READING ASSIGNMENTS

Reading assignments are taken from *Constitutional Law for a Changing America, Rights, Liberties, and Justice*, by Lee Epstein and Thomas G. Walker, and handouts.

Below please find listed the cases and materials that we will be covering in class. Please note, that the text book is exceptional and has a lot of interesting areas for discussion between each assigned case.

Rather than designate the page where each judicial opinion is located, I have opted to identify the block of materials within which the cases are included. This will enable you to see the case opinion in its proper context.

At times I will be integrating the lectures with outside materials to further enhance your understanding of identified the legal frameworks of social policy.

**January 20 through February 10**

- **Lecture**
  - Introduction to law and legal frameworks
  - Interconnections with social policy

- **The Living Constitution**
  - (3-9)

- **Understanding the U.S. Supreme Court**
  - (10-48)

- **Judicial Power**
  - Marbury vs. Madison
  - Exparte McCardle
  - (49-70)

- **Commerce Clause**
  - M’Culloch v. Maryland (hand out)

- **Incorporation of the Bill of Rights**
  - Barron vs. Baltimore
  - (71-92)
Palko vs. Connecticut
Duncan vs. Louisiana

**February 17 through March 10**

Civil Liberties
The First Amendment (95 - 98)

Freedom of Speech and Assembly
Schenk vs. U.S.
Abrams v. United States
Gitlow vs. NY
Brandenburg vs. Ohio (210- 313)

Regulating Expression
Tinker vs. Des Moines
Texas vs. Johnson
Buckley vs. Valeo
Boy Scouts vs. Dale (755 and 764)

Religion Free Exercise & Establishment
Cantwell vs. Connecticut
Wisconsin vs. Yoder
City of Boerne vs. Flores
Everson vs. Board of Education
Grendle’s Den vs. ABCC (Mass case- handout)

The Right of Privacy (412- 471)

Overview and Foundations
Griswold vs. Connecticut

Reproductive Freedoms
Roe vs. Wade

Planned Parenthood vs. Danforth
Planned Parenthood vs. Casey

Sexual Orientation
Bowers vs. Hardwick
Evans vs. Romer
Lawrence vs. Texas

Right to Die
Cruzan vs. Missouri Department of Public Health
Washington vs. Glucksberg
March 24 through April 1

Criminal Justice and Constitutional Rights
  Overview/ Trends in Decision-making

Rights of the Criminally Accused  (475-548)

Cases
  Katz vs. U.S. (517)
  Terry vs. Ohio (532)
  Terrorism and the 4th Amendment (539)
  Mapp vs. Ohio
  Escobedo vs. Illinois (536)
  Miranda vs. Arizona (560)

April 7 through 21

Attorneys Trials and Punishment  (549-614)

Cases
  Powell vs. Alabama (the Scottsboro Boys) (581)
  Gideon vs. Wainwright (585)
  Shepard vs. Maxwell (603)
  Greg vs. Georgia (616)
  Ewing vs. California (639)
  Atkins vs. Virginia (629)

Civil Rights and the Constitution: Discrimination  (617-737)

Cases
  Frontiero vs. Richardson (702)
  San Antonio vs. Rodriguez (731)
  Adarand vs. Pena (761)
  Regents of California vs. Bakke (746)
  Grutter vs. Bollinger (766)

  Comfort vs. Small (hand-out)

Chapter 13 Voting and Representation  (738-788)

  Reauthorization of the 1965 Voting Rights Acts
Cases

Bush vs. Gore (781)
Louisiana vs. U.S. (795)
South Carolina vs. Katzenbach (799)
Miller vs. Johnson (829)

Adjourn