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### *Butterfly Politics*

(Harvard University Press, 2017)

The butterfly effect in chaos theory contends that the minuscule motion of a butterfly's wings can trigger a tornado half a world away. Small simple interventions in unstable systems, through collective recursion, can produce large complex effects. *Butterfly Politics* adapts this concept as a metaphor to analyze how law can cause social change through examining forty years of interventions into gender inequality, focusing on sexual abuse. *Butterfly politics* offers a theory of principled, effective, socially conscious, activist engagement through law for social equality.

*Butterfly Politics* will be available for purchase at the talk. The Introduction and Table of Contents are available online at our website and in hard copy at the Center.

PLACE	Selznick Seminar Room, 2240 Piedmont Avenue
TIME	12:45 – 2:00pm
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