

Sarah Weddington Prize for New Student Scholarship in Reproductive Rights

Announcing the 2011 Sarah Weddington Writing Prize Winners

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[Law Students for Reproductive Justice \(LSRJ\)](#), in collaboration with the [Center for Reproductive Rights \(the Center\)](#), is pleased to announce the winners of the sixth annual Sarah Weddington Writing Prize for New Student Scholarship in Reproductive Rights. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to the following prize recipients:

1st Place:

- **Allison Hartry**, J.D. candidate (UC Berkeley School of Law, 2012) for “Birthright Justice: Birthright Citizenship and Reproductive Justice in Immigration Detention Centers”

2nd Place:

- **Elizabeth J. Chen**, J.D. candidate (Washington University in St. Louis School of Law, 2012) for “Equal Protection: Why the HPV Vaccine Should be Mandated for Both Boys and Girls”

3rd Place:

- **Sarah Coburn**, J.D. candidate (Temple University Beasley School of Law, 2011) for “Obstructed Birth: Racism in Midwifery Regulation, the Emergence of the Certified Professional Midwife and the Need for Movement Building”

We are grateful to the Center and the writing prize judges for helping to give student scholarship a voice. The goal of the Sarah Weddington Writing Prize is to encourage innovative analysis and advocacy, as well as to provide preparation for future thought leaders in the reproductive rights and justice movement. We encourage writing that amplifies lesser heard voices, applies an intersectional, reproductive justice lens to legal thinking, offers anti-essentialist analysis, and/or suggests innovative solutions that take into account the practical realities and the lived experiences of the people affected by various forms of subordination and reproductive oppression.

This year’s theme, “**Beyond the Books: Realizing Reproductive Rights in Real Lives,**” sought fresh student scholarship that focuses on a particular community’s unique struggle for reproductive justice.

Authors of the first, second, and third place submissions received prizes of \$750, \$500, and \$250, respectively. In addition, the first place submission will be published in an upcoming volume of the New York University Review of Law and Social Change. The full text of the winning submissions will be made available on the LSRJ website at <http://lsrj.org/awards/>.

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