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FOREWORD

The EMORY LAW JOURNAL is happy to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Feminism and Legal Theory Project (FLTP). Professor Martha Albertson Fineman, the founder and director of the FLTP, brought the FLTP in 2004 to its current home at the Emory University School of Law, where she was named a Robert W. Woodruff Professor of Law—the highest honor Emory University can bestow upon any faculty member of the law school. The FLTP has built bridges within the university and has engaged other academic fields and explored new academic frontiers, advancing the scholarly debate surrounding such topics as vulnerability theory and queer theory. Last year alone, the FLTP hosted myriad interdisciplinary discussions covering such topics as wrongful convictions, disability, violence and vulnerability, masculinities, adolescent sexuality, and motherhood.

The commemorative colloquium featured in this issue of the EMORY LAW JOURNAL aims to celebrate both the theoretical and methodological achievements of the FLTP. At the center of this colloquium is a scholarly exchange meant to exemplify the collaborative spirit and robust debate that are the defining hallmarks of the FLTP. In it, Professors Huntington and Fineman discuss and debate the significance of emotion-based theory in family law. This exchange breaks ground by exposing the ability of law to manipulate individuals' affective lives, demanding new thinking about confronting social behaviors that fall outside accepted "norms." This colloquium also features a book review of *FEMINIST AND QUEER LEGAL THEORY: INTIMATE ENCOUNTERS, UNCOMFORTABLE CONVERSATIONS*, the 2009 work edited by Fineman and her colleagues, Jack E. Jackson and Adam P. Romero. In the review, Professor Nancy Dowd not only discusses the volume's substantive dialog on queer theory, but also highlights the "F-factor"—Fineman's unique ability to bring together different, often conflicting, perspectives in feminist legal theory.

Inspired by the "F-factor"—so aptly coined by Dowd—the EMORY LAW JOURNAL honors the FLTP. We thank the scholars who have contributed to the colloquium featured in this issue, as well as the Feminism and Legal Theory Project for providing a forum for feminist legal scholarship for over twenty-five years.

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