

## LAWS 6004

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Class: Thursday 2:30 – 5:30

### Objectives

This course exposes students to critical, theoretical understandings of state based attempts to control crime and promote security. We will explore major political and intellectual movements concerning the ‘problem’ of crime and security. While power can be theorized in many different ways, in this class we will look at core models of power as expressed in crime control that assume a ‘top down’ approach. The class begins by orienting students to three influential strains of critical criminology: Marxism / political economy, feminism and Foucaultian traditions. We will also survey other ‘movements’ in contemporary critical thought, some of which trouble this hierarchical notion of power. Topics here will be determined based on class interest.

This is a theory driven course designed to orient advanced graduate students to the field of critical studies on crime and security. Students who complete the course will be well versed in the major debates in the field and will be oriented towards bodies of literature that can be explored in depth during the comprehensive exam process.

### Evaluation

There are three forms of evaluation in this course: participation, reading journals and a take home exam or final reflection paper.

*Participation:* This is a small class focused on discussion. Students will need to come to class prepared to discuss the readings in detail. This discussion will in part be lead by the professor but will also focus on student questions and reactions to the readings. **If you have not prepared for class you will lose ten points off your participation grade.** I expect every student to have read every reading and arrive in class with questions for both clarification and discussion. You cannot coast on your classmates.

Students who miss more than two classes without documented reasons will be considered to have failed to complete a significant component of the course.

Computers are welcome in class as long as they are used for class purposes. Facebook, texting, snapchat etc. are not welcome in the classroom. Using social media or anything not class related in class will be reflected in your participation grade.

*Reading Journals:* Students will be expected to keep a weekly reading journal in which they respond to each of the readings assigned in the class. **The purpose here is NOT to summarize.** Instead, students are encouraged to consider the readings from their standpoints as researchers. As such they are encouraged to ask questions such as: what ideas presented in this reading could be of help in developing my own research interests?

How do these ideas challenge the way I think about a particular issue? How do these ideas compliment or contrast with the ideas of other scholars interested in similar issues?

Students will be asked to submit reading journals periodically through the semester for evaluation.

Students should expect to write between three and four pages per week (not per reading) but should also ensure they cover ALL the assigned readings in their journals.

*Final Reflection:* At the end of the semester students will be given the choice of writing a take-home exam or a final reflection in which they use at least three of the theoretical perspectives we explore in class to critically reflect on an issue in crime control of their choosing. These reflections / exams will be NO MORE than 20 pages in length.

25% Participation  
10% Journal 1  
20% Journal 2  
30% Journal 3  
15% Final Reflection

#### Choose your own (collective) adventure

The final section of the class will be dedicated to exploring contemporary movements in theorizing crime and security. Topics here will vary depending on the interests of both the instructor and the students but could include: public criminology, anarchist criminology, queer criminology, legal geography, science studies and crime control, subjectivity / identity and crime control, crime and emotion.

In the first class we will survey people's interests and decide on topics we will cover in the final classes. Based on those areas of interest I will finalize a reading list for those last classes by the second class.

#### **Materials**

Readings will come from journal articles as well as texts. In the interest of keeping costs down I am not compiling a course reader. Most assigned readings are readily accessible on line or through the library. Because this is a small class I encourage you to help each other out in acquiring the readings and making copies as needed (in keeping with copyright law of course). Many of the readings come from what I would consider to be 'key texts'. I have put a star beside these readings and encourage you to acquire these texts as they will form the foundation of your scholarly library throughout your careers.

#### **Class Schedule**

##### **January 8th**

*The Study of Crime*

Doyle, Aaron and Dawn Moore (2011). "Introduction." In *Critical Criminology in Canada: New Voices, New Directions*. Vancouver: UBC Press

Taylor, Ian, Paul Walton and Jock Young (1973). "Classical Criminology and the Positivist Revolution." In \*The New Criminology: For a Social Theory of Deviance. London: Routledge.

Pasquino, Pasquale. (1991). Criminology: The Birth of a Special Knowledge." In \*The Foucault Effect.

McLaughlin, Eugene. (2011). "Critical Criminology: The Renewal of Theory, Politics and Practice." In Bosworth & Hoyle. What is Criminology?

### **January 15<sup>th</sup>**

#### *Structuralist Approaches: Political Economy*

Garland, David. (1990). "The Political Economy of Punishment: Rusche and Kirchheimer and the Marxist Tradition." In \*Punishment and Modern Society: A Study in Social Theory. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Taylor, Ian, Paul Walton and Jock Young (1973). "Marx, Engels and Bonger on Crime and Social Control." In \*The New Criminology: For a Social Theory of Deviance. London: Routledge.

Chambliss, William. (1975) Towards a Political Economy of Crime. In Theory and Society. 2(1).

### **JOURNAL 1 DUE – Covers the Week of January 7**

### **January 22<sup>th</sup>**

#### *Left Realism*

Roger A. Matthews. (2010). The construction of 'So What?' criminology: a realist analysis. In Law, Crime and Social Change.

Currie, Elliott. (2010). Plain left realism: an appreciation, and some thoughts for the future." In Law, Crime and Social Change.

Pavlich, George. (1999). "Criticism and Criminology: In Search of Legitimacy." In Theoretical Criminology. 3(1).

### **January 29<sup>th</sup>**

#### *Feminist Criminology*

Moore, Dawn. (2008). Feminist Criminology: Gain, Loss and Backlash in Sociology Compass. <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1751-9020.2007.00052.x/full>

Smart, Carol. (1989). "Introduction." And "The Power of Law." In \*Feminism and the Power of Law. London: Routledge.

Lacey, Nicola. (1998). \*Unspeakable Subjects: Feminist Essays in Legal and Social Theory. – Ch 4.

### **February 5<sup>th</sup>**

Sensing Law

Guest Lecture: Sameena Mulla

Readings: TBA

### **February 12<sup>th</sup>**

Foucault: Forms of Power

Foucault, Michel. (1977) *Discipline and Punish: Generalized Punishment, Docile Bodies, The means of Correct Training, Panopticism.*

Excerpts TBA from \*History of Sexuality vol 1 and from \*Security, Territory, Population

**JOURNAL 2 DUE (Jan 14 – Feb 4)**

### **February 26<sup>th</sup>**

*Risk*

Castel, Roger. (1991). "From Dangerousness to Risk." In \*The Foucault Effect.

O'Malley, Pat. (2004). "Risk, Crime Control and Criminal Justice: CH 7" in *Risk, Uncertainty and Government*. London: Glasshouse.

Zedner, Lucia. (2007). "Pre-crime and post Criminology?" in *Theoretical Criminology* 11(2).

### **March 5<sup>th</sup>**

*Security*

Rabinow, Paul and Nikolas Rose (2006). "Biopower Today." In *Biosocieties*. 1(2)

Ericson, Richard. (2007). *Crime in an Insecure World*. Introduction and Insecurity.

Hallsworth, Simon and John Lea. (2011). "Reconstructing Leviathan: Emerging Contours of the Security State." In *TC*. 15(2).

### **March 12**

*Surveillance*

Ericson and Haggerty. (2000). "The Surveillant Assemblage." In British Journal of Sociology. 51(4). 602 – 22.

Lyon, David. (2001). Surveillance Society: Monitoring Everyday Life. Buckingham: Open University Press. Introduction.

Mathesien, Thomas. (1997). "The Viewer Society: Michel Foucault's 'Panopticon' Revisited." In *Theoretical Criminology*. 1(2). 215 – 34.

Haggerty, Wilson and Smith. (2011). "Theorizing Surveillance in Crime Control." In *TC*. 15(3).

### **March 19**

Choose your own adventure

### **March 26**

Choose your own adventure

### **April 2**

Choose your own adventure

**JOURNAL 3 IS DUE APRIL 4<sup>st</sup>**

**ALL DEADLINES ARE NON NEGOTIABLE.**