Sex-Based Discrimination

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Required Course Materials:


Administrative Details:

Class meetings: Tuesdays and Thursdays: 8:40 -10.00am.
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First Assignment:

The first class will be on Tuesday, August 21st 2018. Please read pages 1-21 before that class meeting.

Points for discussion:

1) When reading the cases, try to identify the source of the discriminatory practice, the legal rationale that was given to try to justify the discriminatory practice and the harm it caused to women at the time;
2) Compare and contrast the different legal reasonings provided by the Supreme Court in the cases of *Muller v. Oregon* 208 U.S 412 (1908) and *Goesart v. Cleary* 335 U.S 464 (1948). Think about how they are alike and how they differ.
3) Please read Justice Bradley’s concurrence in the case of *Bradwell v Illinois* (pages 9-11) and be prepared to discuss it as a group. In particular, consider Myra’s Bradwell’s reliance on the Privilege and Immunities clause of the 14th Amendment.
4) Please read the Declaration of Sentiments, Seneca Falls Convention on pages 12-14 and make a list of the issues addressed in this Declaration. In particular, consider the various ways that the authors argue that a women’s right to work and be employed are affected by the list of discriminatory acts and practices set out in the document.