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Newton, MA--Boston College Law School is pleased to announce that Corey Silberstein Shdaimah, LL.M., Ph.D, Associate Professor in the School of Social Work at the University of Maryland will speak at BC Law on February 6, 2013, from 4-5 pm in East Wing room 400.

"Listening and Learning From Clients: Working Together for Change"

Using the example of prostitution diversion programs, Professor Shdaimah will explore what it means to take client voices seriously in constructing and evaluating programs designed to make fundamental changes in their lives.

The talk is sponsored by The Boston College Institute for Liberal Arts and Law, Leadership and Social Justice: The Public Interest Practitioner as an Agent of Change.

Corey S. Shdaimah is the author of *Negotiating Justice: Progressive Lawyering, Low-Income Clients, and the Quest for Social Change*. She earned degrees in law from Tel Aviv University Law School (LL.B. ’92) and University of Pennsylvania (LL.M., ’98) and a Ph.D. from Bryn Mawr College Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research. She has used her interdisciplinary background to better study and teach social policy. She is particularly interested in a grounded perspective that accounts for the effects of social policy as it plays out in the lives of individuals and groups that are affected by such policies. In her research, she looks at the way professionals and clients work with, against, and around social policies. She has a particular interest in the work of clients and professionals such as judges, lawyers and social workers within legal systems such as courts and the child protective services.

Her current project is to design an evaluation for the newly evolving Hargrove Prostitution Problem Solving Court. She is working with Professor Brenda Batton Blom, Director of Clinical Programs of the University of Maryland Law School, who heads the Community Justice Task Force on this collaborative, interdisciplinary effort to set up a problem solving court that matches the needs and capacities of the stakeholder groups. She also represents the School of Social Work on the Baltimore City’s Juvenile Justice Center’s Model Court Advisory Team.