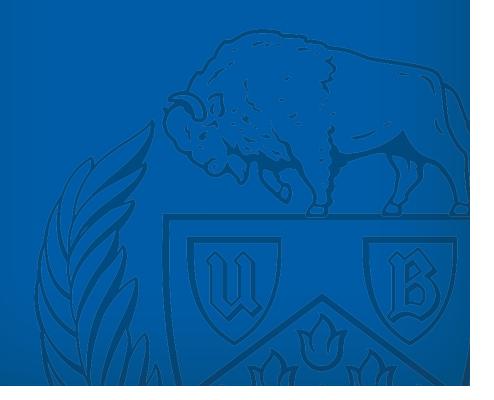
CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF

Professor Isabel S. Marcus

Wednesday, May 11, 2022, 10:30 a.m. The Buffalo Room, 10 Capen Hall University at Buffalo





Professor Isabel S. Marcus

1938-2021 (3)

Joining the School of Law faculty in 1982, Isabel Marcus taught at the University at Buffalo for more than 35 years. She was a beloved professor, fiercely devoted to the idea of law as a tool for social progress.

A New York City native, Professor Marcus studied at Barnard College and the London School of Economics. She then went on to the University of California, Berkeley, where she earned a J.D., a Master's degree in African Studies, and a Doctorate in Political Science. She initially focused her teaching and scholarship at the School of Law on labor and family law. But she soon expanded her interests to women's rights and gender equality issues, both in the United States and worldwide.

She also translated her ideals into practice, for example, working with the Erie County courts to strengthen the help provided to targets of domestic violence. She was one of the first women to co-facilitate batterer's intervention groups for men who were court-mandated to attend.

In 1997, Professor Marcus cofounded UB's Institute for Research
and Education on Women and Gender
(now the Gender Institute), and she
served as chair of the Women's Studies
program at UB from 1997 to 2002.
During her academic career, she
received two Fulbright Scholar Awards
that supported her work in Romania
and Macedonia. She also was named
an International Scholar for the Open
Society Foundation's Institute for
Higher Education Support Program in
Eastern Europe.

Her seminal work "Preliminary Comments on Dark Numbers: Research on Domestic Violence in Central and Eastern Europe," 21 U. Ark. Little Rock L. Rev. 119 (1998), explored the lack of official accountability for domestic violence in those regions, and she published widely in law reviews and books on human rights and gender studies issues.

In addition to her position at UB School of Law, Professor Marcus taught extensively at universities throughout the world, particularly in Eastern Europe (including Poland, Russia, Lithuania, the Czech Republic, Serbia, Slovakia, and Georgia) and Asia (including China, India, Pakistan, and Thailand). She built and maintained a vast network of feminist lawyers throughout the United States and in Central and Eastern Europe. Recognizing family ties to the country, she had a particular interest in the people and culture of Poland.

UB honored her work in 2012 with its Award for Outstanding Contributions to International Education. That year the UB Gender Institute established the Isabel S. Marcus International Research Fellowship, which supports outstanding UB graduate students researching women's issues outside the United States.

Professor Marcus is survived by her daughter, Erica Pritchard; her son, Justin Pritchard; her sister, Lois Traub; and four grandchildren.

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WELCOME

Aviva Abramovsky

Dean and Professor University at Buffalo School of Law

Carrie Tirado Bramen

Director, UB Gender Institute Professor of English University at Buffalo

TRIBUTES

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Juvenile Law Center
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FAMILY REMEMBRANCE Justin Pritchard, son

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Aviva Abramovsky

Following the celebration, please join family, friends and colleagues for a brief reception.

Contributions in memory of Professor Marcus may be directed to:

Dr. Isabel S. Marcus Fund for the Domestic Violence Clinic

c/o University at Buffalo Foundation
P.O. Box 730
Buffalo, NY 14226–0900
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