Carleton University

Department of Law and Legal Studies

Course Outline

Course: LAWS 4903 A – Advance Legal Topics: Violence

TERM: Summer - 2018

Prerequisites: Fourth-Year Honours Standing

CLASS: Day & Time: Monday & Wednesday – 11:35 a.m. – 2:35 p.m.

Room: Please check with Carleton Central for current room location

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Violence

Students will explore violence as a socio-legal, theoretical problem. We will survey an array of interdisciplinary literatures on violence, thematically exploring state and extra-state violence, interpersonal violence, the violence of architecture and space as well as representations and affectations of violence. Students are encouraged to explore the following questions: how is violence defined and by whom? how do we understand the experience of violence and its justifications? how is violence linked to power, inequality and marginalization? how is violence documented and represented? how are we meant to feel in witnessing / experiencing violence? what is the connection between violence and pleasure? how does the notion of feeling violence inform state and juridical 'rational' responses?

EVALUATION

- 1) Class Participation (30%). This is a small class and we will be making close readings of the texts. As such, your participation matters.
- 2) Discussion facilitation (30%) includes picking a 'substantive' article for the week. THESE ARE NOT PRESENTATIONS. I expect you to lead the discussion for part of the class. This involves you assigning additional course materials that are directly relevant to what you want to discuss (these don't have to be academic but you should check with me first). The main part of your evaluation here concerns the kinds of questions you pose and how you orient the class discussion.
- 3) Final reflection Multi-media can be done collectively or on your own. Depict something you've learned must include a short (5 page) explanation. (40%).

 More details will be provided in class.

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.

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SCHEDULE

May 7 - Introduction to Class

The Attica Liberation Faction Manifesto of Demands and Anti-Depression Platform (1971). In Race and Class (2011) 53(2).

May 9 Violence

Benjamin, Walter. (1969). A Critique of Violence. In On Violence Lawrence and Karim (eds).

May 14 The Emotion of Violence

Loader, Ian. (2011). Playing with Fire? Democracy and the Emotions of Crime and Punishment. In Karstedt, Loader and Strang (eds) Emotions, Crime and Justice.

Berlant, Lauren (****) Cruel Optimism.

May 16 State Benevolent Violence

Mulla, Sameena. (2014). The Violence of Care: Rape Victims, Forensic Nurses and Sexual Assault Intervention. Pp 1 – 23.

Smart, Carol. (1991). Feminism and the Power of Law. Ch 4.

May 23 State Violence

Agamben, Georgio. (1995). Homo Sacer - Introduction.

May 28 State Violence

Maynard, Rebecca. (2018). On State Violence and Black Lives & Devaluing Black Life, Demonizing Black Bodies. In Policing Black Lives.

May 30 Necropolitics

Mbembe, JA. (2003). Necropolitics. In Public Culture. 15(1).

June 4 Seeing Violence

Young, Allison. (1996). In the Frame: Crime and the Limits of Representation. in Australian and New Zealand Journal of Criminology.

June 6 Documenting Violence

Singh and Moore (2018). Seeing crime, feeling crime: Visual evidence, emotions, and the prosecution of domestic violence. In Theoretical Criminology. 22(1).

June 11 Violence and Hate

Rosga, Annjanette. (2001). Deadly words: State Power and the Entanglement of Speech and Violence in Hate Crime." In Law and Critique 12.

June 13 Experiencing Violence

Hacking, Ian. (2001). "The Looping Effect" in the Social Construction of What?

June 18 Wrap-up. Final Presentations, Comments etc.