

Psychology & Law
Psy 420/520
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Texts: Bartol, C. & Bartol, A. (1994). Psychology and Law: Research and Application (2nd Ed.). Pacific Grove, CA: Brooks/Cole.

Reading packet available at the University of Oregon Bookstore.

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Course Requirements:

This is an advanced undergraduate/graduate course. Students in this course are expected to be able to read and write at that level. If you feel uncomfortable with this expectation, do not take this course.

Examinations: There will be two examinations. A short quiz on July 8, 1996 (20% of the final grade) and a final examination on the last day of class (50% of final grade). The examinations will be composed of a combination of short essay questions and multiple choice questions. The examinations will cover all of the material presented in class and in the readings listed on the syllabus prior to the examination date.

Term Project: Students will also be required to complete an annotated bibliography of their reading for the course (30% of final grade). This will include each assigned reading and at least 4 additional articles or cases on a subject of the student's choice. For each article, prepare at least a 1 page summary including: the complete citation, a short summary (including when applicable the hypotheses, methods, and results), and a short critique of the ideas, methods, results, and discussion. The bibliography will be graded for content (10%), analysis (10%), and writing (10%).

Syllabus:

B indicates a chapter in the Bartol & Bartol text. If possible, please read the assigned material before the class session for which it is assigned.

Introduction

- 6/24 Overview of American legal system and Legal Research Methods
 B 1, 2, 4
- 6/25 Overview of Social Science and Applied Research Methods
 Campbell, D. (1969). Reforms as experiments. American Psychologist, 24, 409-429.

Actions & Actors: What happened and who did it.

- 6/26 Eyewitness Identification
 B 9
 Goodman, G., Levine, M., Melton, G., & Ogden, D. (1991). Child witnesses and the confrontation clause: The American Psychological Association brief in Maryland v. Craig. Law & Human Behavior, 15, 13-30.
- 6/27
- 7/1 Psychological Profiling
 B 12
 Pinizzotto, A. & Finkel, J. (1990). Criminal personality profiling: An outcome and process study. Law & Human Behavior, 14, 215-234.
 US v Lopez (1971) 328 F.Supp. 1077
- 7/2
- 7/3 Interrogation and lie detection
 B 10
 Miranda v AZ (1966) 384 US 436, 86 S.Ct. 1602, 16 L.Ed.2d 694
 Kleinmuntz, B. & Szucko, J. (1982). On the fallibility of lie detection. Law & Society Review, 17, 85-104.
- 7/4 Independence Day Holiday

State of Mind

- 7/8 Legal responsibility & defenses
 B 5
 R. v Dudley & Stephans (1884) 14 QBD 273
 R v M'Naghten (1843) 8 Eng. Rep. 718
 Ewing, C. (1990). Psychological self-defense: A proposed justification for battered women who kill. Law & Human Behavior, 14, 579-594.
 Morse, S. (1990). The misbegotten marriage of soft psychology and bad law: Psychological self-defense as a justification for homicide. Law & Human Behavior, 14, 595-618.

Legal Procedures

- 7/9 Juror and jury decision-making
B 7, 8
Ballew v GA, 435 US 223 (1978)
Lockhart v McCree, 106 S. Ct. 1758 (1986)
Elliot, R. (1991). Social science data and the APA: The Lockhart brief as a case in point. Law & Human Behavior, 15, 59-76.
Ellsworth, P. (1991). To tell what we know or wait for Godot. Law & Human Behavior, 15, 77-90.

7/10

Social Science and Social Policy

- 7/11 Capital Punishment & Discrimination
B 12, 13
Barefoot v Estelle, (1983) 463 US 880, 103 S.Ct. 3383, 77 L.Ed.2d 1090
Furman v GA (1972) 408 US 238, 92 S.Ct. 2726, 33 L.Ed.2d 346
- 7/15 Obscenity
Miller v CA 413 US 15 (1973)
Kutchinsky, B. (1991). Pornography and Rape: Theory and Practice? Evidence from crime data in four countries where pornography is easily available. International Journal of Law & Psychiatry, 14, 47-64.
Wilcox, B. (1987). Pornography, social science, and politics: When research and ideology collide. American Psychologist, 42, 941-943.
Koop, C. E. (1987). Report of the Surgeon General's workshop on pornography and public health. American Psychologist, 42, 944-945.
Linz, D., Donnerstein, E., & Penrod, S. (1987). The findings and recommendations of the Attorney General's commission on pornography. American Psychologist, 42, 946-953.
- 7/16 Mental Health Law & the Law & Ethics of Clinical Practice
B 6
Tarasoff v. Regents of UC (1976) 17 Cal.3d 425, 131 Cal. Rptr. 14, 551 P.2d 334
- 7/17 Family Law
B 11
In re Gault (1967) 387 US 1, 87 S.Ct. 1428
Sorensen, E. & Goldman, J. (1990). Custody determinations and child development: A review of the current literature. Journal of Divorce, 13, 53-67.
Hart, S. (1991). From property to person status: Historical perspective on children's rights. American Psychologist, 46, 53-59.
- 7/18 Final Examination