CURRENT DEBATES IN CRIMINAL LAW
Cornell Law School
Spring 2012
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SYLLABUS

Coverage

The readings in this seminar will examine a range of problems, questions, and concerns arising within the substantive criminal law. Seminar participants will decide the specific issues we examine.

Seminar Meetings

The seminar meets each Thursday from 4:15 to 5:55 p.m. in Room 387.

Materials

CRIMINAL LAW CONVERSATIONS (Paul H. Robinson, Stephen P. Garvey & Kimberly Kessler Ferzan eds., 2009).

Grades

Grades will be based on a substantial paper, class preparation and participation.

The substantial paper (approx. 25–30 pages) will be worth 70% of the final grade; class preparation and participation will be worth 30% of the grade. The substantial paper must be analytical. It should display independent thought and analysis. Simple description and summary are unacceptable.
**Office Hours**

Please feel free to stop by whenever the door is open or to make an appointment. My office is 324 Myron Taylor Hall. My number is 255-8589. My e-mail address is <spg3@cornell.edu>. My administrative assistant is Ms. Lyndsey Clark (Room 213).

| Class 1 | Introduction  
| Rotten Social Background  
| Tadros, *Poverty and Criminal Responsibility*  
| Delgado, *The Wretched of the Earth*  
| Morse, *Severe Environmental Deprivation (aka RSB): A Tragedy, Not a Defense*  
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| Class 2 | Criminal Law Conversations (CLC) discussion  
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| Class 3 | CLC discussion  
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| Class 4 | CLC discussion  
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| Class 5 | CLC discussion  
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| Class 6 | CLC discussion  
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| Class 7 | CLC discussion  
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| Class 8 | CLC discussion  
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| Class 9 | Break  
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| Class 10 | Paper presentations  
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| Class 11 | Paper presentations  
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| Class 12 | Paper presentations  
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| Class 13 | Paper presentations  
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