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Call for Papers

The Law School at the University of Pennsylvania will host "Law and the 'Disappearance' of Class in Twentieth-Century America" on November 15–17, 2002. While historical scholarship has argued that class, like race and gender, should be central to historical inquiry, little has been written about the essential role of law in reinforcing and rationalizing class distinctions in the twentieth century. Historically, law and legal theory have shaped, maintained, and justified class hierarchies, as well as helped hide them from political view. Puportedly neutral legal concepts such as fault and responsibility conceal both the class consequences of their application and how class influenced their articulation. The conference will address the role law played in reinforcing class differences while obscuring issues of class during the twentieth century, such that a meaningful rhetoric of class is now largely absent from political discourse despite the importance of class in American politics, culture, and society.

"Law and the 'Disappearence' of Class in Twentieth-Century America" invites papers on any aspect of class that relates to law, legal rhetoric, or legal ideology. For example, issues in labor law and labor relations, criminal law and the criminal justice system, housing discrimination, zoning, and landlord-tenant relations, have obvious relevance to a legal history of class in the twentieth century, but so also may topics in religion, civil rights, freedom of expression, privacy, gender-based discrimination, family law, commercial credit, and consumer protection, to name but a few. Participants need not think of themselves primarily as legal historians. Submissions from both legal scholars and historians interested in exploring ideas related to the theme of the conference are welcome.

Interested scholars should submit a curriculum vitae and a prospectus of no more than 1000 words describing the substance of the paper and its relationship to existing scholarship. Final papers will be distributed in advance of the conference to facilitate lively discussion. The conference sponsors expect to be able to publish the papers in an edited volume.

Please send the requested submission material by March 15, 2001 to Conference Committee, care of Professors Bruce Mann and Sarah Barringer Gordon, University of Pennsylvania Law School, 3400 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19104-6204. Email submissions are encouraged. Submissions and inquiries should be sent to Benjamin Field, bfield@history.upenn.edu.