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## **Modern Scientific Evidence**

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Scientific and social scientific evidence has informed judicial decisions and the making of constitutional law for decades, but for much of U.S. history it has also served as a rhetorical device to justify inequality. It is only in recent years that scientific and statistical research has helped redress discrimination—but not without controversy. Scientific Evidence and Equal Protection of the Law provides unique insights into the judicial process and scientific inquiry by examining major decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court, civil rights advocacy, and the nature of

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science itself. Angelo Ancheta discusses leading equal protection cases such as *Brown v. Board of Education* and recent litigation involving race-related affirmative action, gender inequality, and discrimination based on sexual orientation. He also examines less prominent, but equally compelling cases, including *McCleskey v. Kemp*, which involved statistical evidence that a state's death penalty was disproportionately used when victims were white and defendants were black, and *Castaneda v. Partida*, which established key standards of evidence in addressing the exclusion of Latinos from grand jury service. For each case, Ancheta explores the tensions between scientific findings and constitutional values.

### **The Sociology of Law**

### **The Supreme Court, Race, and Civil Rights**

In the late 1970s and throughout the 1980s, many private employers in the United States enacted fetal protection policies that barred fertile women—that is, women who had not been surgically sterilized—from working in jobs that might expose fetuses to toxins. In *Fetal Rights, Women's Rights*, Suzanne Samuels analyzes these policies and the ambiguous responses to them by federal and state courts, legislatures, administrative agencies, litigants, and interest groups. She poses

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provocative questions about the implicit links between social welfare concerns and paternalism in the workplace, including: are women workers or wombs? Placing the fetal protection controversy within the larger societal debate about gender roles, Samuels argues that governmental decision-makers confuse sex, which is based solely on biological characteristics, with gender, which is based on societal conceptions. She contends that the debate about fetal protection policies brought this ambiguity into stark relief, and that the response of policy-makers was rooted in assumptions about gender roles. Judges, legislators, and regulators used gender as a proxy, she argues, to sidestep the question of whether fetal protection policies could be justified by the biological differences between women and men. The fetal protection controversy raises a number of concerns about women's role in the workplace. Samuels discusses the effect on governmental policies of the ongoing controversy over abortion rights and the debates between egalitarian and relational feminists about the treatment of women at work. A timely and engrossing study, *Fetal Rights, Women's Rights* details the pattern of gender politics in the United States and demonstrates the broader ramifications of gender bias in the workplace.

### **The Role of Social Science in Law**

Why should Americans who are not gay care about gay rights? In *Created Equal*, Michael Nava and Robert Dawidoff argue that the movement for gay equality is

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central to the continuing defense of individual liberty in America. Beginning with an examination of the determined assault on gay issues by the religious right, the authors show how this sectarian movement to legislate private religious morality into law undermines the purpose of American constitutional government: the protection of the individual's right to determine how best to live his or her life. The book starts from the premise that gay men and lesbians are, first and foremost, American citizens, and then looks to what rights belong to every individual American citizen, arguing from the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. Addressing their argument to the great majority of their fellow Americans, Dawidoff and Nava emphasize that what is at stake is not the fate of the gay community, but the future of constitutional principle and the rights of free individuals in American society.

### **Segregation's Science**

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### **Burdens of Proof in Modern Discourse**

Providing a well-rounded presentation of the constitution and evolution of civil rights in the United States, this book will be useful for students and academics with

an interest in civil rights, race and the law. Abraham L Davis and Barbara Luck Graham's purpose is: to give an overview of the Supreme Court and its rulings with regard to issues of equality and civil rights; to bring law, political science and history into the discussion of civil rights and the Supreme Court; to incorporate the politically disadvantaged and the human component into the discussion; to stimulate discussion among students; and to provide a text that cultivates competence in reading actual Supreme Court cases.

### **Scientific evidence in criminal cases**

The cultures of law and social science differ markedly as to the kinds of truth they pursue. Law is deductive, presenting its findings as certainties; social science is largely inductive, presenting its conclusions as subject to revision and contingency. Yet the legal community traditionally draws at will and unsystematically on the findings of social science, sometimes with unfortunate results. The authors of this study explore this issue by focusing on the manner in which the United States Supreme Court uses social science data in reaching its decisions. Concentrating on decisions involving the issues of abortion, sex discrimination, and sexual harassment, they show that the use of such data has increased over the last twenty years, but they also show that whether such data are used appears to hinge more on the liberal, conservative, or longheld positions of the judges and the types of cases involved, rather than on the objectivity or validity of the data. By

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offering insights into how data are used by the Supreme Court, the authors hope to show social scientists how to make their research more suitable for courtroom use and to show the legal community how such data can be used more effectively.

### **Journal of the Center for Families, Children, and the Courts**

#### **Complex Justice**

#### **Realizing Bakke's Legacy**

### **The Journal of Criminal Law, Criminology and Police Science**

#### **Modern Scientific Evidence**

In 1987 Judge Russell Clark mandated tax increases to help pay for improvements to the Kansas City, Missouri, School District in an effort to lure white students and quality teachers back to the inner-city district. Yet even after increasing employee

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salaries and constructing elaborate facilities at a cost of more than \$2 billion, the district remained overwhelmingly segregated and student achievement remained far below national averages. Just eight years later the U.S. Supreme Court began reversing these initiatives, signifying a major retreat from *Brown v. Board of Education*. In Kansas City, African American families opposed to the district court's efforts organized a takeover of the school board and requested that the court case be closed. Joshua Dunn argues that Judge Clark's ruling was not the result of tyrannical "judicial activism" but was rather the logical outcome of previous contradictory Supreme Court doctrines. High Court decisions, Dunn explains, necessarily limit the policy choices available to lower court judges, introducing complications the Supreme Court would not anticipate. He demonstrates that the Kansas City case is a model lesson for the types of problems that develop for lower courts in any area in which the Supreme Court attempts to create significant change. Dunn's exploration of this landmark case deepens our understanding of when courts can and cannot successfully create and manage public policy.

### **Parents Involved in Community Schools (2007) V. Seattle School District No.1 (2007).**

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\* How has Bakke shaped our understanding of race, access to education, and affirmative action? \* Will Bakke remain relevant for the future, legally and politically? \* Can we use Bakke to re-envision affirmative action in higher education? Published to mark the 30th anniversary of the Supreme Court's Bakke decision, this book explores the complex set of legal and educational policy circumstances established by this historic court decision that continues to simultaneously frame, narrow, and confound our understanding of affirmative action in higher education specifically, and issues of equity in education broadly. By "upholding Bakke," the Supreme Court, in its Gratz and Grutter opinions, maintained its centrality in the on-going argument about access to higher education. However, this validation of racial and ethnic diversity as a legally compelling interest did not silence the multiplicity of voices debating the consequences and fundamental issues of Bakke. Multi-disciplinary in approach and multi-racial in content, this book represents that kaleidoscope of voices and opinions. The contributors include scholars of national stature in the areas of access and equity in education. The book is guided by three frames: Bakke's legal and philosophical lineage; the educational pipeline -- past, present, and future; and policy and practice. It begins with an historical analysis of the legal and policy

parameters of the decision and highlights the legal and social fissures that exist related to affirmative action and college admissions. It discusses in detail the philosophical underpinnings of affirmative action as a catalyst for reaping the benefits of diversity. The book also reviews Bakke's broader influences on K-12 and postsecondary politics, and practices across institutional, state, and national levels. As racial divisions in the country are sharpening and as educational outcomes continue to be directly related to race and poverty, this volume will help inform the discussions and decisions by federal and state policy-makers, educational providers, civil rights advocates and other interested stakeholders to bring about the changes that lead to equal opportunity.

### **The Use of Social Science Data in Supreme Court Decisions**

### **Contemporary Issues in Chronic Pain Management**

### **Fair Science**

Scientific Evidence in Civil and Criminal Cases provides those participating in trials with a concise understanding of the scope of commonly encountered types of

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expert testimony and the nature of results which may be expected from specialists. It explores both the potentialities and limitations of expert proof. It discusses the qualifications needed for expert witnesses from various disciplines and explains the status of the law concerning the types of evidence encountered in a trial. One volume.

### **Scientific Evidence and Equal Protection of the Law**

#### **Amendment XIV: Equal Protection**

#### **Knowledge and Policy**

A discussion of the problems of proving and measuring sex discrimination precedes a survey of woman's place in the scientific community and an analysis of her performance and achievements in relation to her male counterparts.

#### **California. Court of Appeal (2nd Appellate District). Records and Briefs**

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The legal system relies on social science for answers to many tough questions. Social scientists study issues relevant to law. But are law and social science talking past one another? This collection of important articles and essays explores the difficult process of translation between these two fields, drawing on three different scholarly perspectives - the 'insider' approach which views social science as a tool that lawyers can use for legal ends, the 'outsider' approach of the law and society or sociology of law movement, and the study of the language of law. Each section of the volume combines theoretical articles with specific empirical examples, ranging from the death penalty through anti-discrimination law to family violence.

### **Controversies in Equal Protection Cases in America**

#### **Fetal Rights, Women's Rights**

#### **United States Code Service**

This collection engages with current issues on equal protection in the USA, as seen from the perspectives of leading academics in this area. Contributors with a range of perspectives interrogate the legal, theoretical and factual assumptions which

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shape case law and consider the extent to which they satisfactorily address contemporary concerns with social hierarchies and norms. Divided into five parts, the study focusses on the connections between equal protection jurisprudence, discrimination in its contemporary manifestations, the implications of identity politics and the moral and political conceptualizations of equality that represent the parameters of debate. Drawing on historical analysis and disciplinary insights of the social sciences, the book bridges the gap between theory and practice. The themes presented and analyses developed are among some of the most contentious currently in America, and will be of interest not just to lawyers and legal academics, but also to inter-disciplinary social science researchers, including sociologists, economists and political scientists.

### **Scientific Evidence for Police Officers**

Challenging long-held theories of scientific rationality and remoteness, Kristin Shrader-Frechette argues that research cannot be 'value free.' Rather, any research will raise important moral issues for those involved, issues not only of truthfulness but of risk to research subjects, third parties, and the general public.

### **West's California Jurisprudence 3d**

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PROFESSOR SIR KENNETH L. STUART Pain control has become one of medicine's most rapidly growing disciplines, and I welcome the opportunity to write this foreword to a book that I am sure will make its own unique contribution to advancing this discipline. My pleasure in writing it is heightened by my pride in the fact that its editor was at one time an undergraduate student of mine at the University of the West Indies in Jamaica. One of the uncertainties teachers always face is that they can never predict how their charges will turn out. This uncertainty has been happily resolved. Dr. Parris' professional career has been marked by the same dedication and commitment that characterized his undergraduate days and that clearly has been brought to the preparation of this scholarly and practical work. Pain relief has been until recently a comparatively neglected field. Its neglect was determined not so much by lack of professional awareness of its importance but mainly because so little could be done about it in the past.

### **Crime & Justice VI I Pap 2nd**

### **Scientific Evidence in Criminal Cases**

### **Gay Science**

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This legal, philosophical, and rhetorical study by Richard H. Gaskins provides the first systematic treatment of arguments-from-ignorance across a wide range of modern discourse—from constitutional law, scientific inquiry, and moral philosophy to organizational behavior, computer operation, and personal interaction.

### **The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science**

### **Great American Court Cases: Equal protection and family law**

### **Scientific Evidence**

Editor Sylvia Engdahl explores a highly controversial topic, the right to equal protection under the law. This right grants everyone protection, but we haven't always granted it equally. Timely essays in this volume debate school segregation, a woman's right in relation to non-consent pregnancy, an unborn child's rights, the rights of children of illegal immigrants, and gay marriage.

### **The Law of Confessions and Scientific Evidence**

### **Family Code**

Drawing on a wide range of studies in neuroanatomy, genetics, and psychology, Murphy systematically reviews the purpose and goals of gay science, arguing that that science, for better or worse, represents a vital channel through which a more complete understanding of homosexuality can be established.

### **Symposium**

Blending social, intellectual, legal, medical, gender, and cultural history, *Segregation's Science: Eugenics and Society in Virginia* examines how eugenic theory and practice bolstered Virginia's various cultures of segregation--rich from poor, sick from well, able from disabled, male from female, and black from white and Native American. Famously articulated by Thomas Jefferson, ideas about biological inequalities among groups evolved throughout the nineteenth century. By the early twentieth century, proponents of eugenics--the "science" of racial improvement--melded evolutionary biology and incipient genetics with long-standing cultural racism. The resulting theories, taught to generations of Virginia high school, college, and medical students, became social policy as Virginia legislators passed eugenic marriage and sterilization statutes. The enforcement of

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these laws victimized men and women labeled "feeble-minded," African Americans, and Native Americans for over forty years. However, this is much more than the story of majority agents dominating minority subjects. Although white elites were the first to champion eugenics, by the 1910s African American Virginians were advancing their own hereditarian ideas, creating an effective counter-narrative to white scientific racism. Ultimately, segregation's science contained the seeds of biological determinism's undoing, realized through the civil, women's, Native American, and welfare rights movements. Of interest to historians, educators, biologists, physicians, and social workers, this study reminds readers that science is socially constructed; the syllogism "Science is objective; objective things are moral; therefore science is moral" remains as potentially dangerous and misleading today as it was in the past.

### **Created Equal**

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