**JUVENILE JUSTICE SEMINAR**

**Lewis & Clark Law School/Chemeketa Community College**

**Fall 2021**

**SYLLABUS**

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Class: Fridays 9:00am to 11:00am

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**Course Objective**: The goal of this class is to provide a solid introduction to the legal, political and practical issues around youth involved in the justice system. We will review the history of juvenile justice in the United States and Oregon, cover the basic court processes and dispositions in delinquency matters, and spend time exploring the overlay of adult criminal justice issues as they apply to youth. We will also discuss a variety of related issues including racial and ethnic disparities in the juvenile justice system; the application of the rights of crime victims in juvenile matters; the scientific backdrop to the developmental approach to juvenile justice and unique investigative and representation issues.

The location and class composition are fundamentally connected to the course objective. Classes will be held in MacLaren Youth Correctional Facility, Oregon’s largest youth correctional facility, and the participants will be both law students from Lewis & Clark and undergraduate students in the custody of the Oregon Youth Authority. This is intended to enhance the learning experience for all attendees. Pandemic related restrictions may require some classes to be held online, and at times may require students to pass a health screening and wear facial coverings while inside the perimeter of the facility.

**Attendance Policy**: In-class discussion and participation is consistently expected. If you have more than one unexcused absence, I will lower your final grade by one level (ie A to B). You must also inform me in advance of class (preferably at least 24 hours in advance) if you plan to be absent, or the day of the absence if it is caused by an unforeseen emergency.

**Expectations on Participation**: Creating a space for open, productive and respectful class discussion that encourages learning and growth is a responsibility we all share. I will do my best to encourage participation and regulate over-participation, but students play a critical role in making the class environment one in which everyone feels comfortable and safe to engage. We will sometimes cover controversial and sensitive topics that touch on events and circumstances that may be traumatic and triggering. All views are welcome and constructive and respectful questions and disagreement to aid learning are encouraged. Preparation, attendance and respectful participation is expected.

All students are expected to abide by the separate Rules of Engagement agreement. Law students must also abide by the OYA Facility Level 1 Access agreement (Form YA 4008). These conditions will be strictly enforced. Violations could result in a failing grade. More importantly, because of the uniqueness of this learning experience, we have a greater responsibility to follow the rules so that this will not be the last such opportunity for future students.

**Readings:** Required readings are noted for specific classes. Some required readings are for law students only – these are optional for undergraduate students. All students should be able to demonstrate through discussion that you read and thought about the material. I will also include optional readings that may be of interest or otherwise aid in students’ growth in understanding. You are not obligated to read the items marked optional, but some may help spur ideas for your reflection papers or final paper. Demonstrating your familiarity will be taken into account for class participation.

**Assignments and Grading**: The assignments for this course carry the following grade values:

* Reflection Papers: 25%
  + Two reflection papers will be assigned over the term. These are not a summary of the readings rather an opportunity to clearly demonstrate that the material was read and digested. Reflection papers should be no more than 2 pages for college student and no more than 4 pages for law students. Papers should be double spaced 12 -point Times New Roman or Calibri font and have 1-inch top, bottom, left, and right margins. Extra weight will be given to reflection papers that reference specific reading assignments and speaker content from class, but formal citations are not expected.
* Discussion Leaders: 25%
  + For several classes I will assign “discussion leaders” to help lead the conversation on the week’s topic. These individuals are expected be familiar enough with the week’s reading, or specifically assigned cases, to be able to introduce it, describe key points or takeaways and help facilitate discussion in class.
* Class Participation and In-Class Presentations: 25%
  + Be present and meaningfully participate in discussion. More than one unexcused absence will result in the final grade being lowered as referenced above.
  + Students will be expected to provide a brief class presentation at the end of the term. Details to follow.
* Final Paper: 25%
  + Students will be expected to submit a persuasive analysis paper that is a critical exploration of an issue related to juvenile justice. Law students’ topics will need to include legal analysis, though not exclusively. The paper should also include independent research on the topic chosen. Paper topics should be discussed with and approved by me no later than November 1. Law student papers should be no more than 20 pages and college student papers should be no more than 10 pages. College student papers that formally cite references not listed in the syllabus will be given extra weight. Papers should be double spaced 12-point Times New Roman or Calibri font and have 1-inch top, bottom, left, and right margins. Late submissions will be lowered one third of a grade level (ie: a B will convert into a B-).

**Accommodation**: Law students who have a disability, as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act, may seek an accommodation through the Student Support Services office ([access@lclark.edu](mailto:access@lclark.edu)), which is located on the undergraduate campus. Students whose religious practices may impact their academic schedule, may seek accommodation through Associate Dean for Student Affairs Libby Davis ([eadavis@lclark.edu](mailto:eadavis@lclark.edu)). For questions regarding any type of accommodation, please contact Associate Dean Libby Davis.

**Miscellaneous**: I will primarily rely on e-mail to communicate with students. I’ll also regularly post things to the class website at [www.allrise-class.com](http://www.allrise-class.com), which I encourage you to check between classes. OYA students have permission to contact me by phone through their Living Unit Manager or designated staff at the number above. If I haven’t answered your email within 24 hours, please call or text me. You are always welcome to call me or make an appointment to speak before or after class if planned in advance.

**Schedule of Classes**

Please note that the following schedule is subject to change as the semester progresses.

**Class #1 (9/3)**

**Introduction and Context**

For our first class, the cohorts will meet separately to discuss perceptions, individual expectations and the rules of engagement. An overview of the Oregon Youth Authority will be presented. No readings are required for the first class.

**Class #2 ( 9/10 )**

**History of Juvenile Justice**

Overview of the historical and racial justice context of juvenile court and the evolving purposes of juvenile justice.

Required Reading:

-Lacey, C. (2013). Racial Disparities and the Juvenile Justice System: A Legacy of Trauma. Los Angeles, CA, and Durham, NC: National Center for Child Traumatic Stress. (<https://www.nctsn.org/sites/default/files/resources/racial_disparities_and_juvenile_justice_system_legacy_of_trauma.pdf>)

-National Research Council. (2013). Reforming Juvenile Justice: A Developmental Approach. Committee on Assessing Juvenile Justice Reform, Richard J. Bonnie, Robert L. Johnson, Betty M. Chemers, and Julie A. Schuck, Eds. Committee on Law and Justice, Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences and Education. Washington, DC: The National Academies Press. -- Just chapter 2 please! (<https://www.nap.edu/read/14685/chapter/4> )

-ORS 419C.001-005 (<https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/bills_laws/ors/ors419c.html>)

**Class #3 ( 9/17 )**

**Statutory Basics in Oregon’s Juvenile Courts**

Review of Oregon’s Juvenile Code and practices, pre-adjudicative, adjudicative and dispositional processes.

Guest Speakers: Clackamas County Juvenile Department Christina McMahon and Juvenile Court Counselor Sang Dao

Required Readings:

-ORS 419C.080 - through the end of the chapter (<https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/bills_laws/ors/ors419c.html>) I know this is a lot, but you don’t need to do a detailed review of all of it. I want you to pay closer attention to sections under the following headers: Custody, Detention, Authorized Diversion Programs, Formal Accountability Agreements, Petition, Criminal Procedure Laws, Waiver, Adjudication, Disposition, and Authority of Court over Parent or Guardian.

-Youth Faces the Law: A Juvenile Rights Handbook, Multnomah Bar Association Young Lawyers Section (2011)

(<https://www.courts.oregon.gov/programs/inclusion/Documents/juvrights.pdf>)

pages 31-68

Required Reading for Law Students:

-*State ex rel Juv. Dept. v Reynolds,* 319 Or 560 (1993). (<https://law.justia.com/cases/oregon/supreme-court/1993/317-or-560.html>).

**Class #4 ( 9/24 )**

**The Rise and Fall of Mandatory Minimums and Automatic Waiver for Oregon Youth**

The origin of and debate around automatic waiver and mandatory minimum sentencing of juveniles. Overview of juvenile sentencing reform in Oregon.

Guest Speaker: Addie Smith, Attorney at Law and former Counsel to Oregon House and Senate Judiciary Committees

Required Reading:

-1995 Juvenile Justice Task Force Report (<https://www.oregon.gov/oya/reports/jjtaskforce.pdf>

-Measure 11 and Measure 10 voter’s pamphlet (<http://library.state.or.us/repository/2010/201003011350161/S-8V94-2-994-9.pdf>)

-SB 1008 (2019) (<https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2019R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/SB1008/Enrolled>)

-SB 1005 (2019)

(<https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2019R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/SB1005/Enrolled>)

Optional/Recommended Reading:

-Misguided Measures, (<https://safetyandjustice.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/Misguided_Measures.pdf>)

-Spare the Jail, Spoil the Child? (<http://www.wweek.com/portland/article-22512-spare-the-jail-spoil-the-child.html>)

-<https://www.registerguard.com/opinion/20190428/reasonable-changes-to-juvenile-punishments-for-serious-crime>

<https://amp.statesmanjournal.com/amp/1130450001?__twitter_impression=true&fbclid=IwAR3991oUxpS0CTPlnrJ5XDmRHuhb7Sbd4SjEQIA_bsBJt6NIsEaGGYmzi7g>

**10/1 - First Reflection Paper Due**

**Class #5 ( 10/1 )**

**In Re Gault - Due Process Protections Applied to Juvenile Court**

Discussion of the constitutional due process protections required in juvenile court.

Required Reading:

-*In Re Gault*, 387 U.S. 1 (1967) (<https://supreme.justia.com/cases/federal/us/387/1/>)

-Holland, John (2017) “A Look Back at the Juvenile Justice System Before There Was Gault,” Juvenile Justice Information Exchange. (<https://jjie.org/2017/05/15/a-look-back-at-the-juvenile-justice-system-before-there-was-gault/>)

Optional Reading:

-Reed, Amos E. (1968) "Gault and the Juvenile Training School," Indiana Law Journal: Vol. 43: Iss. 3, Article 7. (<https://www.repository.law.indiana.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=2409&context=ilj>)

-HB 2616 (2017) (<https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2017R1/Measures/Overview/HB2616>)

**Class #6 ( 10/8 )**

**Waiver into “Adult” Court**

Judicial and Automatic Waver of Juveniles into Adult Court

Guest Speaker: K.O. Berger, Attorney at Law

Required Reading:

-*State v. J.C.N-V* (<https://law.justia.com/cases/oregon/supreme-court/2016/s063111.html>)

-ORS 419C.340-374 (<https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/bills_laws/ors/ors419c.html>)

-ORS 137.700-707 ([https ://www.oregonlegislature.gov/bills\_laws/ors/ors137.html](https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/bills_laws/ors/ors137.html))

Optional Reading:

-*Kent v. United States*, 383 U.S. 541 (1966) (<https://supreme.justia.com/cases/federal/us/383/541/>)

**Class #7 (10/15)**

**Constitutional Considerations - Cruel and Unusual Punishment**

Constitutional limitations on punishment of juveniles and the development of the constitutional doctrine that youth are different from adults for sentencing.

Required Reading:

-Garabino, James. “Miller’s Children: Why Giving Teenage Killers a Second Chance Matters for All of Us,” University of California Press (2018). Preface and Chapter 1

Required Reading for Law Students:

-*Roper v. Simmons*, 543 U.S. 551 (2005) (<https://supreme.justia.com/cases/federal/us/543/551/>)

-*Graham v. Florida*, 560 U.S. 48 (2010) ( <https://supreme.justia.com/cases/federal/us/560/48/>)

-*Miller v. Alabama*, 567 U.S. 460 (2012) (<https://supreme.justia.com/cases/federal/us/567/460/>)

-*Montgomery v. Louisiana,* 577 U.S. \_\_ (2016) (<https://supreme.justia.com/cases/federal/us/577/14-280/>)

**Class #8 (10/22)\* (needs clean up)**

**Miller and Montgomery Get Muddled**

A conversation with Judge Jim Egan, Chief Judge of the Oregon Court of Appeals and Michelle Egan.

Required Reading:

-<https://www.motherjones.com/crime-justice/2019/09/the-beltway-sniper-is-now-the-center-of-a-debate-about-juvenile-lifers/>

-https://www.statesmanjournal.com/story/news/crime/2019/09/17/oregon-attorney-general-supreme-court-review-sentences-salem-murderers/2288045001/

-https://slate.com/news-and-politics/2021/04/brett-kavanaugh-sonia-sotomayor-juvenile-life-without-parole.html

-https://www.huffpost.com/entry/kip-kinkel-is-ready-to-speak\_n\_60abd623e4b0a2568315c62d

Required for Law Students:

-*Kinkel v. Persson*, 363 Or 1 (2018) (<https://law.justia.com/cases/oregon/supreme-court/2018/s063943.html>)

-*White v. Premo*, 365 Or. 21 (2019) (<https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/6111624-WHITESUPRCOURTORRULING.html>)

-*Jones v. Mississippi*, 141 S. Ct. 1307 (2021) (https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/20pdf/18-1259\_8njq.pdf)

**Class #9 (10/29)**

**Adolescent Brain Science and the Developmental Approach**

Discussion of adolescent brain science as applied to juvenile justice.

Guest Speaker: Dr. Shannon Myrick

Required Reading:

-Reforming Juvenile Justice, A Developmental Approach chapter 4,

<https://www.nap.edu/read/14685/chapter/6>.

-Decker, Tim (2015) “Starting From a Different Place: the Missouri Model,” NYU Press (<https://www.dropbox.com/s/8tw7xjttfo5buz7/Starting%20from%20a%20Different%20Place.pdf?dl=0>)

**Field Trip ( 11/1 )**

Law students will have an opportunity to visit the Multnomah County Juvenile Court for a hearing, followed by a tour of the Juvenile Detention Facility hosted by Multnomah Juvenile Services Director Deena Corso. This will be from 1pm to 4pm. Plan to meet in the lobby of the Donald E. Long Juvenile Justice Complex, 1401 NE 68th Place Portland 97213 at 12:45 on Monday 11/1.

**11/5: Second Reflection Paper Due**

**Class #10 ( 11/5 )**

**Racial and Ethnic Disparities**

A discussion about racial and ethnic disparities and bias in juvenile justice.

Co-Instructor: Stephan Fowler, Youth Intervention Specialist, Resolutions Northwest.

Required Reading:

-Marsh, Shawn, “The Lens of Implicit Bias” Juvenile and Family Justice Today (Summer 2009). (<http://www.ncjfcj.org/sites/default/files/ImplicitBias.pd>f)

-Reforming Juvenile Justice, A Developmental Approach chapter 8.

<https://www.nap.edu/read/14685/chapter/10>

-Bell, James R. (2016) “Repairing the Breach: A Brief History of Youth of Color in the Justice System. (https://www.courts.ca.gov/documents/BTB24-4H-1.pdf)

-Harvard Implicit Bias Test (<https://implicit.harvard.edu/implicit/takeatest.html>)

-Buzzfeed Presents: Do you have racial bias <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cykcpqSpVZo>

**Class #11 ( 11/12 )\*(still confirming guests)**

**Prosecuting Juveniles and the Rights of Victims**

Overview of the history of the role of victims in court processes and the statutory and constitutional rights of victims in juvenile court matters. Discussion of the unique role of prosecutors in handling juvenile matters.

Guest Speakers: Meg Garvin, Director of National Crime Victims Law Center,

Eric Zimmerman, Senior Deputy District Attorney, Multnomah County District Attorney’s Office.

Required Reading:

-Oregon Constitution Article 1 Section 42 (<https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/bills_laws/Pages/OrConst.aspx>)

-ORS 419C.450 restitution (<https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/bills_laws/ors/ors419c.html>)

-Oregon DOJ Victims’ Rights In Juvenile Justice Guide (<https://www.doj.state.or.us/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/victims_rights_guide_juvenile.pdf>)

**11/19: Final Paper Topics Due**

**Class #12 ( 11/19 )**

**Representing Kids**

Practical and ethical issues for lawyers practicing in juvenile court and representing children and some unique investigative issues applied to youth.

Guest Speaker: Jennifer McGowan, Supervising Attorney, Youth Rights & Justice

Required Reading:

-Role of Juvenile Defense Counsel in Delinquency Court, National Juvenile Defender Center (Spring 2009). (<http://njdc.info/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/NJDC-Role-of-Counsel.pdf>)

-Specific Standards for Representation in Juvenile Dependency Cases, (June 23, 2017) Oregon State Bar (<https://www.osbar.org/_docs/resources/juveniletaskforce/JTFR3.pdf>)

**-**<https://www.aclu.org/know-your-rights/what-do-when-encountering-police-youth>

-*J.D.B v North Carolina*, 564 U.S. 261(2011) (<https://supreme.justia.com/cases/federal/us/564/261/>)

-https://www.vice.com/en/article/4av4xd/how-cops-lie-to-kids-in-interrogationsand-get-away-with-it

**Class #13 ( 12/3 )**

**Presentations and Debrief**

**12/13 5:00 pm: Final Papers Due**