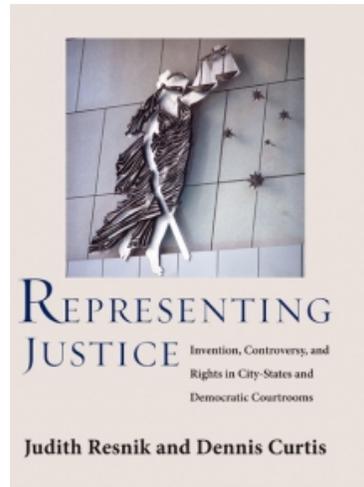


Representing Justice: Identity, Politics, and Rights



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Judith Resnik is the co-author of *Representing Justice, Invention, Controversy, and Rights in City-States and Democratic Courtrooms*, which looks at the relationship of courts to democracy through the lens of the images used to mark a building as a courthouse and the development of courthouses as a distinctive building type. As the University of Idaho College of Law begins a new chapter in one of the state's most historic courthouses, with Idaho's largest collection of Works Progress Administration-era murals, a discussion of the relevance of such images to changing roles of courts will help the Law School community reflect on its relationship to these murals.

In ancient times, judges were obliged to be loyal servants of the state, and citizens were relegated to serving as passive spectators watching rituals of power. Moreover, not all people were eligible to participate as disputants, witnesses, or decision makers. In contrast, today judges are independent actors in complex and critical relationships with the government and with the public, and all persons are equally entitled to participate. But this twentieth-century invention of democratic courts is at risk by processes that undermine the public dimensions of adjudication and undercut arguments for judicial independence. The discussion, drawn from *Representing Justice*, will show—literally through many images—how looking at courthouses and their walls provides windows into how courts became egalitarian venues and how the aspirations for egalitarian exchanges are now at risk.

Praise for *Representing Justice*: 2011 Best Legal Read, The Guardian; 2011 PROSE Award for Excellence in the Social Sciences; 2011 PROSE Award for Law and Legal Studies; Choice Outstanding Academic Title for 2011 in the U.S. Politics category; 2012 Scribes Book Award; 2014 Coif Book Award.

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11:45 – Registration

12:00 to 1:30 – Presentation

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