The Legacy of 1964 Symposium Class
Syllabus
Spring 2014

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A. COURSE REQUIREMENTS

1. Attendance and participation

This course will meet twice. First, students will be required to attend all sessions of the Legacy of 1964 Symposium on Friday, April 4, 2014. That event will take place in room 255A. It will begin at 8:30 am and end at 4:30 pm in the afternoon. We will then meet again in room 255A on Friday April 18, 2014 from 10:00- 11:50. Attendance at both of these meetings is a requirement of the course.

Please note that use of laptop computers or other electronic devices during the symposium sessions and during the symposium class is **not** permitted. Please be prepared to **take notes by hand**.

2. Paper requirement

Students will be required to complete a 10 page (double-spaced, inclusive of footnotes) paper on a topic of their choice related to the symposium topic. After the symposium on April 4, 2014, students who would like help developing their topic and/or thesis are welcome to contact me to discuss possible topics. Papers will be due on May 7, 2014, which is the last day of the exam period.

B. READING LIST

The following materials are required reading for the course. They are available on the course TWEN page.

1. Greggory S. Parks, et al., *Complex Civil Rights Organizations: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, An Exemplar*
2. Jasmine B. Gonzales Rose, *Language Rights Under The Civil Rights Act Of 1964: The Case For Juror Language Accommodation*
3. Trina Jones, *Civil Rights at 50:Contemporary Challenges for U.S. Employment Discrimination Law*
4. Robert Bork, *Civil Rights: A Challenge*
5. Robin West, *Towards a Jurisprudence of Civil Rights Acts*

C. COURSE OBJECTIVES

The objective of this course is to explore the legacy of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 from a critical perspective. Our symposium will be directed at interrogating the degree to which the promises of the Civil Rights Act have been fulfilled. We will engage this question from various directions and perspectives. Students are encouraged to develop their own perspective on this question (or a related question) in their papers.

D. COURSE POLICIES

1. Contacting Me

Please do not hesitate to contact me (via phone, email, or simply drop by my office) if you have any questions or concerns related to the symposium class. Also, while I encourage you to take advantage of my posted office hours (Monday and Wednesday 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm), I am happy to be available at other times by appointment.

2. Accommodations

The Law School is committed to meeting the needs of students with disabilities. To request disability accommodations, please contact the Office of Disability Services at 8-4285. Once you have made initial arrangements with that office, please feel free to contact me (if you wish) to discuss accommodations.