

## Special Topics Courses and Seminars for Spring 2022

### ***Advanced Topics in Law Law, Policy, and Social Justice***

Advanced Topics in Law courses and seminars and the Law, Policy, and Social Justice Seminars cover topics of current interest not covered by the College of Law's standard curricular offerings. The subject matter of these courses and seminars varies each semester.

The College is pleased to offer several interesting topics under the *Advanced Topics* and *Law, Policy, and Social Justice* banners in Spring 2022. Descriptions are provided below. If you would like more information, please feel free to reach out to the professors teaching these courses and seminars or to Associate Dean Cooper.

#### **Courses**

##### **LAW 6932 Advanced Topics in Law A: Federal Practice Workshop**

***Adjunct Professor Embry J. Kidd, United States Magistrate Judge, Middle District of Florida***

**Mondays 3:50 p.m.-5:50 p.m.**

**2 credits**

This is a course on civil and criminal practice in the federal courts. We will discuss, chronologically, the major stages of civil and criminal cases. Students will have an opportunity to observe civil and criminal hearings and will become familiar with many of the recurring issues that arise during litigation. We will also discuss ethical considerations facing civil litigators, prosecutors, and criminal defense attorneys

##### **LAW 6933 Advanced Topics in Law B: Death Penalty Workshop**

***Adjunct Professor Jeffrey Deen, Regional Counsel, Office of Criminal Conflict and Civil Regional Counsel, 5th District***

**Thursdays 7:45 p.m. – 9:45 p.m.**

**2 credits**

The course will cover many aspects of the death penalty and stress not only jurisprudence but the actual considerations of the practicing attorney. The course will begin briefly in the pre-*Furman* era and then progress through Florida law to the present-day post-*Hurst* Supreme Court. In addition to reading assignments, the course will require written work, such as researching and advocating legal positions in writing, drafting evidentiary and constitutional positions, and summarizing depositions. Students also will engage in arguing motions specific to the death penalty in class, selecting death qualified juries and participating in the "Morgan" method. This will be an active workshop with extensive class participation. The course coverage will include consideration of issues involving Constitutional Law, Evidence, Procedure, and Professional Ethics.

#### **Seminars**

##### **LAW 6934 Advanced Topics in Law Seminar A: Latinos and the Law**

***Professor Maritza Reyes***

**Thursdays 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.**

**2 credits**

The course description will be forthcoming.

##### **LAW 6936 Advanced Topics in Law Seminar B: Power, Privilege, and Constitutional Law**

***Professor Areto Imoukhuede***

**Tuesdays 3:45 p.m.-5:45 p.m.**

This advanced seminar in Power, Privilege, and Constitutional Law will focus on race and constitutional law. Students will learn to apply postmodern legal theories such as Critical Race Theory and Feminist Legal Theory as tools for analyzing race and issues at the intersection of race and gender. Brief reaction memos to the readings will be required as well as a final seminar paper. Books and scholarly articles will be assigned. While most weeks, the reading will be approximately 50 pages, expect a maximum of 100 pages of assigned reading each week. Please note that the Final Paper must relate to race; it must discuss racial subordination and racial privilege.

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### *Advanced Topics in Law Law, Policy, and Social Justice*

#### **LAW 6939 Advanced Topics in Law Seminar C: Martin Luther King, Jr., Human Rights, and the Black World**

**Professor Jeremy Levitt**

**Wednesdays 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

**2 credits**

Martin Luther King, Jr.'s significance as a promising advocate and supporter of Black liberation, self-determination and independence as well as the internationalization of human rights norms, doctrine and jurisprudence that inform them, has been entirely ignored. Very little is known about King's thoughts on and relationship to the African continent and its peoples as a whole. Moreover, King's ideals, ministry, advocacy, activities, initiatives and influence on Africa, African leaders and U.S. foreign policy on Africa are literally unknown and form a critical part of the Black International Tradition (BIT) and Pan-Africanism.

King spoke vigorously, consistently and comparatively about the deleterious effects of imperialism, racism, xenophobia, and apartheid on the peoples and nations of Africa and African-Americans. This course provides multidisciplinary exploration into King's contributions to the anti-colonial and anti-apartheid struggles in Africa—what I refer to as King's global ministry, and examine his significance as a world leader, Pan-Africanist, and iconic symbol of freedom and justice.

The course will address several questions: What was the nature of King's range of contributions—ideological, political material, spiritual, and otherwise—to the Black World, to international human rights and by extension to anti-colonial, anti-racist, and anti-apartheid struggles in Africa? How did King invoke the binding authority of international law to advocate for Africa, Africans and African-Americans?

#### **LAW 6931 Section 301: Law, Policy & Social Justice Seminar: Current Controversies in U.S. Criminal Justice**

**Visiting Professor B.J. Priester**

**Thursdays, 1:00-3:00**

**2 credits**

In this seminar we will discuss prominent or important controversies currently embroiling the criminal justice system in the United States. Topics to be discussed likely will include: qualified immunity, police use of force, and police reform; mass incarceration and efforts at reform; treason, sedition, insurrection, and domestic terrorism; criminal law responses to evolving cybercrimes such as doxing, swatting, and online harassment; and Florida's controversial "anti-riot" criminal provisions enacted in April 2021. A wide range of seminar paper topics will be suitable for the course, including many subjects that will not be addressed in the weekly assigned readings. In consultation with the professor, students are encouraged to research and write on any related topic of great personal interest.

#### **LAW 6931 Section 302: LAW 6931 Section 301: Law, Policy & Social Justice Seminar: Anti-Racism**

**Visiting Professor Steven Ramirez**

**Tuesdays, 8:15 p.m.-10:15 p.m.**

This course will examine the role of the law in replicating our nation's racial hierarchy as manifest across indicia of socio-economic well-being. The class will also analyze various legal means for disrupting this hierarchy, and to secure true meritocratic competition. As such, the course will focus on the legal system's ability to secure broad-based human development, and to actualize the full potential of the entire US population. The course will consider these issues through the lens of social justice theories suggesting that law should promote the common welfare and secure liberty for all.