



The Pro Bono Research Group presents:

**Serving America's Working Poor:
Combating Multiple Injustices
With Action and Advocacy**

Featuring a Keynote Address by Francis Fox Piven

**April 7, 2003
Saxbe Auditorium
Moritz College of Law
The Ohio State University**

PROGRAM

Monday, April 7, 2003

The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law

Drinko Hall, 55 West 12th Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43210

- 10:00 a.m. **Registration and Complementary Breakfast**
- 10:30 a.m. **Welcome**
Remarks by Dean Nancy Hardin Rogers, Moritz College of Law
- 10:35 a.m. **Panel I: America's Working Poor**
Moderator: **Professor Marc Spindelman**, Moritz College of Law
Martha F. Davis, Associate Professor of Law, Northeastern University
Julie Nice, Charles W. Delaney, Jr. Professor of Law, University of Denver
john a. powell, Gregory H. Williams Chair in Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, Moritz College of Law, and Executive Director, Institute for Race and Ethnicity in the Americas, The Ohio State University
- 12:00 p.m. **Keynote Address**
Francis Fox Piven, Distinguished Professor of Political Science and Sociology, City University of New York
- 1:00 p.m. **Lunch**
- 1:30 p.m. **Panel II: Addressing Poverty through Action and Advocacy**
Moderator: **Kathy Wise**, Director of the Student Housing Legal Clinic, The Ohio State University
Christine Cimini, Visiting Clinical Professor, Cornell University, and Clinical Professor, University of Denver
Kaaryn Gustafson, Welfare Rights Coordinator, Women of Color Resource Center, Berkeley, California
Jeanne Johns, Litigation Director, Advocates for Basic Legal Equality, Toledo, Ohio
Tom Weeks, Executive Director, Ohio State Legal Services Association, Columbus, Ohio
- 3:10 **Plenary Session: A Time for Reflection**
Moderator: **Associate Dean Kathy Northern**, Moritz College of Law
Participants: All Speakers and the Audience

Francis Fox Piven



Francis Fox Piven is a Distinguished Professor of Political Science and Sociology at the City University of New York and an internationally renowned authority on poverty and politics. Professor Piven holds an M.A. in City Planning and a Ph.D. in Social Sciences from the University of Chicago, as well as an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Adelphi University. She was recently the recipient of the American Sociological Distinguished Career Award for the practice of sociology. She has an impressive history with a variety of organizations including as a founder of the National Welfare Rights Organization, and of the Human Service Employees Registration and Voter Education Campaign; and as a former Vice-President of the American Political Science Association, and of the Research Committee on Poverty, Social Welfare, and Social Policy of the International Sociological Association. Professor Piven has also co-authored a number of books including the award-winning *Regulating the Poor: The Functions of Public Welfare* and the recently published *Work, Welfare and Politics: Confronting Poverty in the Wake of Welfare Reform*.

Christine Cimini

Christine Cimini is a Visiting Clinical Professor at the Cornell University School of Law and Clinical Professor at the University of Denver College of Law. Professor Cimini teaches in the civil litigation clinic where she focuses on a wide variety of civil legal issues including welfare reform issues and a host of other problems faced by members of low-income communities. Prior to teaching, she worked as an ACLU staff attorney and a legal aid attorney. Professor Cimini recently published *Welfare Entitlements in the Era of Devolution* and *The New Contract: Welfare Reform, Devolution, and Due Process*. She completed her B.A. at Clark University and J.D. at the University of Connecticut School of Law.

Martha F. Davis

Martha F. Davis is an Associate Professor at Northeastern University School of Law in Boston, Massachusetts, where she specializes in women's rights, poverty law and employment discrimination. Prior to joining the faculty at Northeastern, Professor Davis was the Vice President and Legal Director of the NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund in New York. She is the author of the prizewinning book, *Brutal Need: Lawyers and the Welfare Rights Movement*, and has written widely on issues relating to women's rights, human rights, welfare, and violence against women. Professor Davis holds a B.A. from Harvard University, an M.A. from Oxford University, and a J.D. from the University of Chicago.

Kaaryn Gustafson

Kaaryn Gustafson is a New Voices Fellow and Director of the Welfare Policy Program at the Women of Color Resource Center in Berkeley, California, a nonprofit education, community action, and resource center working on social justice issues that affect women of color. She most recently co-authored *Working Hard, Staying Poor: Women and Children in the Wake of Welfare Reform*, and also wrote several articles on the impact of welfare on mothers and immigrants. Ms. Gustafson completed her J.D. at the Boalt Hall School of Law at the University of California, Berkeley and is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Jurisprudence and Social Policy at University of California at Berkeley.

Jeanne Johns

Jeanne Johns is currently the Litigation Director for Advocates for Basic Legal Equality, a law firm representing low-income clients in fifteen counties in Northwest Ohio and migrant farm-workers statewide. Her community service activities include Board Member for the Ohio State Legal Services Committee on Regional Training, mediator for the Toledo Municipal Court Citizen Dispute Resolution program, and member of the Toledo Bar Association, the Toledo Women's Bar Association, the Federal Court Committee, and the Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee. She received her B.A. in Sociology from The Ohio State University and her J.D. from the University of Toledo College of Law.

Julie Nice

Professor Julie Nice is the Charles W. Delaney, Jr. Professor of Law at the University of Denver College of Law where she teaches Constitutional Law I and II, Poverty Law, and Sexual Orientation Law. She focuses her research on constitutional and poverty law issues, and she is the co-author of *Poverty Law: Theory and Practice*. She has taught as a Visiting Professor at University of Michigan Law School and University of Connecticut School of Law and as a Clinical Fellow at Northwestern University School of Law. Prior to teaching, she worked for the Legal Assistance Foundation of Chicago representing the poor in federal, state, and administrative litigation. Professor Nice received her B.A. and J.D. from Northwestern University.

john a. powell

Professor john a. powell is currently serving as the Gregory H. Williams Chair in Civil Rights and Civil Liberties at The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law and as Executive Director of The Ohio State University's Institute for Race and Ethnicity in the Americas. Professor powell is a nationally recognized authority in the areas of civil rights, civil liberties, and issues relating to race, poverty, and the law. Prior to joining the faculty in 2002, Professor powell was the Earl R. Larson Chair of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties at the University of Minnesota and was Executive Director of the Institute on Race and Poverty. He received his B.A. from Stanford University and his J.D. from the University of California at Berkeley.

Tom Weeks

Tom Weeks is the Executive Director of the Ohio State Legal Services Association, an organization committed to searching out the patterns, causes, and solutions of the recurring and fundamental legal problems facing our community. Many of OSLSA's clients are those most effected by a lack of legal services including: domestic violence victims, families wrongfully forced into homelessness, children caught in custody battles, and senior citizens whose medical benefits are mistakenly terminated. Before becoming the Executive Director of OSLSA, Mr. Weeks worked at the Cleveland Legal Aid Society as a staff attorney and the Director of the Civil Division. Mr. Weeks is involved in several Ohio organizations committed to further developing Ohio's legal assistance programs, including the Ohio Legal Assistance Foundation, the Ohio Legal Services State Planning Process, and the Ohio Legal Services Project Directors. Mr. Weeks completed his B.A. at Oberlin College and received his J.D. from the University of Michigan.

The Pro Bono Research Group is a student run organization at the Moritz College of Law. Our primary mission is to expand access to legal services for indigent clients by assisting legal services attorneys around Ohio with legal research and writing projects. Within the law school and our greater community, we also strive to raise awareness about poverty law issues, many of which are under-represented in the mainstream curriculum or legal practice. Accordingly, the Woodside Speaker Series was born with the generous support of Dr. Frank C. Woodside III.



Dr. Frank C. Woodside III has contributed generously to the Pro Bono Research Group. The most wonderful aspect of his gift is the endowment that ensures perpetual support for PBRG. The Pro Bono Research Group is able, through his contributions, to provide a very fine experience for law students where they can apply what they have learned in the classroom to issues concerning Americans today. In addition, his gift provides the support necessary for PBRG to present the annual Woodside Speaker Series.

Dr. Frank C. Woodside III, a partner with Dinsmore & Shohl LLP, Cincinnati, Ohio practices in the areas of Health Care and Products Liability. His practice specifically focuses on the representation of manufacturing concerns in class actions and mass tort litigation in such areas as pharmaceuticals, and medical devices; the trial of drug, medical device and tobacco product liability cases; and the defense of health care providers in medical malpractice litigation. Dr. Woodside has been listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* for the past 11 years.

Dr. Woodside has served as primary trial counsel in medical malpractice, products liability, mass tort and other cases tried in Ohio, Kansas, Missouri, Pennsylvania, Georgia, Colorado, Texas, Illinois, California, Maryland, and Iowa with over 70 cases tried to verdict or judgment. He has argued cases before the Supreme Court of Ohio, the First, Third, and Sixth Circuit Courts of Appeal, and the United States Supreme Court.

Dr. Woodside also serves as an adjunct professor of law at the University of Cincinnati College of Law and a clinical professor of pediatrics emeritus at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine. He is a Diplomate of the American Board of Legal Medicine, a Diplomate of the American Board of Professional Liability Attorneys, and a member of the Board of Trustees at the Children's Hospital Medical Center in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dr. Woodside received his J.D. from The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, cum laude, his M.D. from the University of Cincinnati, and his B.S. from The Ohio State University.





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