Readings

Monday, August 28, 2023: Class 1, Introduction

Wednesday, August 30, 2023: Class 2, Theories of Inequality


Optional

These optional readings offer a range of frameworks for understanding the relationship between law and inequality. Please consider reading any that seem of interest to you. You might find it useful to return to some of these readings during the semester.

- Jennifer A. Richeson, *Americans are Determined to Believe in Black Progress*, *Atlantic* (Sept. 2020)

Wednesday, September 6, 2023: Class 3, Interest Convergence

Monday, September 11, 2023: Class 4, Education Equality

- *Plessy v. Ferguson*, 163 U.S. 537 (1896) (excerpt on Canvas)
- *Cooper v. Aaron*, 358 U.S. 1 (1958) (excerpt on Canvas)

Wednesday, September 13, 2023: Class 5, Education Equality


Monday, September 18, 2023: Class 6, Education Equality

*Guest Speaker:* Professor LaToya Baldwin Clark (she/her), UCLA School of Law

- Professor Baldwin Clark will share an early work-in-progress.

Wednesday, September 20, 2023: Class 7, Voting Rights

- *South Carolina v. Katzenbach*, 383 U.S. 301 (1966) (excerpt on Canvas)

Tuesday, September 26, 2023: Class 8, Voting Rights

- Katie Friel and Emil Mella Pablo, *How Voter Suppression Laws Target Native Americans*, BRENNAN CENT. (May 23, 2022)
- Melissa Murray and Steve Vladeck, *The Supreme Court’s Voting Rights Act Ruling is No Victory for Democracy*, WASH. POST (June 8, 2023)
Wednesday, September 27, 2023: Class 9, Voting Rights

Guest speaker: Professor Rabia Belt (she/her), Stanford Law School

- Rabia Belt, Race, Insanity, and the Right to Vote, in DISABLING DEMOCRACY IN AMERICA: DISABILITY, CITIZENSHIP, VOTING, AND THE LAW, 1819–1920 (forthcoming)

Monday, October 9, 2023: Class 10, Affirmative Action


Wednesday, October 11, 2023: Class 11, Affirmative Action


Monday, October 16, 2023: Class 12, Affirmative Action

- Students for Fair Admissions v. Harvard, 600 U.S. ___ (2023)
- The Civil Rights Cases, 109 U.S. 3 (1883) (excerpt on Canvas)
- Elie Mystal, The White Media Has Missed a Key Part of the Affirmative Action Ruling, NATION (July 12, 2023)

Wednesday, October 18, 2023: Class 13, Affirmative Action

Guest speaker: Professor Cara McClellan (she/her), University of Pennsylvania Carey School of Law


Monday, October 30, 2023: Class 14, Pauli Murray

We will watch the documentary My Name Is Pauli Murray (2021) to learn about a pioneering lawyer and their intersectional struggle for justice.


Wednesday, November 1, 2023: Class 15, Reproductive Justice

- Buck v. Bell, 274 U.S. 200 (1927) (excerpt on Canvas)
- Griswold v. Connecticut, 381 U.S. 479 (1965) (excerpt on Canvas)
- Roe v. Wade, 410 U.S. 113 (1973) (excerpt on Canvas)

**Monday, November 6, 2023: Class 16, Reproductive Justice**


**Wednesday, November 8, 2023: Class 17, Reproductive Justice**

*Guest speaker:* [Professor Reva Siegel](mailto:reva.siegel@yale.edu) (she/her), Yale Law School


**Wednesday, November 15, 2023: Class 18, Queer Recognition**


**Monday, November 20, 2023: Class 19, Queer Recognition**

- Tammy LaGorce, *Seeking Marriage Equality for People with Disabilities*, N.Y. TIMES (June 21, 2023)

**Monday, November 27, 2023: Class 20, Queer Recognition**

*Guest speaker:* [Professor Chan Tov Mcnamarah](mailto:chan.tov.mcnamarah@cornell.edu) (they/them), Cornell Law School

- Chan Tov Mcnamarah, *Appeals to Regret and Affective Discrimination* (work-in-progress)

**Wednesday, November 29, 2023: Class 21, Law School As …**

*Guest speaker:* [Professor Bennett Capers](mailto:bennett.capers@fordham.edu) (he/him), Fordham Law School