

American Slavery and the Law Seminar  
Fall, 2010

Syllabus

This seminar will meet each Tuesday morning in the fall semester, 9:00AM–10:50AM in room 240A. The semester is divided into two parts. The first part is led by the instructor. The second part is led by the students.

Reading assignments for the first part will be available on TWEN from a casebook to be published later this year by Carolina Academic Press. The casebook is edited by Paul Finkelman and myself, David Cobin. In the second part students will prepare readings of up to 15 pages for each of their presentations. Readings will be given to the instructor in class a week before each student's presentation. The instructor will make the readings available on TWEN.

The advanced assignment is Chapter One of the casebook, available on TWEN.

I will expect students to prepare all of the readings assigned for each class and be ready to discuss them during the class session. This is a seminar, not a lecture course.

Grades will be assigned as follows: class participation--15%, class presentation--25%, final paper--60%.

Outlines for students' papers will be due in class on September 21<sup>st</sup>. First drafts for students' papers will be due in class October 25<sup>th</sup>. Final papers will be due in class on the last class day.

Computer use in Class:

I permit the use of computers for note-taking in class. There may be times I will ask students to look up information during the class session. Students may, at times, check a question that has come up without my asking for an answer. Computer use is not a substitute for listening and participating in class. I reserve the right to prohibit a student or students generally from computer use in class if such use has interfered with the learning process.