarized 45 additional cases which were disseminated through the Programme's REPROHEALTHLAW listserv and the Programme's website, and finally published in *Legal Grounds II*. This new volume also

provides analyses of recent cases regarding gender-based violence, HIV discrimination, property and family law, abortion, and claims of fetal interests. It was launched February 9, 2010, as part of the Fourth Africa Conference on Sexual Health and Rights in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

4C. INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF GYNECOLOGY & OBSTETRICS

Rebecca Cook and Bernard Dickens are associate editors of *Ethical and Legal Issues in Reproductive Health*, a quarterly column in the *International Journal of Gynecology & Obstetrics*. The objective of this column is to inform the medical profession about ethical and legal issues in the fields of obstetrics and gynecology and related subjects. The Directors invite contributions from reproductive health advocates, and provide editorial support to authors without extensive experience of publishing in the English language.

By the end of 2010, the Programme Directors and their co-authors had contributed 48 articles on Ethical and Legal Issues in Reproductive Health. Consistently high rankings among IJGO's top-ten downloads and the publication of editions in other languages show that these articles fulfill a profound need for medical professionals.

Our 2010 articles included:

["Unethical Female Stereotyping in Reproductive Health"](#) 109 (2010) *International Journal of Gynecology and Obstetrics*, 255-258. (RC, BD with S. Cusack)

["Special Commentary on the Issue of Reinfibulation"](#) 109 (2010) *International Journal of Gynecology and Obstetrics*, 97-99. (RC, BD)

["The Legal Status of In Vitro Embryos"](#) by Bernard Dickens and Rebecca J. Cook, *International Journal of Gynecology and Obstetrics* 111 (2010): 91-94. (BD, RC)

["The Legal Effects of Fetal Monitoring Guidelines"](#) by Bernard Dickens and Rebecca J. Cook, *International Journal of Gynecology and Obstetrics* 108 (2010): 170-173. (BD, RC)

As detailed in Section 4Giv below, Spanish translations of 3 IJGO articles were published in 2010:

4D. OTHER PUBLICATIONS

(i) Articles and Chapters:

Cook, R.J. "The Injustice of Unsafe Motherhood," originally published in (2002) 2(1) *Developing World Bioethics* 64-81, republished in *The Ethics of Public Health*, Volume II, ed. Michael Freeman. (Ashgate 2010)

Cook, R.J. "Gender Health and Human Rights" in *Health Rights*, ed Michael J. Selgelid, and Thomas Pogge, Ashgate, 2010, pp 397-413, originally published in Cook, R.J. "Gender, Health and Human Rights" (1995) 1(4) *Health and Human Rights* (symposium edition on women's health and human rights) 350-366.

Cusack, S & R.J. Cook, "Stereotyping Women in the Health Sector: Lessons from CEDAW" 16 *Journal of Civil Rights and Social Justice*, Symposium Edition on the Protocol to the African Charter of Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa, 47-78

Dickens, B.M. "FIGO Professional and Ethical Responsibilities Concerning Sexual and Reproductive Rights" 6 (2010) ICOG Campus: Newsletter of the Indian College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, 6.

(ii) Reports

Cook, R.J. "Transnational Debates on Abortion Law and Policy," a report submitted to the Comparative and Transnational Perspectives on Reproductive Rights Workshop, Yale Law School. New Haven, 14-15 May 2010.

Cook, R.J. "[State Obligations to Eliminate Polygamy under International Law](#)," Expert Report for the Attorney General of Canada, submitted to the Supreme Court of British Columbia, July 16, 2010, 105 pages.

Erdman, J.N. "The Law and Politics of Abortion in Canada," a report submitted to the Comparative and Transnational Perspectives on Reproductive Rights Workshop, Yale Law School. New Haven, 14-15 May 2010.

(iii)Forthcoming

Cook, R.J. & B.M.Dickens, "Special commentary on the issue of reinfibulation" 109 *International Journal of Gynecology & Obstetrics* 97-99.

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“International Trends in Abortion Law Reform” Symposium on Women’s Rights, Law and Policies, chaired by Bernard Dickens, First International Conference on Women’s Health and Unsafe Abortion (IWAC), Bangkok, Thailand, January 21, 2010. (RC)

“Lessons from the Cotton Field Case on Gender Justice” American Society for International Law, Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., March 27, 2010. (RC)

“Transnational Debates on Abortion Law and Policy” Comparative and Transnational Perspectives on Reproductive Rights Workshop. Yale Law School, organized by Reva Siegel & Ruth Rubio Marin, New Haven, Conn., USA, May 14-15, 2010. (RC)

“A Commentary on the Health Article of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women,” Georgetown University Law Centre, Washington D.C. June 3, 2010. (RC)

“Human Rights, Maternal Mortality and MDG 5,” Women Deliver Conference, Washington D.C., June 7, 2010. (RC)

“Unethical Female Stereotyping in Reproductive Health” Women Deliver Conference, Washington D.C., June 8, 2010. (RC)

“Gender Stereotyping: Transnational Legal Perspectives” (with Simone Cusack) for mid-day book launch event hosted by the Center for Reproductive Rights, July 28, 2010, and later at an evening book launch event hosted by the Open Society Institute, New York, USA, July 28, 2010. (RC)

“Structures of Discrimination” Macalester 17th International Roundtable: “My Sister's and Brother's Keeper? Human Rights in the Era of Globalization,” Macalester College, St. Paul, Minn., October 7-9, 2010. (RC)

“Abortion in America, Should it be a Constitutional Question?” Plenary moderator, Open Hearts, Open Minds and Fair Minded Words: A Conference on Life and Choice in the Abortion Debate, Princeton University, New Jersey, USA, October 15-16, 2010. (RC)

“Training of Health Care Providers in Ethical and Human Rights Issues” First International Conference on Women’s Health and Unsafe Abortion (IWAC), Bangkok, Thailand, January 22, 2010. (BD)

“Duties of Professional Organizations Regarding Conscientious Objection, Discipline and Training of Professionals in Ethical and Human Rights Conduct,” Women Deliver Conference, Washington D.C., June 8, 2010. (BD)

“The Supreme Court of Canada Decision on the Assisted Human Reproduction Act, 2004 (*Attorney-General of Canada v. Attorney-General of Quebec*)” presented to the Canadian Fertility and Andrology Society 56th Annual Meeting, Vancouver, B.C., Canada, 30 September 2010 (BD)

“Do Some Reasons for Abortion Exacerbate Discrimination against Persons?” Panelist, Open Hearts, Open Minds and Fair Minded Words: A Conference on Life and Choice in the Abortion Debate, Princeton University, New Jersey, USA, October 15-16, 2010. (BD)

“How Far Does the Right of Conscientious Refusal Extend?” Panelist, Open Hearts, Open Minds and Fair Minded Words: A Conference on Life and Choice in the Abortion Debate, Princeton University, New Jersey, USA, October 15-16, 2010. (BD)

“Abortion Liberalization: Claims in Transnational Advocacy Across a Procedure-Substance Divide” Comparative Research in Law & Political Economy Network Lecture, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University, 2 February 2010. (JE)

“Procedure-Substance Divide in Abortion Liberalization” NYU Review of Law and Social Change Symposium, New York University School of Law, 12 February 2010. (JE)

“Procedural Turn in Transnational Abortion Law” American Society of International Law Annual Meeting. Washington, 26 March 2010. (JE)

“Case Studies on Cutting Edge Human Rights Issues” Teaching Law and Health: Courses on Law, Human Rights and Patient Care Workshop, Open Society Institute, Skopje, Macedonia, 20 May 2010. (JE)

“Harm Reduction & Human Rights: Access to Information on Safer Abortion” Women Deliver Conference. Washington, DC, 9 June 2010. (JE)

“Information as a Framing Value” Comparative and Transnational Perspectives on Reproductive Rights Workshop. Yale Law School, 14-15 May 2010. (JE)

“Human Rights in Health Equity: Cervical Cancer & HPV Vaccines,” Adolescents' Access to Vaccine: Legal Rights, Human Rights and Public Health at Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine 2010 Annual Meeting. Toronto, 8 April 2010. (JE)

“Working within existing legal frameworks to improve access to abortion” Plenary Address, *Fédération Internationale des Associés Professionnels de l'Avortement*, Sevilla, Spain, 23 October 2010. (JE)

“Procedural Turn in Transnational Abortion Law” Social Justice Workshop, Santa Clara University School of Law, 18 November 2010. (JE)

“Emergency Contraception in Canada: Competing Frames of Access and Authority” Feminist Legal Studies Workshop, Queen’s Law School, 26 November 2010. (JE)

4F. RESEARCH REVIEWS

Research review meetings with interested faculty and students were held at the Faculty of Law most Tuesdays during the fall academic term 2010. Presenters and topics included:

- “Conscientious objection and abortion in Brazil” by Debora Diniz, September 28, 2010
- “Social health movements and the law” by Joanna Erdman, October 12, 2010
- “Using the proportionality principle in the judicial review of abortion laws: problems and possibilities,” by Veronica Undurruga, Nov. 9, 2010.
- “Interpreting the Protection of Life,” by Rebecca Cook, Nov. 16, 2010

4G. DISSEMINATION OF PUBLICATIONS

The Programme is committed to ensuring that our research and publications are widely accessible. We support the translation and reprinting of our publications and seek low cost distribution channels.

4Gi. *GENDER STEREOTYPING: TRANSNATIONAL LEGAL PERSPECTIVES*

Complimentary copies of *Gender Stereotyping: Transnational Legal Perspectives* (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2010), purchased using the authors’ discount, were distributed to libraries in international organizations, non-governmental organizations, and academics in developing countries. Women’s Link Worldwide promptly undertook a Spanish translation in association with Profamilia Colombia, publisher of the Spanish version.

The book was launched at the following events:

- Institute for International Law and the Humanities of the Melbourne Law School by Prof Di Otto of Melbourne Law School and Prof. Hilary Charlesworth of Australian National University College of Law, May 10, 2010.
- Center for Reproductive Rights, New York City, July 28, 2010.
- Open Society Institute in New York City, attended by CEDAW members, July 28, 2010.
- Faculty of Law, University of Toronto, expert panel on Gender Stereotyping: Psychological, Legal and Transnational Perspectives, November 11, 2010.

4Gii. *REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN RIGHTS*

Reproductive Health and Human Rights: Integrating Medicine, Ethics and Law (Oxford University Press, 2003) by Rebecca Cook, Bernard Dickens and Mahmoud Fathalla was published seven years ago. The book is designed to equip health care providers and administrators to integrate ethical, legal, and human rights principles into protection and promotion of reproductive health, and to inform lawyers and women's health advocates about aspects of medicine and health care systems that affect reproduction. The full text is now available in English, French, Spanish, Portuguese and Chinese, and

the case studies are available in Arabic, along with commentary by experts in Islamic and Coptic ethics, thanks to the Egyptian Fertility Care Foundation (EFCF).

Arabic edition:

The Egyptian Fertility Care Foundation used the book in 2010 to:

- train male and female students from the Faculties of Medicine, Law and Nursing, Mansoura University, Egypt, to use the previously prepared undergraduate curriculum based on case studies from the book, in preparation for peer education next year.
- train mass media professionals to consider all dimensions and discuss the case studies
- create professional guidelines, now available online through the EFCF website.
<http://www.efcf.net/humanrightsh.htm>

4Giii. ELECTRONIC DISTRIBUTION

Our Programme commitment to facilitate wider access to our publications through electronic publication by means of:

- the *Social Science Research Network* (SSRN) (www.ssrn.com), which allows authors to upload and readers to download publications free of charge. In 2010, we uploaded 7 full text articles and 2 abstracts, with permission from the publishers. Several of our submissions were among the top 10 downloads in their subject area.
- annual permission from Johns Hopkins Press to post the key article “Human Rights Dynamics of Abortion Law Reform” originally published in *Human Rights Quarterly*, on our Programme website
- permanent permissions to post other articles on the website.

4Giv: SPANISH TRANSLATIONS

The following articles and chapters were translated in 2010, with permission from the publisher.

Selected Spanish translations are now online at:

<http://www.law.utoronto.ca/programs/RSHspanish.html>

- Rebecca J. Cook, Joanna N. Erdman y Bernard M. Dickens. "El Respeto por la confidencialidad de las/los adolescentes y sus opciones sexuales y reproductivas." Traducido por Sandra Dughman. Texto traducido y reproducido con autorización de la Federación Internacional de Ginecología y Obstetricia (FIGO): Cook, R. J., Erdman, J.N., Dickens, B.M., "**Respecting adolescents' confidentiality and reproductive and sexual choices.**" (2007) 98 *International Journal of Gynecology and Obstetrics* 182-187.
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4H. EDITORIAL ADVISORY BOARDS

Rebecca Cook and Bernard Dickens serve on the following editorial boards, which provide opportunities to encourage and support innovative scholarship in reproductive and sexual health law and ethics.

American Journal of Law and Medicine (BD)
American Journal of Public Health, Editor for Health Policy and Ethics (BD)
Bibliography of Bioethics, *Kennedy Institute of Ethics*, *Georgetown University* (BD)
BMC Medical Ethics (BD)
HIV/AIDS Policy and Law Review, Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network, (RC)
Human Rights Quarterly (RC)
International Journal of Gynecology and Obstetrics, Law and Ethics co-editors (RC & BD)
Journal of Ethics and Mental Health (BD)
Journal of Law, Medicine and Ethics (BD)
Journal of Middle East Law and Governance (RC)
Medical Law International (BD)
Medicine and Law (RC & BD)
New Zealand Yearbook of International Law, University of Canterbury, New Zealand (RC)
Reproductive Health Matters (RC)
Revista Iberoamericana de Derechos Humanos, Iberoamericana University, (RC)
Violence against Women (RC)



5. ADVISORY AND ADVOCACY WORK

The Programme provides ongoing legal advisory and advocacy support to government, international agencies, non-governmental organizations and civil society advocates. While the specific legal and policy goals of our advocacy and advisory work vary according to developments in the field, the general objective of our work is to strengthen the capacity of the field to protect and promote human rights relating to reproductive and sexual health.

In 2010, our Advocacy and Advisory Work included:

- 2 HEAL Clinic projects completed.
- 3 *Amici Curiae* Interventions: European Court of Human Rights, Inter-American Commission of Human Rights and the Supreme Court of Argentina
- 1 Advocacy Letter to the Council of Europe
- 20 appointments on advisory boards and committees

5A. THE HEALTH EQUITY AND LAW CLINIC

Our Health Equity and Law (HEAL) Clinic was launched in 2007 with Joanna Erdman as Founding Director. The *HEAL Clinic* does not provide legal representation or advice. Students collaborate with Partner Organizations (government, international agencies, non-governmental organizations and civil society advocates) on advocacy projects such as: research memoranda, legislative and/or policy reviews, assistance with litigation strategies and case theories, and the drafting of *amicus curiae* briefs, shadow or other consultation reports and advocacy documents.

HEAL CLINIC PROJECTS, 2010

From January to April 2010, six law students completed confidential projects for two NGO clients.

5B. ADVOCACY WORK

AMICI CURIAE BRIEFS AND ADVOCACY LETTER:

In 2010, the Programme intervened in three reproductive health law cases under review by the following bodies:

- **The European Court of Human Rights,**
- **The Inter-American Commission on Human Rights**
- **The Supreme Court of Argentina**

Our *Amici Curiae* briefs are released on our website when these legal cases have been resolved.

5C. OTHER ADVISORY WORK

ADVISORY APPOINTMENTS

Governmental and Inter-governmental Organizations:

- Standing Committee on Ethics, Canadian Institutes of Health Research (BD)
- Science Advisory Board, Health Canada, Member (BD)
- World Health Organization, Advisory Committee, Safe Abortion Guidelines (JE, RC)

Non-Governmental Organizations

- Center for Reproductive Rights, New York, NY, Member of Board of Directors and Member, International Litigation Advisory Committee (RC)
- Center for the Study of State and Society (CEDES) and the Interdisciplinary Center for the Study of Public Policies (CIEPP), International Advisory Board, project on “Access to Legal Abortion in Argentina” (RC)
- Global Health Advisory Committee, Public Health Program, Open Society Foundations (New York) (JE)
- Human Rights Watch, Advisory Committee of the Women's Rights Division (RC)
- Technical Advisory Group for the Law and Health Initiative, Open Society Institute (JE)
- Profamilia Servicios Legales Para Mujeres (Profamilia Legal Services for Women) Bogotá, Colombia, Advisory Board (RC)

- Women's Link Worldwide, Advisory Council Member (RC)
- Women on Web International Foundation, Board of Directors (JE)

Professional Associations

- International Federation of Gynaecologists and Obstetricians (FIGO), Committee on Ethical Aspects of Human Reproduction and Women's Health, Co-Chair (BD)
- International Society for Stem Cell Research, Ethics and Public Policy Committee (BD)
- World Association for Medical Law, Member and Vice President, Board of Governors (BD)

Universities:

- Abo Akademi University, Finland, Institute for Human Rights, Advisory Board (RC)
- American University, Washington College of Law, Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, Advisory Board (RC)
- National Network on Environments and Women's Health, York University, Advisory Board (JE)
- University of Chile, Faculty of Law, Human Rights Center, International Advisory Committee (RC)
- University of Cincinnati, College of Law, Urban Morgan Institute for Human Rights, Advisory Board (RC)
- University of Connecticut, Human Rights Institute, Board of Advisors (RC)



6. INFORMATION RESOURCES AND NETWORK BUILDING

In 2010, our successes in Information Resources and Network Building included:

- Programme Website (23 webpages)
- 11 additions to our Legal Commentary Series
- Women's Rights in Transnational Law syllabus added to the Open CourseWare (OCW) curriculum
- 2 other Course Syllabi available online
- 550 annual *Reproductive and Sexual Health Law Listserv* subscribers

6A. PROGRAMME WEBSITE:

<http://www.law.utoronto.ca/programs/reprohealth.html>

Our website, launched in 2007, provides accessible resources on professional training, teaching and curriculum development, publications, the HEAL Clinic, advisory and advocacy work, information resources and event listings. In addition to website updates, we made the following improvements to the website in 2010:

- *Gender Stereotyping: Transnational Legal Perspectives* was publicized
- Topic guides to the Programme's articles and projects on the following topics:
 - Adolescents,
 - Emergency Contraception
 - Female Genital Mutilation
- 3 new Spanish translations of Ethical and Legal Issues in Gynecology and Obstetrics are now available online through the website

6B. OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

In harmony with the Open Educational Resources movement, the Programme is committed to providing high quality educational materials and resources that are universally accessible, free of charge, and can be modified or imitated to suit different needs and contexts.

Curriculum:

- Reproductive and Sexual Health Law syllabus, licensed under Creative Commons
- Health Equity and Law Clinic Seminar, course description
- Women's Rights in Transnational Law syllabus 13 week course, licensed under Creative Commons
- Women and International Human Rights Law, 2-week intensive course, description
- Women, HIV/AIDS and Human Rights (English workshops), Selected readings,
- Women, HIV/AIDS and Human Rights (Spanish workshops), Programme and readings.
- *Reproductive Health: Case Studies with Ethical Commentary*, links to English, French and Chinese editions)
- Updates to the textbook *Reproductive Health and Human Rights*

Research resources:

- The Women's Human Rights Resources (WHRR) database
- The Francophone Women's Human Rights (SIFDF) website and database, and
- Publications webpages that provide links to full texts of articles

6C. THE REPROHEALTHLAW LISTSERV

REPROHEALTHLAW-L is an important tool for the recruitment of Programme scholars, the support of alumni, and the development of relationships between scholars/fellows and partner institutions. With strong growth over the last year, the Listserv has also provided our contacts with specialized legal resources, including:

- Announcements and Commentaries on new legal developments
- Abstracts of noteworthy publications
- Summaries of recent court cases
- Announcements of new courses, conferences, calls for papers
- Jobs and scholarships in the field of reproductive and sexual health and women's rights

REPROHEALTHLAW-L now represents an international interdisciplinary network of faculty, students, graduates and friends of the Programme. In 2010, REPROHEALTHLAW-L maintained its 550 annual subscribers, who include 30 of our own reproductive health law scholars and graduates, plus professors, donors, researchers, staff of NGOs and international organizations, graduates of the Swedish Association for Sexuality Education (RFSU)'s African/Asian training programme, students and graduates from the University of the Free State in South Africa and Georgetown's Leadership and Advocacy for Women in Africa (LAWA) Program, lawyers, healthcare professionals and journal editors.

6D. LEGAL COMMENTARY SERIES

REPROHEALTHLAW-L has been used to circulate commentaries on international legal developments by Programme scholars, fellows and alumni since 2006. Since 2009, we post all commentaries on our website for public access at:

http://www.law.utoronto.ca/visitors_content.asp?itemPath=5/12/12/0/0&contentId=1620

In 2010, we posted 11 new commentaries regarding court decisions and legal developments:

- Argentine Rape Case: An Update
- Argentina: Two Judicial Decisions Regarding Abortion in the Case of Rape
- Brazil: Bill establishing embryo rights violates women's reproductive rights
- European Court of Human Rights: Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) and Refugees
- Ireland: Supreme Court: Frozen embryos not "unborn"
- Kenya: New Constitution clarifies law on abortion, guarantees right to reproductive health
- Northern Ireland: Judge orders Withdrawal of Government's Abortion Guidance
- Portugal: Constitutional Court upholds the Abortion law
- UN Human Rights Committee: Resolution on Maternal Mortality
- United States: Conscientious Objection of Protective Services Officers to Abortion
- Zambia: Teacher-student rape case

Republication of listserv features:

- "Two Judicial Decisions regarding abortion in the case of rape, Argentina" by Paola Bergallo, republished in *Reproductive Health Matters* 18.36 (Nov. 2010) 227.
- *Legal Grounds: Reproductive and Sexual Rights in African Commonwealth Courts*, Volume II, (New York: Center for Reproductive Rights, 2010) based on 45 listserv commentaries by Kibrom Isaak Teklehaimanot and Onyema Afulukwe.