In the 1940s and 1950s, the administrative state served as a powerful engine of discrimination against homosexuals, with agency officials routinely implementing anti-gay policies that reinforced gays’ and lesbians’ subordinate social and legal status. By the mid-1980s, many bureaucrats had become allies, subverting statutory bans on gay and lesbian foster and adoptive parenting and promoting gay-inclusive curricula in public schools. This support from civil servants continues today in the context of transgender student bathroom access rights, with administrative agency officials advocating for transgender students in the face of hostile legislators and vocal public opposition.

**Wednesday, September 28th**
**12:10 pm - 1:10 pm**
**Columbia Law School**
**Jerome Greene Hall - Room 646**

This event is free and open to the public. A non-pizza lunch will be served.