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DUKE LAW SCHOOL’S – PUBLIC INTEREST BOOK CLUB

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Please Join Us as the Authors Discuss Their Books & the Issues Presented. You Do NOT Have to Read the Books to Attend. The Duke Law School Library Has Three Copies of Each Book on Reserve for Those Who Are Interested. All Events at 12:15 on the Dates Noted. Location TBA.

September 18 One Day All Children: The Unlikely Triumph of Teach for America & What I Learned Along the Way by Brad Keywell. Twenty year old college senior, Wendy Kopp, decided to transform the education system in America. From her dorm room at Princeton University, she set about creating Teach For America, a program that sends outstanding college graduates to teach for two years in the most dilapidated and under-resourced urban and rural public schools in the United States. Since the first group of teachers entered classrooms in 1990, over 5,000 TFA corps members have been placed in teaching positions all over the country. With their astonishing classroom successes, these young teachers have proven that it is possible for children in low-income areas to reach the same level of academic achievement as children in more privileged areas. “One Day, All Children... reveals the struggles of an organization created by and for young idealists. But more importantly, it explores the growth of a new civil rights movement, a movement that demands educational opportunity for all Americans.” From the Book Cover

October 1 Every Handgun is Aimed at You by Josh Sugarmann (2001). “A single consumer product holds our nation hostage: the handgun.” Sugarmann, an investigative journalist, embarks on a journey to examine the gun culture in the United States. He travels from the gun culture in the United States. He explores the issue of gun violence and its impact on American society. "From Publishers Weekly: "This important book... will be an streets, safer homes and a safer America." Hugh Price, President, National Urban League.

January 15 To an Unknown God - Religious Freedom on Trial by Garrett Epps (2001). “[T]he story of one of the most important Supreme Court cases of recent years involving religious freedom—the case that resulted in the passage of one of the most sweeping civil rights laws since the 1960s, the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993. The first of the book-length editorials in favor of banning handguns in the United States, the author, executive director of the anti-gun Violence Policy Center, debunk myths about the efficacy of handgun control, such as licensing and registering, won't stem the tide of violence. ” “From Publishers Weekly: ‘This important book... will be an streets, safer homes and a safer America.’ “Hugh Price, President, National Urban League.”

February 19 Days of Hope: Race and Democracy in the New Deal Era by Patricia Sullivan (1996). “Harvard historian Sullivan, [who is a fellow at the National Humanities Center this year], carefully details the impact of Roosevelt’s New Deal in the Old South. Efforts by influential northern blacks to hasten civil rights advances in the South also aroused considerable opposition; when Roosevelt failed to pull the Supreme Court in his second term, Sullivan notes, southern Democrats—who had allied with Republicans to block reform in the region and eventually to remake the Democratic party as a more conservative, anticomunist entity in the postwar era. Other incidents that contributed to a profound white backlash in the South included the Scopes trial of 1925, ... and the Harlan County coal strike of the mid-1930s.” Sullivan writes, “although little, if any, memory of the New Deal years informed the civil rights movement of the 1960s, the activists of the earlier decades tilted the ground for future change.” Ultimately, Sullivan notes, civil rights advances were furthered by African-Americans’ participation in WW II, when soldiers who had fought against fascism abroad began to agitate for democracy at home.” Co-Sponsors: BLSA

March 7 Deliberate Intent: A Lawyer Tells the True Story of Murder by the Book by Rod Smolla (1999). Deliberate Intent is a biography about the real-life murder of a law professor. The book is based on the case of Professor James Perry, who was found guilty of murder. Smolla tells the story of Perry’s trial and appeals process, including interviews with key witnesses and experts. The book provides a detailed account of the legal battle that ensued, including Perry’s defense arguments and the prosecution’s response. Smolla’s writing style is clear and engaging, making the legal proceedings accessible to readers without a legal background. The book is a compelling read for anyone interested in the legal system and its impact on society. Co-Sponsor: BLSA

April 11...
2000-2001 With These Hands: The Hidden World of Migrant Farmworkers Today by Daniel Rothenberg*; A Well Regulated Militia: The Battle Over Gun Control by William Weir*; Double" Illing: A Young Lawyer’s Tale of Greed, Sex, Lies, and the Pursuit of a Swivel Chair by Cameron Stracher*; Which Side Are You On? Trying to Be for Labor When It’s Flat on Its Back by Thomas Geoghegan; Black Lawyers, White Courts: The Soul of South African Law by Ken Broun*; A Law of Her Own: The Reasonable Woman As a Measure of Man by Caroline Forell* and Donna Matthews


1997-1998: “The Worst Thing That Clinton Has Ever Done,” Atlantic Monthly, by Peter Edelman (welfare reform); Shades of Freedom by Judge A. Leon Higginbotham (about racial politics and the judicial system); Broken Contract by Richard D. Kahlenberg (about law students considering a public interest career and his memoirs of being a law student at Harvard); Orphans of the Living by Jennifer Toth* (about the foster care system); No Contest by Ralph Nader & Wesley J. Smith (about corporate lawyers and their impact on the judicial system); Deadly Consequences by Deborah Prothrow-Stith (about violence and teenage crime)


1993-1994: Praying for Sheetrock, Melissa Fay Greene; Within Our Reach: Breaking the Cycle of Disadvantage, Lisbeth B. Schorr; Savage Inequalities: Children in America’s Schools, Jonathan Kozol; Faces at the Bottom of the Well: The Permanence of Racism, Derrick A. Bell
Late entry for 2001-2002:

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