

Law and Public Policy

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While it's not true we're going to hell in a hand basket, it is *true* that as a nation we face staggering problems—ones more serious than ever in our divisive and often ineffectual political climate.

Still, just because our problems are serious doesn't mean we can't enjoy ourselves in this class: We'll read provocative books and articles, enjoy spirited (but *civil*) debate, and (I hope) learn from one another.

Assigned Reading:

American Constitutional Law: The Bill of Rights and Subsequent Amendments, Vol. 11/
Rossum & Tarr

Bryan Stevenson, *Just Mercy*, Spiegel & Grau, New York

Carol Anderson, *One Person, No Vote" & The Impact of Voter Suppression*, 2018

EJ. Dionne, Jr., Norman J. Orstein, & Thomas E. Mann, *One Nation After Trump 2017*, New York: St. Martin's Griffin, 2017

Robert D. Putnam, *Our Kids: The American Dream in Crisis*,

Note: Cases we will brief in class and articles I assign are easily accessible on the Internet.

Grading

Class participation and attendance..... 25%

Mid-term Exam..... 35%

Final Exam40%

SOME NO-NOs: Attendance is absolutely crucial, and you'll be docked a full grade for every three absences. Plus, I'm heartless: my rule applies no matter how tear-jerking your excuse! (Grr-r-r-r) Also, *puh-leeeze* do not use your electronic gadgets during class (except laptops for typing class notes).

HOW TO TRACK ME DOWN: That's not hard. My office is on the seventh floor (725), and I will be there on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:30 - 9:30 a.m., and from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Please drop by whenever you have a question or just want to chat. You can also reach me via e-mail: eahull47@hotmail.com, or by phone: (973) 353-5105.

SCHEDULE:

PART ONE: RIGHTS OF CRIMINAL DEFENDANTS

FAIR TRIAL Brief: *Miranda v. Az.*; *Nix v. Williams*; *Ct. Dept of Public Safety v. Doe*; *Powell v. Ala.*; *Gideon v. Wainwright*; *Blakely v. Wash.*; *Michigan v. Bryant*; *Batson v. Ky.*; *Sheppard v. Maxwell*; *Richmond Newspapers v. Va.* Read Assigned Articles/

FOURTH AMENDMENT RIGHTS Brief: *Bd of Educ. of Indep. S. D. 92 v. Earls*; *Los Angeles v. Patel*; *Md. V. King*; *Riley v. Calif.*; *U.S. v. Antoine Jones* Read Assigned Articles.

DEATH PENALTY Read: *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption*; Read: *Wrong on All Counts* (to be supplied) Brief: *Furman v. Ga.*; *Gregg v. Ga*; *.McCleskey v. Kemp*; *Kennedy v. La.*; *Roper v. Simmons*; *Miller v. Ala.*; *Harmelin v. Mich.*; *Ewing v. Calif.*; *Atkins v. Va* Read Assigned Articles.

THE RIGHTS OF EX-FELONS Material to be supplied

PART TWO: VOTER SUPPRESSION

Read: *One Person, No Vote & The Impact of Voter Suppression*;

Brief: *Baker v. Carr*; *Vieth v. Jubelirer*; *Harper v. Va. St Bd of Elec*; *Crawford v. Marion County Elec Bd.*; *Bush v. Gore*; *Shaw v. Reno*; *Shelby County v. Holder*; *N.C. v. Covington*.
Read assigned articles:

MID-TERM EXAMINATION

PART THREE: OUR CURRENT POLITICAL CLIMATE

Read: Dionne, Ornstein, & Mann, *One Nation After Trump*. Brief: *U.S. v. Nixon*; *Clinton v. Jones*; other cases to be announced. Read assigned articles.

OPTIONAL MID-TERM EXAMINATION

PART FOUR: HOW WE'RE FAILING OUR KIDS

Read: Putnam, *Our Kids: The American Dream in Crisis* Brief: *San Antonio School District v. Rodriguez*; *Robinson v. Cahill (NJ, 1973)*; *Abbott v. Burke*; *Sheff v. O'Neill (2008, Ct. S. Ct.)*; *Plyler v. Doe* Read assigned articles:

Final Exam