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the legal person after the sexual revolution

Criminal Law, the Church
and the Family

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Criminal Law, the Family and the Church have worked together as a mutually reinforcing economy, keeping the married woman in her place. All three institutions have prescribed rules for intimate married life, conferring authority on the husband, never the wife. But times are changing. The traditional marital rights of men have been formally curtailed, husbands can be charged with the rape of their wives and the married woman now has at least formal powers to refuse sexual access. The family has loosened its form and the power of the Church over intimate sexual matters has diminished. This paper considers the effects of this modernisation of the lives of married women and men on the character of the criminal legal person. Are they his undoing?

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Join us on **Monday, September 24, 2012, 12:30pm-2pm, Room 2027, Ignat Kaneff Building** for this talk jointly sponsored by the Institute for Feminist Legal Studies and the Osgoode Colloquium on Law, Religion & Social Thought. Lunch will be served.

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