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**SELECT ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE**

**Director, Juvenile Rights Advocacy Project, Adjunct & Visiting Clinical Professor,** 1995-present; Boston College Law School, Newton, Massachusetts.

Founded and direct law and policy clinic and advanced clinic (JRAP I & II). Supervise students representing youth in status offender, delinquency and education law cases. Supervise students in youth-focused policy projects in collaboration with government, community-based organizations and foundations. Developed clinic database and client-based evaluation instrument. Teach Juvenile Justice Seminar and Juvenile Rights Advocacy Project Seminar.

**Visiting Lecturer, Renmin University Law School, Comparative Law Program,** Beijing, China, April 27-May 23, 2012

**Co-director, Boston College Center for Child, Family, and Community Partnerships,** 1997-2000.

**Assistant and Associate Professor of Legal, Reasoning, Research & Writing,** Boston College Law School, 1985-1995.

**SELECT PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES & HONORS**

- **Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention National Girls Institute, Advisory Board Member,** July, 2012-present.
- **Annie E. Casey Foundation, Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI), Technical Assistance Provider,** 2000-present. Authored DETENTION REFORM AND GIRLS: CHALLENGES AND SOLUTIONS: JDAI PATHWAY #13 (2005) and MAKING DETENTION REFORM WORK FOR GIRLS: JDAI PRACTICE GUIDE #5 (2012), provide technical assistance to JDAI sites nationally to reduce detention for girls and improve their conditions of confinement, assess jurisdictions' use of detention for girls, regularly organize and present JDAI workshops.
- **Artistic Noise, Inc., Co-Founder and Board President,** 2001-present. (formerly Hear Us Make Artistic Noise (H.U.M.A.N.) ([www.artisticnoise.org](http://www.artisticnoise.org)))
- **National Advisory Committee on Violence Against Women, Member,** January 2011- June 2012. Appointed by U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder to advise Departments of Justice and Health and Human Services on how to improve U.S. response to violence against women with a focus on children and teens. Served as Chair of Sub-Committee on Prevention and Social Change. (Report forthcoming, 2012).

- **Institute of Medicine Workshops: Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children/Sex Trafficking**, Testified, Washington, DC, February 29, 2012 Boston, MA, March 23, 2012.
- **New England Juvenile Defender Center**, Member, Board of Directors, 2002-2012.
- **Healthy Families and Communities Subcommittee of the U.S. House of Representatives Education and Labor Committee**, Testified concerning reauthorization of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act and girls, March 11, 2010.
- **Germaine Lawrence Women of Excellence**, Award Recipient, November, 2010.
- **MacArthur Foundation**, Consultant, September, 2010.
- **Massachusetts Department of Youth Services, Spectrum Girls Facility Self-Assessment Team Member**, August-October, 2009.
- **Clark County, Nevada, Consultant**, 2007, 2009. Assisted Las Vegas and surrounding county to reduce the use of detention for girls and address the needs of sexually exploited girls.
- **The Hyams Foundation, Lead Consultant**, 2003-2006. Lead consultant for Girls' Initiative, which funded eight community-based programs for system-involved girls; developed learning community and conducted participant action research.
- **Middlesex District Attorney's Office, Consultant**, 2004. Evaluated disproportionate minority contact and diversion of youth in Framingham Juvenile Court.
- **Citizens for Juvenile Justice**, Named a *Founder*.
- **Girls' Justice Initiative, Founder and Steering Committee Member** (With Georgetown Law Center, National Juvenile Defender Center, Juvenile Law Center, Public Defender Service of Washington, D.C.).
- **With American Bar Association, Juvenile Justice Center and the Philadelphia Defender's Association, Co-Sponsor** *Law Reform Strategy Session for Girls in the Justice System*, Washington, D.C. March, 2000.
- **Struggling for a Future: Juvenile Violence, Juvenile Justice**, Co-Chair, juvenile justice conference co-sponsored by Boston College Law School and Harvard Law School's Criminal Justice Institute, December 2 & 3, 1994.

- **Governor's Advisory Board to the Department of Youth Services, Member** (official appointment by Governor William Weld from September 17, 1992-February 19, 1993).

### SELECT PUBLICATIONS

Francine T. Sherman, *Justice for Girls: Are We Making Progress?*, 59 (6) U.C.L.A.L. REV. \_\_\_\_ (forthcoming August, 2012).

Francine T. Sherman, Richard A. Mendel & Angela Irvine, MAKING DETENTION REFORM WORK FOR GIRLS: JDAI PRACTICE GUIDE #5 (Annie E. Casey Foundation forthcoming 2012).

Francine T. Sherman & Francine H. Jacobs (eds.) JUVENILE JUSTICE: ADVANCING RESEARCH, POLICY AND PRACTICE (Wiley & Sons, 2011).

Francine T. Sherman & Jay Blitzman, *Children's Rights and Relationships: A Legal Framework*, in JUVENILE JUSTICE: ADVANCING RESEARCH, POLICY, AND PRACTICE (Francine T. Sherman & Francine H. Jacobs, eds., 2011).

Francine T. Sherman & Lisa Goldblatt Grace, *The System Response to the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Girls*, in JUVENILE JUSTICE: ADVANCING RESEARCH, POLICY, AND PRACTICE (Francine T. Sherman & Francine H. Jacobs, eds., 2011).

Francine T. Sherman & Jessica Greenstone, *The Role of Gender in Youth Systems: Grace's Story*, in JUVENILE JUSTICE: ADVANCING RESEARCH, POLICY, AND PRACTICE (Francine T. Sherman & Francine H. Jacobs, eds., 2011).

Meda Chesney-Lind & Francine T. Sherman, *Gender Matters in Juvenile Justice*, N.Y. LAW JOURNAL, December 7, 2010.

Francine T. Sherman, *Access to Community Healthcare for Youth in the Juvenile Justice System: Initial Lessons from the Massachusetts Health Passport Project*, 8(6) WOMEN, GIRLS & CRIMINAL JUSTICE (October/November 2007): 81-82, 87-91. Reprinted 2 WOMEN AND GIRLS IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM: POLICY ISSUES AND PRACTICE STRATEGIES (Russell Immarigeon, ed., Civic Research Institute, 2010).

Francine T. Sherman, *Promoting Justice for Girls in an Unjust System*, in WOMEN AND GIRLS IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM: POLICY ISSUES AND PRACTICE STRATEGIES (Russell Immarigeon, ed., Civic Research Institute, 2010).

Amicus Brief, *Commonwealth v. Weston W.*, SJC-10299, (September, 25, 2009). With Juvenile Rights Advocacy Project, Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund, Committee for Public Counsel Services, and Children's Law Center.

Francine T. Sherman, *Reframing the Response: Girls in the Juvenile Justice System and Domestic Violence*, 18(1) JUVENILE AND FAMILY JUSTICE TODAY 16-20 (Winter 2009).

Francine T. Sherman (with Juvenile Rights Advocacy Project students), JRAP GUIDE: MEDICAL CONSENT FOR MINORS IN MASSACHUSETTS SYSTEMS, (Juvenile Rights Advocacy Project, 2006).

Francine T. Sherman, TAKING ON THE CHALLENGE: PHASE I OF THE HYAMS FOUNDATION GIRLS' INITIATIVE (The Hyams Foundation, 2006).

Francine T. Sherman, DETENTION REFORM FOR GIRLS: CHALLENGES AND SOLUTIONS: JDAI PATHWAYS TO DETENTION REFORM #13 (Annie E. Casey Foundation, 2005).

Marsha L. Levick & Francine T. Sherman, *When Individual Differences Demand Equal Treatment: An Equal Rights Approach to the Special Needs of Girls in the Juvenile Justice System*, 18 WISC. WOM. L. J. 9-50 (2003).

Francine T. Sherman (with Juvenile Rights Advocacy Project students), GIRLS IN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM: PERSPECTIVES ON SERVICES AND CONDITIONS OF CONFINEMENT (Girls' Justice Initiative, 2003).

JUSTICE BY GENDER: LACK OF APPROPRIATE PREVENTION, DIVERSION, AND TREATMENT ALTERNATIVES FOR GIRLS IN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM (American Bar Association, National Bar Association, 2001) (Contributor).

AMERICA'S CHILDREN STILL AT RISK (American Bar Association, 2001) (Contributor)

Francine T. Sherman, *Effective Advocacy Strategies for Girls: Promoting Justice in an Unjust System*, in LEGAL & SOCIAL WELFARE ISSUES OF GIRLS & ADOLESCENTS (James R. Bell & Jane M. Spinak, eds., Children's Law Institute, Practising Law Institute, 2001).

Francine T. Sherman & William R. Torbert (eds.), TRANSFORMING SOCIAL INQUIRY, TRANSFORMING SOCIAL ACTION: NEW PARADIGMS FOR CROSSING THE THEORY/PRACTICE DIVIDE IN UNIVERSITIES AND COMMUNITIES (Kluwer Academic Press 2000).

Francine T. Sherman, *Leadership and Lawyering: Learning New Ways to See Juvenile Justice*, in TRANSFORMING SOCIAL INQUIRY, TRANSFORMING SOCIAL ACTION: NEW PARADIGMS FOR CROSSING THE THEORY/PRACTICE DIVIDE IN UNIVERSITIES AND COMMUNITIES (Francine T. Sherman & William R. Torbert, eds., Kluwer Academic Press 2000).

Francine T. Sherman, *Prostitution and Teenage Girls*, 1(6) WOMEN, GIRLS & CRIMINAL JUSTICE (Civic Research Institute, October/November 2000).

Francine T. Sherman, *Probation and the Delinquent Girl*, 1(5) WOMEN, GIRLS & CRIMINAL JUSTICE (Civic Research Institute, August/September, 2000).

Francine T. Sherman, *What's In a Name: Runaway Girls Pose Challenges for Justice Professionals*, 1(2) WOMEN, GIRLS & CRIMINAL JUSTICE (Civic Research Institute, March/April 2000).

Francine T. Sherman, *The Juvenile Rights Advocacy Project: Representing Girls in Context*, VI (1) JUVENILE JUSTICE JOURNAL (Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, October 1999).

Francine T. Sherman, *The Role of Context in the Representation of Children*, in WHO SPEAKS FOR THIS CHILD? A DIALOGUE ABOUT THE LEGAL REPRESENTATION OF CHILDREN, 3-16. (Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education 1999).

Francine T. Sherman, *Law in the School-Linked Services Model: Problems and Possibilities*, in COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE: SCHOOL AND HUMAN SERVICE PARTNERSHIPS 201-218 (Robbie Tourse & Jean Mooney, eds., Praeger 1999).

Francine T. Sherman & William Talley, *Foreword, Symposium – Struggling For a Future: Juvenile Violence, Juvenile Justice*, 36 B.C.L. REV. 889 (1995).

Francine T. Sherman, *Thoughts on a Contextual View of Juvenile Justice Reform Drawn from Narratives of Youth*, 68 TEMPLE L. REV. 1837 (1995).

## **PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR**

- Artistic Noise (formerly H.U.M.A.N.), Massachusetts Cultural Council, The Janey Fund, Cloud Foundation, King Foundation, Woodcock Foundation, 2001-present. Developed and implemented an art and entrepreneurship program for girls in the juvenile justice system in Boston and New York. ([www.artisticnoise.org](http://www.artisticnoise.org))
- Massachusetts Health Passport Project & Girls Health Passport Project, Jacob and Valeria Langeloth Foundation, Blue Cross Blue Shield Massachusetts Foundation, Partners Healthcare, The Boston Foundation, Jessie B. Cox Trust, 2003-2010. Planned and implemented a continuous, gender-responsive, health care access model for youth in the juvenile justice system in collaboration with Massachusetts Department of Youth Services, community health centers, and community-based programs in Boston and Worcester. Worked closely with evaluators from Tufts University.
- Juvenile Rights Advocacy Project, Gardiner Howland Shaw Foundation, Public Welfare Foundation, 1996-2010. General support for JRAP policy and case-work.
- Brighton High School Law Center, Massachusetts Bar Foundation, 1998-2002. Developed and implemented school-linked law center providing student representation, legal education and consultation with school support services team. Coached mock trial team with JRAP students.

## **SELECT PRESENTATIONS**

**13<sup>th</sup> Annual Juvenile Delinquency and Child Welfare Law Conference, Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education**, Boston, MA, May 30, 2012; Featured Speaker, *Working with Adolescent Girls*.

**American Bar Association Mid-Year Meeting**, New Orleans, LA, February 3, 2012; Moderator and Speaker, *The Legal Lives of Girls*.

**U.C.L.A. Law School Symposium**, *Overpoliced and Underprotected: Women, Race and Criminalization*, January 27, 2012; Panelist, *Punishing Sexuality and Reproduction*.

**Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention National Children's Justice and Safety Conference**, National Harbor, MD, October 12, 2011; Featured Speaker, *The Legal Lives of Girls*.

**Annie E. Casey Foundation Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative Annual Conferences**, Kansas City, Washington, D.C., Indianapolis, Dallas, New Orleans, Las Vegas, San Francisco, Albuquerque, Portland, and Chicago, 2000-2012; Speaker, Workshop Organizer, Moderator and Presenter for a range of workshops on topics related to detention reform and girls.

**Boston College Third World Law Journal Symposium**, *The Way to Carnegie: Practice, Practice, Practice*, October 28, 2011; Moderator, *Questions of Social Justice*.

**Israel National Juvenile Public Defender's Conference**, Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv Israel, November 3, 2009; Featured Speaker, *Social Welfare v. Social Control: Juvenile Justice in the United States*.

**Israel Juvenile Court Judges Meeting**, Tel Aviv, Israel November 5, 2009; Featured Speaker, *Girls in the United States Justice System*.

**Clark County Girls Symposium on Commercial Sexual Exploitation**, Las Vegas, NV, July 10, 2009; Moderator.

**Fifth Annual Girls, Community, and Justice Conference**, University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth, MA, June 1, 2009; Speaker, *Girls in the United States Juvenile Justice System*.

**National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges**, Orlando, FL, October 12-13, 2008; Featured Speaker, *Domestic Violence and Juvenile Justice*.

**Girls' Initiative Community Meeting**, Boston, MA, September, 2008; Panelist and Discussion Leader, *Health and Girls in the Justice System*.

**National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges**, Lake Tahoe, CA, August, 2008; Speaker and Participant, *Family Violence and Juvenile Justice*.

**Annual Judges Conference, Washington, D.C.**, October 11, 2006; Keynote Speaker, *Detention Reform and Girls: Challenge and Solutions*.

**Tennessee Judges Conference**, Nashville, TN, September 11, 2006; Featured Speaker, *Girls in the Juvenile Justice System*.

**National Association of Women Judges 25th Annual Conference**, *Justice in America, Justice in the World*, Washington, D.C., October 11, 2003; Featured Speaker, *Investing in the Future: Confronting the Needs of Girls in the Justice System*.

**The Boston Foundation, Safe Communities Initiative**, Boston, MA, June 6, 2003; Keynote Speaker, *Girls in Crisis: The Challenges for Our Community*.

**Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice and Women's Legislative Caucus 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Summit on Girls**, Atlanta GA, November 14, 2002; Keynote Address, *Painting It Pink Is Not Enough*.

**Office of the District Attorney, Kings County, NY**, October 3, 2000, Speaker, *Girls in the Juvenile Justice System Nationally*.

**Women & Philanthropy and the National Legal Aid and Defender Association,**  
*Women, Poverty and the Law*, Chicago, IL, September, 2000; Speaker, *Women in the Criminal Justice System*.

**Rockefeller Foundation, Next Generation Leadership Program,** New York, NY, April 27, 2000; Speaker, *Girls in the Justice System*.

#### SELECT MEDIA

- Zeder, J., *Girl Power*, Boston College Law School Magazine, Fall/Winter 2008: 24-30.
- The Boston College Chronicle, *A Staunch Advocate*, January 18, 2007. Vol. 15, No. 9.
- Smardon, A., *From Their Violent Pasts Comes Art*, The Boston Globe. April 24, 2004.
- Guest on "Talk of the Nation" (National Public Radio) discussing girls in the justice system, August 6, 2003.
- Interviewed on "All Things Considered," National Public Radio segment on girls in the justice system; WBUR segment on girls in the justice system in Boston, July, 2003.
- Panelist KQED, public radio, Forum on girls in the justice system, San Francisco, July 2001.
- Quoted in, The Boston Globe, Atlanta Journal Constitution, Marie Claire Magazine, Gannett News Service, Star-Ledger, Arizona Ladies Home Journal, The Boston Phoenix, The Miami Herald and other print media regarding juvenile justice issues and girls in the juvenile justice system.

#### EDUCATION

Boston College Law School: J.D., May 1980

Student Editor, *Boston College Environmental Affairs Law Review*

University of Missouri: B.A., May 1977