

Gender & Law

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Search Tips:

The following search terms or phrases are useful when searching for gender and law related materials:

- feminism and the law
- feminist jurisprudence
- feminist legal theory
- gender and justice
- gender and the law
- legal feminism(s)
- LGBTQ
- lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer
- reproductive rights
- sex discrimination
- women and the law

Special Notation:

Throughout this guide, when sources are available through HeinOnline, Westlaw, Lexis or University of Cincinnati Libraries, it has been denoted by the following symbols:

- [H]: Available through HeinOnline
- [W]: Available through Westlaw
- [L]: Available through Lexis
- [UC]: Available through University of Cincinnati Libraries

1. Materials by Call Number Range

When searching for works on gender and the law, it is important to use the library catalog (<http://proxy.libraries.uc.edu/login?url=http://www.uclid.uc.edu>) to find the exact location of books. The catalog will also tell you if a book is checked out and can also help you find books located at the Reserve desk or in other special library collections.

If you would like to browse gender and the law books in the library, this guide lists the library call number ranges for some of the basic categories of gender and law issues. Note: you can also use the library catalog to browse by call number electronically.

Birth Control/Family Planning

KB3124-3125 Interdisciplinary-Birth Control-Family Planning
KBM3124-3125 Jewish Law Birth Control-Family Planning
KBP3124-3125 Islamic Law-Birth Control-Family Planning

Domestic Relations

K670-709 Civil Law-Domestic Relations-Family Law
K7155-7197 Private International Law-Domestic Relations-Family Law
KB531-619 Interdisciplinary-Domestic Relations-Family Law
KBM531-619 Jewish Law-Domestic Relations-Family Law

LGBTQ

HQ75-76.8 Family-Marriage-Homosexuality-Lesbianism
HV1449 Social Pathology-Social and Public Welfare-Criminology-Gay Men-Lesbians
LC2574-2576 Education of Special Classes of Persons-Gays-Lesbians-Bisexuals

Women

HQ1101-2030.7 Family-Marriage-Women-Feminism
HV1442-1448 Social Pathology-Social and Public Welfare-Criminology-Women
LC1401-2572 Education of Special Classes of Persons –Women
KF478 Women and the Law
KF3464 Employment Discrimination

2. Encyclopedias for Background Research

Encyclopedia articles are good for background information on gender and the law topics. The introductory information found in encyclopedia articles may help you choose a specific topic for a paper or research project, or give you ideas for broadening or narrowing a topic you have already chosen.

National Women's Hall of Fame

<http://www.greatwomen.org/women.php>

The Hall of Fame was established in Seneca Falls in 1969 as an exhibit space and research library to honor contributions made by American women to the nation's arts, athletics, business, education, government affairs, humanities, philanthropy, and science. Biographical sketches and pictures of

the inductees are mounted on this site

Voices from the Gaps

<http://voices.cla.umn.edu/>

A World Wide Web project that focuses on the lives and works of women writers of color in North America.

GLBTQ: An Encyclopedia of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, & Queer Culture

<http://www.glbtc.com/>

A diverse group of more than 340 experts and specialists have contributed almost 2000 signed entries in literature, arts and social sciences to the glbtq encyclopedia.

Encyclopedia of Sex and Gender: Men and Women in the World's Cultures 2 v.

Langsam Reference HQ16.E53 2003

The central aim of this encyclopedia is to give the reader a comparative perspective on issues involving conceptions of gender, gender differences, gender roles, relationships between the genders, and sexuality. [UC]

Routledge International Encyclopedia of Women: Global Women's Issues and Knowledge 4 v.

Langsam Reference HQ1115.R69 2000

This alphabetically organized encyclopedia contains 900 articles relating to global women's issues and written by approximately 450 female subject experts. [UC]

Women's Studies Encyclopedia rev. and exp. 3 v.

Langsam Reference HQ1115.W645 1999

The encyclopedia contains information about women from all fields and disciplines of study, written in non-specialist language. [UC]

3. Articles

Articles can offer analysis of legal policies, rules and history and can help you understand the current state of the law. Articles may also offer extensive footnotes, citing primary and secondary sources relevant to the article's topic.

American University Journal of Gender, Social Policy & the Law (1993-current)

Formerly known as: American University Journal of Gender & the Law

Ranked by the Washington & Lee University School of Law as the most cited legal periodical in the United States and selected non-U.S. regions in the topical area of gender, social policy and the law. The Journal publishes papers addressing social and political equality under the law. [H] [W] [L]

Berkeley Journal of Gender, Law & Justice (1985-current)

Formerly known as: Berkeley Women's Law Journal

The Journal publishes feminist legal scholarship that critically examines the intersection of gender with one or more axis of subordination, including, but not limited to, race, class, sexual orientation, and disability. [H] [W] [L]

Buffalo Journal of Gender, Law and Social Policy (1992-current)

Formerly known as: Circles: Buffalo Women's Journal of Law and Social Policy

Formerly known as: Buffalo Women's Law Journal

The Journal publishes works that challenge traditional avenues of legal and academic thought and pursues alternative means of expressing the lives and concerns of men, women, and gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered, and questioning persons. [H] [W] [L]

Cardozo Journal of Law & Gender (1993-current)

Interdisciplinary in outlook, the Journal publishes three issues per year on a diverse cross-section of topics, ranging from gender and sexuality, to family and children. Recent publications have included articles on the legal implications of reproductive technology and bio-engineering, rape as a war crime, foster care and gender discrimination in insurance coverage. The Journal also has the distinction of being the only publisher of a gender-related annotated legal bibliography. [H] [W] [L]

Columbia Journal of Gender and Law (1991-current)

The Journal publishes interdisciplinary works related to feminism and gender-related issues. [H] [W] [L]

Contemporary Women's Issues

<http://proxy.libraries.uc.edu/login?url=http://rave.ohiolink.edu/databases/login/cwis>

Provides full-text access to global information on women. Journals, newsletters, and research reports from non-profit groups, government and international agencies are easily accessed through CWI. Information on women in over 190 countries is compiled in a single collection bringing together such disciplines as sociology, psychology, health, education, business administration and political science. [UC]

Duke Journal of Gender Law & Policy (1994-current)

The Journal is an interdisciplinary publication devoted to a discussion of gender, sexuality, race, and class in the context of law and public policy. It takes an expansive view of law, engaging other disciplines including literature, sociology, anthropology, psychology, politics, and critical theory. In past years the Journal has published such wide ranging topics as Gender and Race in Adoption, HIV Law and Policy, Gender and Sports, Gender Issues in Divorce, and Queer Theory. [H] [W] [L]

Dukeminier Awards: Best Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Law Review (2002-2009)

Formerly known as: Dukeminier Awards: Best Sexual Orientation Law Review

A legal journal containing the best law review articles concerning various aspects of sexual orientation and gender identity law published each year. [H]

Feminae: Medieval Women and Gender Index

<http://www.haverford.edu/library/reference/mschaus/mfi/mfi.html>

Covers journal articles, book reviews, and essays in books about women, sexuality, and gender during the Middle Ages. Not listed in the Article Resources section of the library's home page. [UC]

Gender & Society (GENDERSOCY) (1994-current)

Focuses on the social and structural study of gender as a basic principal of the social order and as a primary social category, with emphasis on theory and research from micro and macrostructural perspectives. [W]

GenderWatch

<http://proxy.libraries.uc.edu/login?url=http://proquest.umi.com/login?COPT=SU5UPTAmVkvSPTImREJTPTM4M0Q@>

Full text collection of journals, magazines, newsletters, regional publications, books, booklets and pamphlets, conference proceedings and governmental n-g-o and special reports devoted to women's and gender issues. Contains materials dating back to the 1970's. [UC]

Georgetown Journal of Gender and the Law (1999-2009)

The mission of the Journal is to explore the impact of gender, sexuality, and race on both the theory and practice of law. [H] [L]

Gerritsen Collection

<http://proxy.libraries.uc.edu/login?url=http://gerritsen.chadwyck.com/>

An international digital library that spans four centuries and documents the lives and experiences of women in public and private arenas. The database contains 265 periodicals and 4,471 monographs published from 1543-1945 in fifteen different languages. [UC]

Harvard Journal of Law & Gender (1978-current)

Formerly known as: Harvard Women's Law Journal

The nation's oldest continuously publishing feminist law journal. The Journal is devoted to the advancement of feminist jurisprudence and the study of law and gender. By combining political, economic, historical, sociological, and legal perspectives, it seeks to clarify legal issues that have gendered aspects and implications, and to confront new challenges to full social equality. The Journal also explores the interconnections between race, class, sexuality, and gender in the law. [H] [W] [L]

Hastings Women's Law Journal (1989-current)

The Journal publishes works dealing with feminism, race theory, multiculturalism, animal rights, disability rights, language rights, international human rights, criminal defendants' rights and prisoners' rights, among others. [H] [W] [L]

Journal of Gender, Race & Justice (1997-current)

Published by the University of Iowa College of Law. The Journal focuses on feminist inquiry and critical race analysis. [H] [W] [L]

Journal of Gender Studies (1999-current)

The Journal publishes articles relating to gender from a feminist perspective within a wide range of subject areas covering the natural and social sciences, the arts, and popular culture. [W]

LGBT Life with Full Text

Formerly known as: GLBT Life

An index to the world's literature regarding gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender issues. This database contains indexing and abstracts for more than 120 LGBT-specific core periodicals and over 230 LGBT-specific core books and reference works. It also contains data mined from over 40 priority periodicals and over 1,700 select titles, as well as full text for 50 of the most important and historically significant LGBT journals, magazines and regional newspapers, and dozens of full text monographs. The database includes comprehensive indexing and abstract coverage as well as a specialized LGBT Thesaurus containing over 6,300 terms. [UC]

Michigan Journal of Gender & Law (1993-current)

The Journal is dedicated to providing a forum for exploring how gender issues (and related issues of race, class, sexual orientation, gender identity, and culture) impact law and society. The Journal seeks to compare, contrast, and combine theoretical and practical perspectives on gender issues in order to provide a bridge between theory and practice. [H] [W] [L]

Michigan State Journal of Gender Law (2003, 2007-2008)

Formerly known as: Women's Legal Forum & Gender Review

The Journal is entirely online and showcases gender issues, especially those affecting women, and furthering gender equity. [H]

NWSA Journal (NWSAJRNL) (1993-current)

An official publication of the National Women's Studies Association. In addition to essays focusing on feminist scholarship and reviews of books, teaching materials and films, the Journal regularly includes such features as "On Learning and Teaching," "Forum," "Report," and "Biographical Portraits." [W]

Psychology of Women Quarterly (PSYCHWOMQ) (1982-current)

Publishes current and important findings in the field of psychology of women and gender. [W]

Southern California Review of Law and Social Justice (1992-current)

Formerly known as: Southern California Review of Law and Women's Rights

The Journal publishes legal narratives and analyses of case law and legislation that address the law's interaction with historically underrepresented groups and highlight the law's potential as an instrument of positive social change. [H] [W] [L]

Texas Journal of Women & the Law (1992-2009)

The Journal is dedicated to publishing legal scholarship that explores the intersection of culture, race, and socio-economics with gender. [H] [W] [L]

UCLA Women's Law Journal (1991-current)

The Journal focuses not only on the common struggles of women, but also on diversity as a strength in feminist legal scholarship. [H] [W] [L]

University of Maryland Law Journal of Race, Religion, Gender and Class (2001-current)

Formerly known as: Margins

The Journal is dedicated to fostering intellectual discourse on issues at the intersection of public policy and the law, as well as analyzing the effects of law, policy and judicial decision on different religious, racial, ethnic, economic and social groups. Recent articles published in the Journal have explored the debate over the presence of religion in public schools, the application of the insanity defense to women suffering from postpartum depression, the legal and economic critique of eminent domain, and the impact of human trafficking in Maryland. [H] [W][L]

William & Mary Journal of Women and the Law (1994-current)

The Journal presents wide-ranging, multi-disciplinary perspectives on gender issues. [H] [W] [L]

Wisconsin Journal of Law, Gender and Society (1985-current)

Formerly known as: Wisconsin Women's Law Journal

The Journal publishes works that examine the intersection of law and gender with issues of race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, and sexual orientation. [H] [W] [L]

Women's Rights Law Reporter (1971-current)

Published by the Rutgers School of Law in Newark. The oldest legal periodical in the United States focusing exclusively on the field of women's rights law, the Reporter examines legislative developments, significant federal and state court cases, judicial doctrines, litigation strategies, and the lives and careers of prominent women jurists, the legal profession, and other areas of the law or public policy relating to women's rights. [H][W][L]

4. Textbooks & Treatises

Textbooks and treatises offer comprehensive coverage on a specific area of the law. Textbooks can often highlight controversial areas of the law and lead you to relevant cases and statutes. Many treatises are also available dealing with narrow subjects within the broader topics of law.

Battered Women and Feminist Lawmaking

LANGSAM Stacks KF9322 .S36 2000

LAW Stacks KF9322 .S36 2000

The book is organized into four sections, covering the history of the battered women's movement, the theoretical dilemmas of feminist analyses of battering, feminist legal practices and strategies in domestic violence cases, and the possibilities for change through feminist lawmaking, including discussions of the Violence Against Women Act, and of legal education.

Equal Protection of the Law? : Gender and Justice in the United States

LANGSAM Stacks KF478. A98 2002

LAW Morgan Hum Rts KF478. A98 2002

This book provides an account of the evolution of women's constitutional status, as well as stories of their participation in the criminal justice system as workers, victims, and offenders. It focuses on how the experiences of prior generations can illuminate the continued challenges of gender and inequality.

Feminist Jurisprudence

LANGSAM Stacks K644.Z9 F457 1993

LAW Stacks K644.Z9 F45 1993

This book provides coverage of abortion, sexual harassment, censorship and pornography, and other subjects. It also includes insights into essential topics in jurisprudence, such as the nature and justification of law, judicial reasoning and the process of adjudication, the connection between law and equality, and freedom and justice.

Feminist Legal Theory: Readings in Law and Gender

LANGSAM Stacks K644.Z9 F46 1991

LAW Stacks K644.Z9 F46 1991

A collection of papers that reveal the influences of feminist work in philosophy, psychoanalysis, political theory, and literary criticism, among other fields.

Feminist Perspectives on Law and Theory

LAW Morgan Hum Rts KD734 .F46 2000

This book uses the failure of women to fit within male models of both law and theory as a way to rethink legal questions, including the meaning of equality, freedom, justice and citizenship. This includes concern about the way in which queer theory and critical race theory - as well as issues of class - intersect with feminist theory today.

The Gender Line: Men, Women and the Law

LANGSAM Stacks K476 .L48 1998

LAW Stacks K476 .L48 1998

Electronic Resource: <http://proxy.libraries.uc.edu/login?url=http://www.netlibrary.com/Details.aspx>

This book analyzes the ways in which law legitimizes the social segregation of the sexes through legal decisions regarding custody, employment, education, sexual harassment, and criminal law.

Gendered (in)justice: Theory and Practice in Feminist Criminology

LANGSAM Stacks HV6030 .G463 2004

LAW Stacks HV6030 .G463 2004

This book includes fifteen articles written by criminologists that explore how feminist thought has developed in the field, how feminist criminology has influenced research on women offenders and the crimes they commit, laws and policies affecting women offenders, and programming for women offenders.

Introduction to Feminist Jurisprudence

LAW Stacks K349 .B376 1998

This book provides a student text covering the major issues in feminist jurisprudence and analyzes the manner in which both traditional jurisprudence and law have remained a masculine subject.

Introduction to Feminist Legal Theory

LAW Stacks K349 .C49 2003

This book provides an historical overview of feminist legal theory, placing legal issues in social context, with a review of the evolving paradigms of contemporary feminism from the 1970s through the present. It also covers a full range of legal issues affecting women, from rape and domestic violence to workplace discrimination and taxation issues.

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Family Law (LGFAMLAW)

One volume treatise discussing legal aspects of marriage, divorce, adoption, custody, parentage, surrogacy, visitation, assisted reproduction, and other family law topics from the perspective of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people. [W]

Sexual Harassment In The Workplace: A Legal Research Guide

LAW Stacks KF241.L33 P78 2001

This guide covers the sources needed to thoroughly research sexual harassment in the workplace. It lists major primary and secondary authorities, combining leading cases and articles with a research strategy designed to serve as a starting point for exploring the topic in depth.

Sexual Orientation and the Law (SEXORIENT)

Sexual Orientation and the Law is an extensive guide to representing any client involved in a nontraditional relationship, providing advice on how to handle the unique legal problems affecting

your client. It contains extensive coverage of the full range of legal issues facing lesbian and gay clients, offering both discussion of the relevant laws and legal theories as well as sample agreements, practice pointers, and forms. Topics covered include: family law and raising children; Co-habitation and same-sex marriage; federal taxes; death, incapacity, and illness; employment; state initiatives; military and veterans; immigration; representing transsexual clients; consumer goods, services, and accommodations; First Amendment; juveniles; criminal defense; criminal justice; representing clients with AIDS; HIV testing; employment and AIDS; and insurance and AIDS. [W]

Supreme Court Cases on Gender and Sexual Equality, 1787-2001

LANGSAM Stacks KF 4758.A7 A96 2002

LAW Stacks KF4758.A7 A96 2002

This book includes every Supreme Court case relevant to gender and sexual equality from the Court's beginnings to the end of the 2000/2001 term. It is a primary document reference book, organized topically in eight chapters: civic and social rights and duties; educational policies and instructions; employment and careers; sexual privacy and procreative rights; morality and sexual ethics; family; gender and sexual orientation; and other issues. Every case is included either as a full (edited) version of the majority or per curiam opinion, extensive excerpts of the opinion, or a detailed description of the case.

5. Statutory Law

Annotated versions of statutory law often cite to case law, secondary sources, other relevant statutes and regulations that will help you with your research.

Statutes of Interest

The Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000e et seq.)

The Civil Rights Act of 1991 (42 U.S.C. § 1981)

Equal Pay Act of 1963 (29 U.S.C. § 206(d))

Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act (FACE) (18 U.S.C. § 248)

Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (29 U.S.C. § 2612)

Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act of 2003 (18 USC § 1531)

Pregnancy Discrimination Act (42 U.S.C.A. § 2000)

Title IX, Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. §§ 1681-1688)

Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (VAWA) (18 U.S.C.A. §§ 2261-2266)

United States Code

LAW Federal Materials Room KF62 2006 .A2 2008

http://proxy.libraries.uc.edu/login?url=http://heinonline.org/HOL/Index?collection=uscode&set_as_cursor=clear

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/browse/collectionUSCode.action?collectionCode=USCODE>

United States Code Annotated

LAW Federal Materials Room KF62 1927 .W45

Electronic Resource: [L]

United States Code Service

LAW Federal Materials Room KF62 1972 .L38

Electronic Resource: [W]

United States Constitution

<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/constitution/index.html>

14th Amendment: Equal Protection Clause

19th Amendment: Women's Right to Vote

6. Administrative Materials & Agency Publications

Regulations and other administrative materials often offer further explanation of statutory provisions, statistical information and studies which can lead to a deeper understanding of your research topic.

Agencies of Interest:

U.S. Department of Education

U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women

U.S. Department of Labor

U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC)

A-Z Index of U.S. Government Agencies

http://www.usa.gov/Agencies/Federal/All_Agencies/index.shtml

Code of Federal Regulations

LAW Federal Materials Room KF70 .A3 1999

http://proxy.libraries.uc.edu/login?url=http://heionline.org/HOL/Index?collection=cfr&set_as_cursor=clear

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/browse/collectionCfr.action?collectionCode=CFR>

Congressional Research Service Reports

<http://opencrs.com/>

Federal Register

LAW Federal Materials Room KF70 .A2

http://proxy.libraries.uc.edu/login?url=http://heionline.org/HOL/Index?collection=fedreg&set_as_cursor=clear

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/browse/collection.action?collectionCode=FR>

7. Legislative Histories

Legislative history research can be helpful in shedding light on the meaning or intent of a particular piece of legislation or of specific language contained within that legislation. When a question arises concerning the applicability or interpretation of a statute, a legislative history can be compiled or consulted to better understand the reasons for the enactment of that statute.

Documents used to research legislative history include:

- Committee hearings, prints and reports
- Congressional debates
- Congressional Record
- Presidential records
- Supreme Court decisions
- Various versions of a bill

CIS Index

LANGSAM Reference KF49 .C62

HeinOnline U.S. Federal Legislative History Library

http://proxy.libraries.uc.edu/login?url=http://heinonline.org/HOL/Index?collection=leghis&set_as_cursor=clear

ProQuest Congressional

Formerly known as: Lexis Congressional

http://web.lexisnexis.com/congcomp/form/cong/s_pubadvanced.html?DateRestrictionControl=ALL

Thomas

<http://thomas.loc.gov/home/thomas.php>

Zimmerman's Research Guide

<http://law.lexisnexis.com/infopro/zimmermans/disp.aspx?z=1465>

8. Web Sites of Interest

American Bar Association, Commission on Women in the Profession

<http://www.americanbar.org/groups/women.html>

Employment Discrimination: An Overview

http://topics.law.cornell.edu/wex/Employment_discrimination

Hieros Gamos, Women and the Law

<http://www.hg.org/women.html>

League of Women Voters

<http://www.lwv.org/>

Megalaw Gender Law Links

<http://www.megalaw.com/top/gender.php>

National Women's Law Center

<http://www.nwlc.org/>

National Organization for Women (NOW)

<http://www.now.org/>

NOW and Women in the Military

<http://www.now.org/issues/military/>

Sexuality, Gender, and the Law: National and International (University of Chicago Library Guide)

<http://www2.lib.uchicago.edu/~llou/sexlaw.html>

Transgender Law and Policy Institute

<http://www.transgenderlaw.org/index.htm>

Women's Law Initiative

<http://www.womenslaw.org/>

Women's Legal History

<http://wlh.law.stanford.edu/>

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