



**Seminar: Race and the Law
(3 credits)
Tuesdays, 3-4.50pm
Room Law 240A**

Required Text

Juan F. Perea, Richard Delgado, Angela P. Harris, Jean Stefancic, Stephanie Wildman, *Race and Races, Cases and Resources for a Diverse America*, 2nd Edition (American Casebook 2007.) Thomson West. ISBN: 9780314149985

Schedule (Subject to Change)

<i>Date</i>	<i>Topic</i>
August 24	Introduction/Welcome Research Methodology
August 31	Defining Race and Racism, 19-47, 72-91 [Student Profiles with photos due (available on TWEN after class begins); bring to class] Rest of Assignments TBA

Learning Objectives and Methods

Welcome! This semester we will address the interaction of race and law. Our goals are to (1) study cases and laws within their racial, cultural and historical context; and to (2) refine research, writing, presentation and discussion skills. We will first focus on the foundations and context of race and the law, including defining race and racism. Then participants will have an opportunity to research and present on various aspects of race and the law.

Substantial research papers and a class presentation are required. Topics must first be approved by the instructor. Papers should be between 20-25 pages in length. A first draft of at least 15 pages must be provided two days

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before presentation in class. Each participant will also meet with the instructor two weeks before his/her class presentation. A final draft is due on Monday, December 13 by 4pm. Each participant will also provide class commentary on another presentation and give a news report on current developments.

The above is a tentative schedule for this semester. Our final schedule is based on your interests, future goals, and imagination. ☺

Grade

Your grade will be based on your paper (70%), presentation and commentary (20%), attendance and other participation (10%).

Attendance and Laptop Policies

Students who miss more than two full class periods may be administratively withdrawn from the class. Accommodations may be made for students who must be absent for religious reasons and in cases of truly compelling hardship. Please inform me of this as soon as possible in person and by email to mszto01@hamline.edu

Laptops may be used only for note-taking and directed class exercises. Laptop privileges may be withdrawn for violation of this policy. No other technology may be used except in connection with a class presentation.

Office Hours

Office hours and further contact information will be announced when class begins.