

DEATH PENALTY SEMINAR

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The entries in this document are based on the course description for *Death Penalty Seminar* in the *Thomas Jefferson Course Selection Guide*, as follows:

Death Penalty Seminar - The course begins with a brief history of the development of the Eighth Amendment restrictions on the use of capital punishment. Next, we will engage in a detailed discussion of the substantive and procedural doctrine that is unique to death penalty law. The course will conclude with units focusing on habeas corpus, procedural bar, and ineffective assistance of counsel, aspects of criminal law and procedure that are not unique to death penalty cases, but that are critical to the death penalty litigator. Throughout, we will discuss techniques, strategy, and tactics in the prosecution and defense of capital murder cases.

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ONLINE RESOURCE GUIDE

Below is a selection of some online sites that have information about this topic. This list is by no means a comprehensive one, but will serve as a starting point in your research project.

Death Penalty Information Center

<http://www.deathpenaltyinfo.org/>

The Death Penalty Information Center is a non-profit organization serving the media and the public with analysis and information on issues concerning capital punishment. The Center was founded in 1990 and prepares in-depth reports, issues press releases, conducts briefings for journalists, and serves as a resource to those working on this issue.

Pro-Death Penalty.com

<http://www.prodeathpenalty.com/>

This site is being developed as a resource for those searching the internet for pro-death penalty information and resources.

Human Rights Death Penalty

<http://www.derechos.org/dp/>

Derechos Human Rights works against violations to human rights and humanitarian law all over the world. Our web site provides information, news and actions.

American Civil Liberties Union

<http://www.aclu.org/DeathPenalty/DeathPenaltyMain.cfm>

The ACLU opposes capital punishment under all circumstances because it violates the constitutional ban on cruel and unusual punishment, is administered arbitrarily and unfairly, and fails to deter crime or improve public safety. In 1976, the ACLU launched its Capital Punishment Project, a public education and advocacy program that seeks to bring about the abolition of the death penalty.

Citizens United for Alternatives to the Death Penalty

<http://www.cuadp.org/>

Citizens United for Alternatives to the Death Penalty (CUADP) works to end the death penalty in the United States through aggressive campaigns of public education and the promotion of tactical grassroots activism.

Justice Center Web Site

Focus on the Death Penalty

<http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/just/death/>

This site has been established by the Justice Center at University of Alaska Anchorage as an educational resource. It is not intended to take sides in the debate on the death penalty. Rather, its purpose is to give as full a picture as possible, using existing Internet resources, of the complex issues surrounding capital punishment and its application.

Amnesty International

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/abolish/>

Links, fact sheets, etc.

Religious Organizing Against the Death Penalty

<http://www.deathpenaltyreligious.org/>

The Religious Organizing Against the Death Penalty Project was created to galvanize and empower the religious community in the United States to work against capital punishment. Coordinated by the American Friends Service Committee's criminal justice program, the Project provides people of faith with the tools and resources they need to become effective advocates for abolition.

Survey of the Federal Death Penalty System

<http://www.usdoj.gov/dag/pubdoc/dpsurvey.html>

A Statistical Survey, 1988-2000

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Punishment and the Death Penalty

<http://ethics.acusd.edu/Applied/DeathPenalty/>

Selected Internet Resources on Punishment and the Death Penalty

PBS.org - Sister Helen Prejean Interview

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/angel/interviews/hprejean.html>

Read the interview in which the author and clergy member discusses Robert Lee Willie, the film "Dead Man Walking," and public education about the death penalty debate.

World Policy Institute - Amnesty International: The Death Penalty

<http://www.worldpolicy.org/globalrights/dp/ai-dp.html>

The organization's official stance and analysis of its anti-death penalty position.

Death Penalty Links

<http://www.clarkprosecutor.org/html/death/death.htm>

Comprehensive information on the Death Penalty in Indiana, including statistics, executions since 1900, current death row (with photos), Indiana death penalty laws, history, and methods of execution, with factual and legal summaries of all death penalty cases since 1977; Up-to-date information on the Death Penalty in the United States; Almost 2,000 death penalty links arranged by subject, including 100+ pro-death penalty links.

Campaign to End the Death Penalty

<http://www.nodeathpenalty.org/>

The Campaign to End the Death Penalty is a national grassroots organization of activists dedicated to stopping individual executions and abolishing capital punishment . . .

The Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy

<http://www.utm.edu/research/iep/c/capitalp.htm>

Presents the philosophical arguments for and against capital punishment.

Innocence Project at Cal Western School of Law

http://www.cwsl.edu/main/default.asp?nav=icda.asp&body=icda/innocence_project.asp

The California Innocence Project (CIP) is a law school program that operates out of the Institute for Criminal Defense Advocacy of California Western School of Law.

The Innocence Project (home)

<http://www.innocenceproject.org/>

The Innocence Project at the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law at Yeshiva University, founded by Barry C. Scheck and Peter J. Neufeld in 1992, is a non-profit legal clinic and criminal justice resource center. We work to exonerate the wrongfully convicted through postconviction DNA testing; and develop and implement reforms to prevent wrongful convictions. This Project only handles cases where postconviction DNA testing can yield conclusive proof of innocence.

Ethics Site

<http://ethics.acusd.edu/Applied/deathpenalty>

The Ethics Site. Abortion, Euthanasia, Death Penalty, Bioethics, Kant, Aristotle, relativism

National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers

<http://www.criminaljustice.org/public.nsf/freeform/DeathPenalty?OpenDocument>

NACDL supports the abolition of the death penalty. The death penalty committee is actively involved in abolition and moratorium efforts around the country and the world.

In addition:

Lexis and Westlaw searches would produce law review articles, news articles, cases and statutes dealing with capital punishment and the death penalty.

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