

ABOUT THE CONTRIBUTORS

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Elizabeth Alexander is a poet, playwright and scholar. She earned her undergraduate degree at Yale in 1984, pursued a degree in creative writing at Boston University, and received her Ph.D. in English at the University of Pennsylvania. She has published three poetic works, *The Venus Hottentot*, *Body of Life*, and *Antebellum Dream Book*. Professor Alexander has taught at the University of Pennsylvania, Harvard University, and the University of Chicago. She was the first Director of the Poetry Center of Smith College and has come to Yale as an Associate Professor (Adjunct) of African American Studies. She teaches courses exploring problems in the study of African American literature.

Frances Beinecke, B.A. 1971, M.F.S. 1974, Executive Director of the Natural Resources Defense Council

Frances G. Beinecke is the Executive Director of the Natural Resources Defense Council, one of the nation's leading environmental organizations that uses law and science to advance environmental protection in the U.S. and abroad. Ms. Beinecke has been involved with NRDC since 1973, first as an intern, as a resource specialist with the Coastal/Marine program, as the Associate Director from 1990 to 1998, and now as Executive Director. She has managed NRDC's programs, restructuring and strategic planning process over the last decade. Ms. Beinecke also serves on many boards, including the Yale Corporation, World Resources Institute, and Ethical Culture Fieldston Schools.

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Seyla Benhabib is Eugene Meyer Professor of Political Science and Philosophy and the Director of the Ethics, Politics and Economics program. Her research and teaching focus on 19th and 20th century German social and political thought, moral philosophy, and most recently citizenship studies. Also a renowned feminist theorist, Professor Benhabib came to Yale from Harvard University, where from 1993 to 2001 she was Professor in the Department of Government and Chair of Harvard's Committee on Degrees in Social Studies from 1997–2000. She also chaired the Standing Committee on the Status of Women in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences from 1995–97 at Harvard. She is the author or co-author of seven books, including most recently, *The Reluctant Modernism of Hannah Arendt* (Sage 1996; reissued by Rowman and Littlefield 2003), *Transformations of Citizenship: Dilemmas of the Nation-State in the Global Era* (The Baruch de Spinoza lectures, Amsterdam, 2001) and *The Claims of Culture: Equality and Diversity in the Global Era* (Princeton 2003).

Mishka Brown, B.A. 1997, CEO of Aerolith Incorporated

Mishka Brown is CEO of Aerolith Incorporated, a media consulting and technology development company based in Harlem. After graduating with a degree in African American Studies and Political Science from Yale in 1997, Ms. Brown worked as a corporate paralegal before partnering with fellow Yale graduate Bill Mack. Over the last four years, Aerolith has worked for both large clients such as Lucent Technologies and the New York City

Board of Education and small community based organizations. Ms. Brown was selected for *Fast Company* magazine's Brain Trust of Experts, was a Delegate-at-Large at the National Summit on Africa in 2000, and is a member of the Black Documentary Collective and the New York New Media Association.

Johnnetta Cole, L.H.D. (Hon.) 1991, President of Bennett College, President Emerita of Spelman College

Dr. Johnnetta Cole was named the 14th president of Bennett College in 2002. In 1997, Dr. Cole concluded a decade of service as the seventh president of Spelman College. From 1998 to 2001, she served as the Presidential Distinguished Professor of Anthropology, Women's Studies, and African American Studies at Emory University. Dr. Cole began college at the age of 15 when she entered Fisk University. She completed her undergraduate degree at Oberlin College and earned a Ph.D. in anthropology from Northwestern University. Dr. Cole's teaching and research in the areas of cultural anthropology, African-American studies, and women's studies inform her advocacy for people of color and women throughout the world. In 1987 Dr. Cole became the first African-American woman to serve as president of Spelman College since its founding in 1881. During Dr. Cole's tenure, Spelman made history by becoming the first historically black college to receive a number one rating in *U.S. News and World Report's* annual college issue. Under Dr. Cole's leadership, in 1997 Spelman completed a major capital campaign that raised 113.8 million dollars, which was at that time the largest sum ever raised by a historically black college or university. Dr. Cole is an active member of numerous

community and corporate boards and organizations including The Carter Center, the National Council of Negro Women, and Coca-Cola Enterprises. Dr. Cole has received honorary degrees from 47 colleges and universities including Yale University, and most recently received the Radcliffe Medal from the Radcliffe College Alumnae Association.

Nancy F. Cott, Jonathan Trumbull Professor of American History, Harvard University

Nancy Cott taught at Yale from 1975 to 2001, the year she was named Sterling Professor of History and American Studies. She moved to Harvard in 2002, where she teaches in the History department and serves as faculty director of the Schlesinger Library on the History of Women at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study. She is the author of many books on gender history, marriage, and feminism in the United States, the most recent being *Public Vows: A History of Marriage and the Nation* (HUP, 2000). Professor Cott completed her undergraduate work at Cornell and received her Ph.D. in the History of American Civilization from Brandeis University.

Marian Wright Edelman, LL.B. 1963, M.A.H. 1971, LL.D. (Hon.) 1985, President of the Children's Defense Fund

Marian Wright Edelman is founder and president of the Children's Defense Fund (CDF). She began her career in the mid 1960s when, as the first black woman admitted to the Mississippi bar, she directed the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund office in Jackson. In 1968, she moved to Washington, D.C., as counsel for the Poor People's March that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.,

began organizing before his death. Ms. Edelman founded the Washington Research Project, a public interest law firm and the parent body of the Children's Defense Fund. For two years, she directed the Center for Law and Education at Harvard University, and, in 1973, began CDF. She has received many honorary degrees and awards including the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the Albert Schweitzer Humanitarian Prize, and a MacArthur Foundation Prize Fellowship.

Heidi Hartmann, Ph.D. in Economics 1974, Founder and President, Institute for Women's Policy Research

Dr. Heidi Hartmann is the President and founder of the Washington-based Institute for Women's Policy Research, an independent, non-profit, scientific research organization. She is an economist with a B.A. from Swarthmore College and a Ph.D. in economics from Yale University. Dr. Hartmann has authored or co-authored a variety of reports, such as *The Impact of Social Security Reform on Women; Unnecessary Losses: Costs to Americans of the Lack of Family and Medical Leave; and Women's Access to Health Insurance*, which are widely available in the United States and abroad. In 1994 Dr. Hartmann received a MacArthur fellowship award in recognition of her pioneering work in the field of women and economics.

Dolores Hayden, Professor of Architecture, Urbanism and American Studies, Yale University

Dolores Hayden is Professor of Architecture, Urbanism, and American Studies. An urban historian and architect, she writes about the history of American built environments and the politics of design. Her books include

The Grand Domestic Revolution: A History of Feminist Designs for American Homes, Neighborhoods, and Cities (1981), *Redesigning the American Dream: The Future of Housing, Work, and Family Life* (1984, 2002), and *The Power of Place* (1995). Professor Hayden has taught at MIT, UC Berkeley, and UCLA as well as Yale. She has been a Guggenheim Fellow and a fellow of the Graham Foundation for Advanced Studies in the Fine Arts. She lectures internationally on urban design, public history, public art, preservation, housing, and suburbs. She was educated at Mount Holyoke College, Cambridge University, and the Harvard Graduate School of Design. She is also a poet with recent work in *Yale Review*, *Southwest Review*, and *Michigan Quarterly Review*.

Nannerl O. Keohane, Ph.D. in Political Science 1967, President of Duke University

Nannerl O. Keohane, president of Duke University since 1993, was a 1961 Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Wellesley College. Thereafter she attended Oxford University on a Marshall Scholarship taking a B.A./M.A. with First Class Honours in philosophy, politics, and economics. She earned her Yale Ph.D. in political science on a Sterling Fellowship in 1967. Before becoming president of Wellesley in 1981, Dr. Keohane taught at Swarthmore College, the University of Pennsylvania, and Stanford University. Dr. Keohane, who also holds the rank of Professor of political science, has written extensively in the fields of political philosophy, feminism, and education. She is the author of *Philosophy and the State in France: The Renaissance to the Enlightenment* (Princeton University Press, 1980) and co-editor of *Feminist*

Theory: A Critique of Ideology (University of Chicago Press, 1982).

Richard C. Levin, Ph.D. in Economics 1974, President of Yale University

Richard C. Levin, the Frederick William Beinecke Professor of Economics, was selected Yale's twenty-second President in 1993. He received his B.A. from Stanford University in 1968 and studied politics and philosophy at Oxford University, where he earned a B.Litt. degree. In 1974 he received his Ph.D. from Yale and joined the Yale faculty. Before becoming president, he chaired the economics department and served as Dean of the Graduate School. As president, he has invested in the physical renovation of the campus on an unprecedented scale, worked to improve relations with the City of New Haven, and launched a half-billion-dollar expansion in the sciences. Mr. Levin currently is a director of the Hewlett Foundation, Journal Storage, and the National Academy of Sciences' Board on Science, Technology and Economic Policy. He also chairs the board of the University Alliance for Lifelong Learning, a joint venture of Yale, Oxford, and Stanford universities.

Linda K. Lorimer, J.D. 1977, Vice President and Secretary of Yale University

Linda Koch Lorimer is Vice President and Secretary of the University. She is the officer responsible for an array of institutional functions, ranging from corporate governance to external affairs (both public affairs and alumni relations). She has served as a member of the Yale Corporation, president of the board of the American Association of Colleges and Universities (an association of over 600 institutions of higher education), and president of the

Women's College Coalition. Ms. Lorimer was President of Randolph-Macon Women's College from 1986 to 1993. She held a series of administrative appointments at Yale from 1978 to 1986 before returning as Secretary in 1993.

Alison Mackenzie, Former Research Director and Program Coordinator of the Women Faculty Forum

Alison Mackenzie was the Research Director and Program Coordinator for the Women Faculty Forum from 2000–2002. During this time she helped to organize the *Gender Matters* conference as part of Yale's Tercentennial celebration. Ms. Mackenzie is currently a first year student at Yale Law School.

Linda Mason, M.B.A. 1980, Chair and Cofounder of Bright Horizons Family Solutions

Linda Mason is Chair and Founder of Bright Horizons Family Solutions, the world's leading provider of employer-sponsored childcare, early education and work/life solutions. Ms. Mason also founded The Bright Horizons Foundation for Children and The Horizons Initiative, which provides childcare to homeless children in the Greater Boston area. Prior to founding Bright Horizons, Ms. Mason managed large-scale relief operations overseas. She co-authored the book *Rice, Rivalry, and Politics*, based on her relief experiences in Cambodia. Ms. Mason's recent book, *The Working Mother's Guide to Life*, was published in November 2002.

Sarah Pillsbury, B.A. 1974, Producer, Sanford Pillsbury Productions

Sarah Pillsbury began her career working in documentaries as associate producer on *The California Reich* (nominated for an Academy Award for Best Documentary Feature) and attended

UCLA film school. In 1979, she produced Ron Ellis' *Board and Care*, which won the Academy Award for Best Live Action Short Subject. Ms. Pillsbury joined forces with Midge Sanford in 1981 to form Sanford/Pillsbury Productions. Together they have produced nine feature films and four television films including the Emmy Award winning HBO film, *And The Band Played On*. In 1976 she co-founded the Liberty Hill Foundation which now gives away over \$3 million a year to community organizations in Los Angeles County working for economic, social, and environmental justice.

Shilpa Raval, Assistant Professor of Classics and Research Director of the Women Faculty Forum, Yale University

Shilpa Raval has taught at Yale since 2000. Her research interests include Latin poetry, gender and sexuality in the ancient world, and feminist, literary, and queer theory. Professor Raval is currently working on a book on literary representations of rape in ancient Rome. She received her B.A. in Classics and English with a minor in Women's Studies from Drew University and her Ph.D. from Brown University.

Judith Resnik, Arthur Liman Professor of Law, Yale University

Judith Resnik joined the Yale Law School faculty in 1997, where she teaches and writes about procedure, federalism, large-scale litigation, women's rights, and feminist theory. Her essays consider 20th century changes in the role of judges, dispute resolution, adjudication, gender, international law, and jurisdiction. She is the co-author of *Procedure* (1988) and of *The Effects of Gender* (1994), the first monograph about gender in the federal courts. Professor Resnik

has testified many times before congressional and judicial committees. She is a graduate of Bryn Mawr College and New York University Law School. Before coming to Yale, she was the Orrin B. Evans Professor of Law at the University of Southern California.

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Deborah Rhode is the Ernest W. McFarland Professor of Law and director of the Keck Center on Legal Ethics and the Legal Profession at Stanford Law School. In 1998, she served as president of the Association of American Law Schools, and as senior counsel to the minority members of the Judiciary Committee, the United States House of Representatives, working on impeachment issues. She is also a former chair of the American Bar Association's Commission on Women in the Profession. Author or coauthor of eight books and over 111 articles, Professor Rhode graduated Phi Beta Kappa and summa cum laude from Yale College and received her legal training from Yale Law School. After clerking for Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, she joined the Stanford faculty. She is a former director of Stanford's Institute for Research on Women and Gender and writes primarily in the area of legal ethics and gender discrimination. She is a former trustee of Yale University.

Alison Richard, Vice Chancellor of Cambridge University, Provost Emerita of Yale University

Professor Richard received her undergraduate degree in anthropology at Cambridge University and her doctorate in primate biology from London University. She joined the Yale faculty

in 1972 and was named professor of anthropology in 1986. Professor Richard is widely known for her research and writings on the evolution of complex social systems among primates. This work has taken her to Central America, Northern Pakistan, and in particular Madagascar, where she has maintained a field research project for the past 15 years. Professor Richard chaired the Department of Anthropology at Yale from 1986 until 1990, and received a joint appointment as professor of environmental studies in the School of Forestry and Environmental Studies in 1992. Between 1991 and 1994, she served as Director of the Yale Peabody Museum of Natural History, where she oversaw one of the most important university natural history collections in the U.S. and played a leading role in initiating the museum's \$20 million capital drive. From April 1994 until she stepped down from the position in December 2002, Professor Richard served as Provost of Yale University. The Provost is the chief academic and administrative officer of the University after the President. As such, the provost has oversight of educational policies of all sectors of the University, and prepares the operating and capital budget. In December 2002, Professor Richard was named Vice Chancellor-designate of Cambridge University. She will take up the position on October 1, 2003.

Sally Stansfield, Residency Internship 1977, Associate Director for Global Health Initiatives for the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

Dr. Stansfield was educated at the University of Washington and completed a residency internship in internal medicine at Yale University. As the Associate Director at the Bill and

Melinda Gates Foundation, she identifies opportunities for improving global health equity, develops strategies for evaluating global health programs, and manages the grant review process. Prior to the Gates Foundation, Dr. Stansfield managed the USAID-financed Reproductive and Child Health Alliance Program in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, and helped to develop the Master's in Public Health Program at Addis Ababa University in Ethiopia. She has conducted research on high hazard viral diseases (AIDS, Ebola fever and Lassa fever) for the Centers for Disease Control and evaluated health projects in Mauritania and Bangladesh for the World Health Organization (WHO).

Nancy J. Vickers, Ph.D. in French 1976, President of Bryn Mawr College

Dr. Nancy Vickers is President of Bryn Mawr College. Prior to assuming her current position in 1997, she was the Dean of Curriculum and Instruction at the University of Southern California's College of Letters, Arts and Sciences and a Professor of French, Italian, and Comparative Literature. Dr. Vickers received her bachelor's degree from Mount Holyoke College in 1967 and her Ph.D. from Yale University in 1976. She has received awards for her excellence as a teacher from both the University of Southern California and Dartmouth College, where she taught from 1973 until 1987. Dr. Vickers is a scholar in the fields of literary and cultural studies; her publications include *Language Machines: Technologies of Literary and Cultural Production*, *Rewriting the Renaissance: The Discourses of Sexual Differences in Early Modern Europe*, and *A New History of French Literature*, for which she and her co-editors received the Modern Language Association's James Russell Lowell Prize in 1990.

Patricia M. Wald, LL.B. 1951, LL.D. (Hon.) 2001, American Judicial Representative, The International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (1999–2001)

Judge Pat Wald became the American Judicial Representative on the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia in 1999. Previously, she served as a U.S. Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit Court for 20 years, serving as Chief Judge from 1986 to 1991. In 1977, she became the Assistant Attorney General for Legislative Affairs in the Department of Justice, a position she held until she was appointed to the bench in 1979. Judge Wald has also served as Vice President of the American Law Institute from 1988 to 1998, and is a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. She has authored over 100 articles on national and international legal topics, and in 2001 she received an honorary degree from Yale University.