

Course Outline

COURSE:	LAWS D – Methodological Approaches in Legal Studies 2
TERM:	Winter 2022
PREREQUISITES:	LAWS 2908 and third-year Honours standing. Honours students are strongly encouraged to take this course in the third year of their program.
CLASS:	Day & Time: Friday 11:35am-2:25pm Eastern Standard Time (EST) Room: ONLINE – IMPORTANT: This course will be offered entirely online through Brightspace and Zoom. Course delivery will involve a blend of weekly asynchronous Modules and occasional mandatory synchronous learning activities. Namely, five <i>mandatory</i> synchronous Workshop Sessions will be held on Zoom during regular class time: 1) Workshop 1, Friday, January 21, 2022, 12:05-2:25 pm; 2) Workshop 2, Friday, February 4, 2022, 12:05-2:25 pm; 3) Workshop 3, Friday, March 4, 2022, 12:05-2:25 pm; 4) Workshop 4, Friday, March 18, 2022, 12:05-2:25 pm; 5) Workshop 5, Friday, March 25, 2022, 12:05-2:25 pm
INSTRUCTOR:	Dr. William Hébert
CONTACT:	Office: C465 LA (Loeb Building) Office Hrs: Office Hours by appointment held on Zoom on Friday, 12:00-1:30pm (registration required on Brightspace). Exceptions: weeks with synchronous Workshops and Winter Term Break, when Office Hours are by appointment only. Telephone: (613) 520-2600 ext. 8853 Email: william.hebert@carleton.ca

For questions about course content or assignments, please use the public Course Message Board on Brightspace. Use your Carleton email account for other inquiries. Course Message Board posts and emails will only be answered during regular working hours (Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm EST). Please anticipate up to 48 hours for a response. See the “Course Communication” section for more details.

CALENDAR COURSE DESCRIPTION

Advanced approaches to interdisciplinary research and analysis in law and legal studies. Methodological approaches considered will vary by section, and may include theoretical, quantitative, qualitative, literary, or historical approaches.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course offers an in-depth introduction to qualitative research methods in the interdisciplinary field of legal studies. Through a thematic focus on criminal justice research conducted in Canada and the United States, the course will explore the practical, ethical, and theoretical dimensions of qualitative research approaches.

Broadly, the course will highlight how qualitative research can contribute unique and meaningful insights into the social, political, economic, and cultural dimensions of legal phenomena. Specifically, it will emphasize how qualitative approaches are well-suited to investigate how gender, sexuality, race, class, and (dis)ability — among other axes of difference — influence the experiences of persons who come into contact and/or conflict with the criminal justice system.

In the first half of the term, students will learn about the qualitative research design process and the relationship between scholarly literature, theory, and research methods. In the second half of the term, students will become familiarized with three key qualitative methods in legal studies: document analysis, interviewing, and ethnographic field research.

Across the term, the course's asynchronous contents, synchronous activities, and evaluation components will gradually provide students with the skills necessary to not only synthesize and critically evaluate existing qualitative research outputs, but also to develop their own plan for a sound and feasible qualitative research project in legal studies *on a topic of their choice*.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

By the end of this course, students should be able to:

1. **Describe, Assess, and Compare** key qualitative methods in the broadly defined interdisciplinary field of legal studies.
2. Incrementally **Design** a coherent, appropriate, and realistic research plan for a socio-legal qualitative study on a topic of their choice.
3. **Communicate** ideas and **Formulate** persuasive arguments about the social, political, economic, and cultural dimensions of legal phenomena in written and oral forms, by:
 - 3.1. **Selecting, Summarizing, and Synthesizing** pertinent scholarly sources,

- 3.2. **Critically Examining** scholarly arguments and how they are articulated,
- 3.3. And **Explaining** how existing literature(s) and theory inform researchers' methodological choices, including one's own.

COURSE FORMAT

This course will be offered entirely online through Brightspace. Course delivery will involve a blend of weekly asynchronous Modules and occasional mandatory synchronous learning activities. Each week, students will be responsible for completing one learning Module. The Brightspace platform for the course will clearly indicate what students are expected to do each week for each Module. It will be up to each student to manage their own weekly schedules and set aside time to view online materials (lectures and other learning tools), do assigned readings, and work on all course assignments. Students who are comfortable managing their own time, work well by themselves, and are familiar with the Brightspace environment should find that they are well-prepared to take this online course.

Five mandatory synchronous Workshop Sessions will be held on Zoom during regular class time. Students are expected to come to these Workshops having completed required readings and watched lecture videos and other assigned materials. Workshops will feature hands-on learning activities that will assess students' engagement with Module contents and assist them in making gradual progress towards their final assignment (the Take-Home Exam: Research Proposal). To these ends, students will complete graded Worksheets during each Workshop session, to be submitted at the end of each Workshop (see the Evaluation section below for more details). To give students half an hour to complete or review the materials assigned for the current and previous Modules, each Workshop will start at 12:05 pm (and not at 11:35 am).

The five mandatory Workshops will take place on the follow dates:

- 1) Friday, January 21, 2022, 12:05-2:25 pm: Workshop 1 - From Topic to Research Question, and Question to Design
- 2) Friday, February 4, 2022, 12:05-2:25 pm: Workshop 2 - What is a Literature Review? Conducting Effective Library Research in Legal Studies
- 3) Friday, March 4, 2022, 12:05-2:25 pm: Workshop 3 - Qualitative Interviewing
- 4) Friday, March 18, 2022, 12:05-2:25 pm: Workshop 4 - Observing, Participating, and Taking Ethnographic Fieldnotes
- 5) Friday, March 25, 2022, 12:05-2:25 pm: Workshop 5 - Planning for and Conducting your Analysis

IMPORTANT: To do well in this course, students must complete required readings, watch lecture videos, engage with any other assigned materials, and attend and participate in mandatory Workshops. Students' success will be entirely dependent on their capacity to demonstrate a strong grasp of the knowledge presented in the course and apply it effectively.

REQUIRED TEXTS

Textbook: van den Hoonaard, Deborah K & van den Scott, Lisa-Jo. 2022. *Qualitative Research in Action: A Canadian Primer*. Fourth edition. Oxford University Press.

Copies of the textbook are available for rental or purchase from the Carleton Bookstore and can be picked up in person or shipped. Please monitor the Carleton Bookstore website for any changes to pick-up methods in response to evolving public health guidelines (<https://www.bkstr.com/carletonstore/home>). If you intend to get the book shipped to you, ensure that you place your order ahead of time and are ready to begin doing required readings at the start of the semester.

Alternatively, e-book versions of the textbook are available at Vital Source: <https://www.vitalsource.com/en-ca/products/qualitative-research-in-action-deborah-k-van-den-hoonaard-v9780190165987>.

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

Any further required readings and materials will be uploaded to Brightspace or identified as available online.

TECHNOLOGICAL REQUIREMENTS

Students will be required to log in and navigate Brightspace; watch lectures and other videos; upload written assignments (in a word processor and saved in PDF format) in Brightspace; download and view PDF files; navigate their Carleton email accounts; navigate pages on Brightspace using the mouse or touchscreen functions; and participate in five mandatory synchronous sessions on Zoom.

All students must have regular access to an electronic device with reliable internet access. Students should access the course on Brightspace through a laptop or desktop computer, but some online course components may be accessible with a tablet or cellphone. Students who anticipate that they cannot fulfill the course's requirements because of technological barriers should contact the Instructor immediately.

COURSE COMMUNICATION

For any questions related to course content (including general questions about assignments), please use the appropriate section of the course's public Course Message Board on Brightspace. The Course Message Board will be the primary platform for students to ask questions about the

course and find existing answers to their questions. Email inquiries related to course content or assignments will be redirected to the Course Message Board. Please use your Carleton email account for any other inquiries.

Note that Course Message Board posts and emails will only be answered during regular working hours (9 am to 5 pm Eastern Standard Time (EST), Monday to Friday). The Instructor strives to respond to emails quickly, but you should allow for up to 48 hours for a reply, especially at peak times during the term. Students are strongly encouraged to consult with the teaching team well in advance of assignments' due dates.

EVALUATION

Standing in a course is determined by the course instructor subject to the approval of the Department and of the Faculty Dean. This means that grades submitted by the instructor may be subject to revision. No grades are final until they have been approved by the Department and the Dean.

Please note that in the context of this course, **students are prohibited from re-using or resubmitting their own work from a different course (or from the same course if repeating)**. Please also note that **we will not accept resubmissions after an assignment's due date and/or after an assignment has been graded**. Additionally, because the Course Instructor and TA will provide thorough feedback for every assignment through a detailed rubric and individualized written comments, **we cannot provide additional feedback on graded assignments by email**. However, the Course Instructor is always happy to provide clarifications on graded assignments and guidance for future assignments during Office Hours.

Detailed instructions for the following evaluation components will be provided on Brightspace. For any questions related to assignments, please post your query ahead of the assignment due date under the appropriate section of the Course Message Board.

Assignment	Weight	Notes	Due Date
<u>Course Outline Quiz</u>	3%	Students will not be able to access weekly course Modules until they have completed the Course Outline Quiz with a minimum grade of 70%.	Friday, January 14, 2022, 4:59 pm (EST)
<u>Workshop Worksheets</u>	4% each for a total of 16%	There are a total of 5 Workshop Worksheets (4% each) that students will complete across the term. Only the	Completed during Workshops and submitted right after

		<p>4 highest marks will count towards their final grade (weight of 16%). Nonetheless, Workshops are a core component of the course and students are strongly encouraged to attend all 5 Workshops and submit all 5 Worksheets.</p>	<p>Workshops on the following dates:</p> <p><u>1) Worksheet 1:</u> Friday, January 21, 2022, 2:59 pm (EST)</p> <p><u>2) Worksheet 2:</u> Friday, February 4, 2022, 2:59 pm (EST)</p> <p><u>3) Worksheet 3:</u> Friday, March 4, 2022, 2:59 pm (EST)</p> <p><u>4) Worksheet 4:</u> Friday, March 18, 2022, 2:59 pm (EST)</p> <p><u>5) Worksheet 5:</u> Friday, March 25, 2022, 2:59 pm (EST)</p>
<u>Critical Analysis</u>	15%	<p>The Critical Analysis will consist of a concise summary and analysis of an “exemplar” qualitative research article.</p> <p>Instructions posted on Friday, January 28, 2022</p>	Friday, February 18, 2022, 4:59 pm (EST)
<u>Annotated Bibliography</u>	15%	<p>The Annotated Bibliography will require students to select, summarize, and link scholarly sources that will later be integrated in the “literature review” section of their Research Proposal.</p> <p>Instructions posted on Friday, February 11, 2022</p>	Friday, March 4, 2022, 4:59 pm (EST)
<u>Proposal Defense</u> (short written outline)	5%	<p>The Proposal Defense will require students to prepare a short, point form, written outline of the main sections of</p>	Friday, March 25, 2022, at 4:59 pm (EST)

		<p>their Research Proposal.</p> <p>The Instructor will provide in-depth feedback on the Outline and Presentation, so that students can address any remaining issues in their Research Proposal.</p> <p>Instructions posted on Friday, March 18, 2022</p>	
<p><u>TCPS 2: CORE</u> (Course on Research Ethics)</p>	<p>5%</p>	<p>Students must complete the Tri-Council “Course on Research Ethics and Training” (TCPS 2: CORE) and submit their Completion Certificate by the stated deadline.</p> <p>The entire training should take no more than 3 hours to complete. Students will be able to go through the training modules at their own pace (progress automatically saved) throughout the term.</p> <p>Instructions posted on Friday, January 28, 2022</p>	<p>Submit your Completion Certificate by Friday, April 8, 2022, 4:59 pm (EST)</p>
<p><u>Take-Home Exam: Research Proposal</u></p>	<p>40%</p>	<p>The course’s final assessment is a Take-Home Exam that will involve preparing a Research Proposal featuring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - an Introduction (description of topic, research question, and objectives), - a Literature Review, - a Statement on Theory, - a Description and Justification of Methods, - and an Analysis and Dissemination Plan. 	<p>Due during the Formally Scheduled Examination Period</p> <p>Exact date TBD</p>

		<p>The Research Proposal should be 12 to 14 pages long (not including cover-page or bibliography). It must be formatted in Times New Roman 12 points font, double-spaced, with regular margins (1 inch). Any consistent citation style can be employed.</p> <p>Instructions posted on Friday, March 18, 2022</p>	
<p><u>Front Row Participation</u></p>	<p>1% (with eligibility for an additional 1% bonus)</p>	<p>Front Row is way to facilitate the creation of a remote learning community during mandatory synchronous Workshops. For each Workshop session, up to 11 students will be able to register for Front Row Participation. To get the 1% mark, registered students must turn on their camera and keep it on during the full duration of the Workshop.</p> <p>Students are also eligible to get an extra 1% bonus for asking a pertinent question or making a relevant comment with their mic on during the Workshop for which they are registered.</p> <p>Students who require accommodations for this component of the course (e.g., disability, technological limitations, living situation) must contact the Instructor before Friday, January 21, 2022, 4:59 pm (EST) to discuss alternative arrangements.</p>	<p>During mandatory synchronous Workshops (registration required on Brightspace)</p>

POLICY ON LATE ASSIGNMENTS

Due dates/times in an online class are brutally firm because they are pre-set into Brightspace

down to the very second. Students therefore have to plan to submit things on time. Please note that assignments' due times are set to Eastern Standard Time (EST). **Late assignments will automatically receive a grade of 0, which cannot be changed unless the student has made a formal request for an extension before the deadline using the process outlined below.**

The granting of extensions for **all** assignments is determined by the Instructor who will confirm whether an extension is granted and the length of the extension. **As a general rule, students will only be granted extensions for a period of up to 7 days.** To request an extension, please **complete the Application for a Deferral or Short Extension Form provided on Brightspace.**

Extension requests sent by students **after an assignment's due date will not be granted** (in other words, students will receive a grade of 0 on the late assignment) **unless justified by extraordinary circumstances (e.g., medical or familial emergency)**, in which case additional information must be provided by the student.

Extensions for longer than 7 days will not be granted unless justified by extraordinary circumstances (e.g., medical or familial emergency). In those extraordinary cases where extensions lasting longer than 7 days are granted, the student will be required to provide additional information to justify the longer extension (up to a maximum of 14 days).

POLICY ON VIRTUAL CLASSROOM BEHAVIOR

This course engages with potentially challenging topics, some of which can resonate with students on a personal level. These include experiences of sexual, colonial, racist, homophobic, transphobic, ableist, and gender-based violence. Students and faculty share the responsibility of creating and maintaining a learning environment that is intellectually rigorous, respectful, and supportive. All students are expected to contribute towards an engaging, inclusive, and safe learning environment. During all class-related activities, whether synchronous or asynchronous, students are expected to engage in respectful and courteous communication. In accordance with the [Student Rights and Responsibilities Policy](#), [discrimination and harassment](#) will not be tolerated.

It is a violation of course policy to cut and paste, screenshot, share course content, or post the words of your classmates, TA, or Instructor outside of class without permission. All work submitted in this course must be uniquely your own. When submitting assignments and/or completing exams, you are expected to articulate responses in your own words rather than cutting and pasting from course materials without permission (which would be a form of plagiarism). Moreover, in the context of this course, students are prohibited from re-using/resubmitting their own work from a different course (or from the same course if they are repeating) for academic credit.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND COPYRIGHT POLICY

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SCHEDULE

Winter 2022 Sessional Dates and University Closures	
<i>Please find a full list of important academic dates on the calendar website:</i> https://calendar.carleton.ca/academicyear/	
January 5, 2022	University Reopens.
January 10, 2022	Winter term classes begin.
January 31, 2022	Last day for withdrawal from winter term and winter portion of fall/winter courses with full fee adjustment. Withdrawals after this date will result in a permanent notation of WDN on the official transcript.
February 18, 2022	April examination schedule available online.
February 21, 2022	Statutory holiday. University closed.
February 22-25, 2022	Winter break, no classes.
March 29, 2022	Last day for summative tests or examinations, or formative tests or examinations totaling more than 15% of the final grade before the official examination period (see examination regulations in the Academic Regulations of the University section of the Undergraduate Calendar/General Regulations of the Graduate Calendar).
April 12, 2022	Winter Term Ends. Last day of fall/winter and winter term classes.
April 13, 2022	No classes or examinations take place.
April 14- 28, 2022	Final examinations in winter term and fall/winter courses may be held. Examinations are normally held all seven days of the week.
April 15, 2022	Statutory holiday. University closed.

April 28, 2022

All take home examinations are due on this day, with the exception of those conforming to the examination regulations in the Academic Regulations of the University section of the Undergraduate Calendar/General Regulations of the Graduate Calendar.

January 10 to 16 2022 — Module 1: Welcome to LAWS 3908

What are qualitative methods in legal studies? Why should you care?

Readings/Materials:

- Review: Course Outline
- Read: Textbook Chapter 1 – “Introduction” (pp.1-10)

Assignment(s):

- Course Outline Quiz (3%) – Complete with minimum of 70% by Friday, January 14, 2022, 4:59 pm (EST) to access the rest of the course content

January 17 to 23 2022 — Module 2: Qualitative Approaches and Research Design

How do you get started with qualitative research? How do you go from a topic of interest in legal studies to a solid — and feasible — qualitative research plan?

Readings/Materials:

- Read: Textbook Chapter 2 – “Asking Questions and Identifying Goals” (pp.12-32)
- Read: Textbook Chapter 3 – “Strategies for Designing Research” (pp.34-53)

Synchronous Workshop 1 - From Topic to Research Question, and Question to Design:

- Friday, January 21, 2022, 12:05-2:25 pm: Mandatory synchronous (live) Workshop Session

Assignment(s):

- Workshop 1 Worksheet (4%) – Complete during Workshop 1, submit after Workshop 1 (by Friday, January 21, 2022, 2:59 pm (EST))

January 24 to 30 2022— Module 3: The Ethics of Qualitative Research

What are the various ethical — and social, communal, and political — responsibilities of qualitative researchers? How can and should ethical commitments translate into research practice?

Readings/Materials:

- Read: Textbook Chapter 4 – “Ethics on the Ground: A Moral Compass” (pp.56-73)
- Read selected excerpts from: Kovach, Margaret. 2017. “Doing Indigenous Methodologies: A Letter to a Research Class.” In *The SAGE Handbook of Qualitative Research*, edited by Norman Denzin and Yvonna Lincoln, 5th edition, 214–34. Los Angeles London New Delhi Singapore Washington DC Melbourne: Sage Publications.
- Read: Minkler, Meredith. 2005. “Community-Based Research Partnerships: Challenges and Opportunities.” *Journal of Urban Health* 82 (2): ii3–ii12.

Instructions:

- Instructions for TCPS 2: CORE training (5%, due Friday, April 8, 2022) posted on Friday, January 28, 2022
- Instructions for Critical Analysis (15%, due Friday, February 18, 2022) posted on Friday, January 28, 2022

January 31 to February 6 2022 — Module 4: Of Theories and Literatures

What is the role of theory in qualitative research? How do researchers draw from, and contribute to, existing literature(s)?

Readings/Materials:

- Read selected excerpts (9 pages total) from: *The SAGE Encyclopedia of Qualitative Research Methods*, edited by Lisa Given. Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE Publications.
 - “Knowledge” (pp.479-82)
 - “Theory” (pp.877-80)
 - “Theoretical Frameworks” (pp.870-73)
- Read: Cunha, Manuela. 2014. “The Ethnography of Prisons and Penal Confinement.” *Annual Review of Anthropology* 43 (1): 217–233.

Synchronous Workshop 2 - What is a Literature Review? Conducting Effective Library Research in Legal Studies:

- Friday, February 4, 2022, 12:05-2:25 pm: Mandatory synchronous (live) Workshop Session with Legal Studies Librarian Julie Lavigne

Assignment(s):

- Workshop 2 Worksheet (4%) – Complete during Workshop 2, submit after Workshop 2 (by Friday, February 4, 2022, 2:59 pm (EST))

February 7 to 13 2022 — Module 5: Qualitative Document Analysis

What are ‘unobtrusive’ qualitative research methods? What can the analysis of pre-existing

materials — such as archival records, publicly available reports, works of fiction, policies, case law, and online content — contribute to our understanding of various socio-legal phenomena?

Readings/Materials:

- Read: Textbook Chapter 8 – “Unobtrusive Research” (pp.149-169)
- Read: Nelson, Charmaine A. 2017. “‘Ran Away from Her Master... a Negroe Girl Named Thursday’: Examining Evidence of Punishment, Isolation, and Trauma in Nova Scotia and Quebec Fugitive Slave Advertisements.” In *Legal Violence and the Limits of the Law*, edited by Amy Swiffen and Joshua Nichols, 68–91. Abingdon, UK ; New York, NY: Routledge.

Instructions:

- Instructions for Annotated Bibliography (15%, due Friday, March 4, 2022) posted on Friday, February 11, 2022

February 14 to 20 2022 — Module 6: Interviews I
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What are qualitative interviews? How do we determine what to ask, how to ask, whether to ask at all, and how to listen? What can partnerships and consultations with communities contribute towards conducting meaningful qualitative interviews?

Readings/Materials:

- Read: Textbook Chapter 6 – “In-Depth Interviewing” (pp.105-126)
- Read: Sterling, Andrea. 2018. “New Risk Spaces, New Spaces of Harm: The Effects of the Advertising Offence on Independent Escorts.” In *Red Light Labour: Sex Work Regulation, Agency, and Resistance*, edited by Elya M. Durisin, Emily van der Meulen, and Chris Bruckert, 94–103. Vancouver, BC: UBC Press.
- Read: Butler Burke, Nora. 2018. “Double Punishment: Immigration Penalty and Migrant Trans Women Who Sell Sex.” In *Red Light Labour: Sex Work Regulation, Agency, and Resistance*, edited by Elya M. Durisin, Emily van der Meulen, and Chris Bruckert, 203–12. Vancouver, BC: UBC Press.
- Watch: Video interview with Nora Butler Burke
“The Ethical Dimensions of Doing Qualitative Research with Justice-Involved Trans People”

Assignment(s):

- Critical Analysis (15%) – Complete and submit by Friday, February 18, 2022, 4:59 pm (EST)

February 21 to 27 2022 — WINTER TERM BREAK

Winter Term Break, No Classes

February 28 to March 6 2022 — Module 7: Interviews II
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What can qualitative interviews tell us about the experiences, attitudes, feelings, and perceptions of specific sets of people, and why does this evidence matter? How are qualitative interviews planned and conducted, practically?

Readings/Materials:

- Read: Johnson, John M. 2002. "In-Depth Interviewing." In *Handbook of Interview Research*, edited by Jaber F. Gubrium and James A. Holstein, 103–19. Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE Publications.
- Read: Quirouette, Marianne, Tyler Frederick, Jean Hughes, Jeff Karabanow, and Sean Kidd. 2016. "Conflict with the Law': Regulation & Homeless Youth Trajectories toward Stability." *Canadian Journal of Law & Society / La Revue Canadienne Droit et Société* 31 (3): 383–404.

Synchronous Workshop 3 - Qualitative Interviewing:

- Friday, March 4, 2022, 12:05-2:25 pm: Mandatory synchronous (live) Workshop Session

Assignment(s):

- Workshop 3 Worksheet (4%) – Complete during Workshop 3, submit after Workshop 3 (by Friday, March 4, 2022, 2:59 pm (EST))
- Annotated Bibliography (15%) – Complete and submit by Friday, March 4, 2022, 4:59 pm (EST)

March 7 to 13 2022 — Module 8: Ethnography I

What does ethnographic field research consist of? What are sociological approaches to ethnographic field research, and what can they tell us about how laws, policies, and regulations materialize in everyday life?

Readings/Materials:

- Read: Textbook Chapter 5 – "Observing Social Life Through Field Research" (pp.77-101)
- Read: Gurusami, Susila. 2019. "The Carceral Web We Weave: Carceral Citizens' Experiences of Digital Punishment and Solidarity." *Punishment & Society* 21 (4): 435–53.

March 14 to 20 2022 — Module 9: Ethnography II

What are anthropological approaches to ethnographic field research, and what can they tell us about competing conceptions of (il)legality, morality, and justice? What are the practicalities — and politics — of immersing oneself in an 'everyday' social setting and then, of narrating that experience?

Readings/Materials:

- Read selected excerpts of: Ralph, Laurence. 2014. *Renegade Dreams: Living through Injury in Gangland Chicago*. Illustrated edition. Chicago, London: University of Chicago Press:
 - “Dramatis Personae” and “Preface” (pp.ix-xxi);
 - “Field Notes: Getting In” and “Chapter 4: Disability or Why a Gang Leader Helps Stop the Violence” (pp.117-39)

Instructions:

- Instructions for Proposal Defense (5%, due Friday, March 25, 2022) posted on Friday, March 18, 2022
- Instructions for Take-Home Exam: Research Proposal (40%, due during the Formally Scheduled Examination Period — exact date TBD) posted on Friday, March 18, 2022

Synchronous Workshop 4 - Observing, Participating, and Taking Ethnographic Fieldnotes:

- Friday, March 18, 2022, 12:05-2:25 pm: Mandatory synchronous (live) Workshop Session

Assignment(s):

- Workshop 4 Worksheet (4%) – Complete during Workshop 4, submit after Workshop 4 (by Friday, March 18, 2022, 2:59 pm (EST))

March 21 to 27 2022 — Module 10: Qualitative Data Analysis

You have gathered qualitative evidence... now what? What are the steps involved in, and possible approaches to, sorting, analyzing, and interpreting qualitative data?

Readings/Materials:

- Read: Textbook Chapter 9 – “Trust the Process: Analyzing Qualitative Data” (pp.173-193)
- Read selected excerpts (5 pages total) from: *The SAGE Encyclopedia of Qualitative Research Methods*, edited by Lisa Given. Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE Publications.
 - “Interpretation” (p.459)
 - “Thematic Coding and Analysis” (p.868)
 - “Codes and Coding” (pp.86-88)
- Read: Hébert, William. 2020. “Trans Rights as Risks: On the Ambivalent Implementation of Canada’s Groundbreaking Trans Prison Reform.” *Canadian Journal of Law and Society / La Revue Canadienne Droit et Société* 35 (2): 221–44.

Synchronous Workshop 5 - Planning for and Conducting your Analysis:

- Friday, March 25, 2022, 12:05-2:25 pm: Mandatory synchronous (live) Workshop Session

Assignment(s):

- Workshop 5 Worksheet (4%) – Complete during Workshop 5, submit after Workshop 5 (by Friday, March 25, 2022, 2:59 pm (EST))

Assignment(s):

- Proposal Defense (5%) – Prepare Written Outline and submit it by Friday, March 25, 2022, at 4:59 pm (EST)

March 28 to April 3 2022 — Catch-Up Week

No class - Work on TCPS 2: CORE Training (5%) and Take-Home Exam: Research Proposal (40%)

April 4 to 10 2022 — Module 11: Qualitative Writing and Dissemination

How do qualitative researchers communicate their findings? What are some of the avenues of dissemination and engagement that qualitative researchers can pursue within and beyond academia?

Readings/Materials:

- Read: Textbook Chapter 10 – “Writing Up Qualitative Research” (pp.197-214)
- Read: McClelland, Alexander. 2019. “*The Criminalization of HIV Non-Disclosure in Canada: Experiences of People Living with HIV.*” Self-Published Booklet.
- Watch: Video interview with Dr. Alexander McClelland
“*Engaged Qualitative Research and Public Dissemination*”

Assignment(s):

- Final Deadline for TCPS 2: CORE Training (5%) – Complete Tri-Council Course on Research Ethics training and submit your Competition Certificate by Friday, April 8, 2022, 4:59 pm (EST)

TAKE-HOME EXAM: RESEARCH PROPOSAL due during Formally Scheduled Examination Period

Assignment(s):

- Take-Home Exam: Research Proposal (40%) – Complete and Submit during the Formally Scheduled Examination Period — Exact due date TBD

University and Departmental Policies

PLAGIARISM

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DEPARTMENT POLICY

The Department of Law and Legal Studies operates in association with certain policies and procedures. Please review these documents to ensure that your practices meet our Department's expectations: <https://carleton.ca/law/student-experience-resources/>.

COVID-19 PREVENTION MEASURES

All members of the Carleton community are required to follow COVID-19 prevention measures and all mandatory public health requirements (e.g. wearing a mask, physical distancing, hand hygiene, respiratory and cough etiquette) and [mandatory self-screening](#) prior to coming to campus daily.

If you feel ill or exhibit COVID-19 symptoms while on campus or in class, please leave campus immediately, self-isolate, and complete the mandatory [symptom reporting tool](#). For purposes of contact tracing, attendance will be taken in all classes and labs. Participants can check in using posted QR codes through the cuScreen platform where provided. Students who do not have a smartphone will be required to complete a paper process as indicated on the [COVID-19 website](#).

All members of the Carleton community are required to follow guidelines regarding safe movement and seating on campus (e.g. directional arrows, designated entrances and exits, designated seats that maintain physical distancing). In order to avoid congestion, allow all previous occupants to fully vacate a classroom before entering. No food or drinks are permitted in any classrooms or labs.

For the most recent information about Carleton's COVID-19 response and required measures, please see the [University's COVID-19 webpage](#) and review the [Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[\(FAQs\)](#). Should you have additional questions after reviewing, please contact covidinfo@carleton.ca

Please note that failure to comply with University policies and mandatory public health requirements, and endangering the safety of others are considered misconduct under the [Student Rights and Responsibilities Policy](#). Failure to comply with Carleton's COVID-19 procedures may lead to supplementary action involving Campus Safety and/or Student Affairs.

ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS

You may need special arrangements to meet your academic obligations during the term. For an accommodation request the processes are as follows:

Pregnancy obligation: write to me with any requests for academic accommodation during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist. For accommodation regarding a formally-scheduled final exam, you must complete the [Pregnancy Accommodation Form](#).

Religious obligation: write to me with any requests for academic accommodation during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist. For more details [click here](#).

Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities: [The Paul Menton Centre for Students with Disabilities](#) (PMC) provides services to students with Learning Disabilities (LD), psychiatric/mental health disabilities, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD), chronic medical conditions, and impairments in mobility, hearing, and vision. If you have a disability requiring academic accommodations in this course, please contact PMC at 613-520-6608 or pmc@carleton.ca for a formal evaluation. If you are already registered with the PMC, contact your PMC coordinator to send me your Letter of Accommodation at the beginning of the term, and no later than two weeks before the first in-class scheduled test or exam requiring accommodation (if applicable). After requesting accommodation from PMC, meet with me to ensure accommodation arrangements are made. Please consult the PMC website for the deadline to request accommodations for the formally-scheduled exam (if applicable).

Survivors of Sexual Violence

As a community, Carleton University is committed to maintaining a positive learning, working and living environment where sexual violence will not be tolerated, and where survivors are supported through academic accommodations as per Carleton's Sexual Violence Policy. For more information about the services available at the university and to obtain information about

sexual violence and/or support, visit: <https://carleton.ca/equity/sexual-assault-support-services>

Accommodation for Student Activities

Carleton University recognizes the substantial benefits, both to the individual student and for the university, that result from a student participating in activities beyond the classroom experience. Reasonable accommodation will be provided to students who compete or perform at the national or international level. Write to me with any requests for academic accommodation during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist: <https://carleton.ca/senate/wp-content/uploads/Accommodation-for-Student-Activities-1.pdf>

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For more information on academic accommodation, please visit: <https://students.carleton.ca/services/accommodation/>.