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## AMH 4319:

## **CRIME & PUNISHMENT IN AMERICAN HISTORY**

## Required Texts:

Joseph F. Spillane & David B. Wolcott, *A History of Modern American Criminal Justice* Patricia Cline Cohen, *The Murder of Helen Jewett* Joan Jacobs Brumberg, *Kansas Charley* LeeAnna Keith, *The Colfax Massacre* Carolyn N. Long, *Mapp v. Ohio* Radley Balko, *The Rise of the Warrior Cop* 

## Course Requirements:

This course will examine the history of crime and the development of the American criminal justice system. A midterm examination, a short research paper, and an end-of-semester examination will be required. The midterm examination will be given on October 20 and be worth 25 percent of your grade, and the research paper, due on November 12 (at the start of class), will be four pages in length and worth 25 percent of your grade. In addition, 25 percent of your course grade will be based on attendance, which is required, class participation, and a weekly assignment, which will entail a brief essay on a topic posted on Canvas during Tuesday classes and due at the end of the double hour, beginning on September 15. To receive credit for attendance, students must participate in the Zoom class meetings, must keep the video feed enabled during class, and must submit the weekly assignment. (If computer problems or other challenges arise or pose particular difficulties for you, please discuss the issue with me at the start of the semester.) The end-of-semester examination, on December 8 (at 8:30 am), will also be worth 25 percent of your grade. This course will employ UF's grading scale (A=4.0; A-=3.67; B+=3.33; B=3.0; B=2.67; C+=2.33; C=2.0; C=1.67; D+=1.33; D=1.0; D=0.67; E=0.0). Students cannot pass AMH 4319 unless they take both examinations and submit the paper, and there will be no make-up examinations, except in cases of medical emergencies. Anyone requiring special classroom accommodations must register with the Dean of Students Office and discuss his or her particular needs with me during the first three weeks of the semester. Students must conform to the university's conduct policy regarding cheating and the use of copyrighted materials, which can be reviewed at www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/process/student-conduct-honor-code/. Finally, students are expected to provide professional feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing course evaluations online via GatorEvals. Guidance on giving this feedback is available at https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/students/. Students will be notified when the evaluation period opens, and the course-evaluation results will be available at https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/public-results/.

Lecture/Zoom Schedule and Reading Assignments:

1. Sept. 1, 3 Crime and Punishment in Historical Perspective No Reading Assignment

2. Sept. 8, 10	Criminal Justice in Colonial America No Reading Assignment
3. Sept. 15, 17	Race and the Law in Early America No Reading Assignment
4. Sept. 22, 24	Mobocracy in Revolutionary America No Reading Assignment
5. Sept. 29, Oct. 1	Crime, Criminal Justice, and the Dangerous Class Reading Assignment: Cline Cohen, <i>The Murder of Helen Jewett</i>
6. Oct. 6, 8	The Invention of the Prison and the Birth of the American Police No Reading Assignment
7. Oct. 13, 15	Violence and the Law in Nineteenth-Century America Reading Assignment: Brumberg, <i>Kansas Charley</i>
8. Oct. 20	Midterm Examination
Oct. 22	Eugenics and the Natural-Born Criminal No Reading Assignment
9. Oct. 27, 29	Race and Popular Justice in the Late Nineteenth-Century South Reading Assignment: Spillane & Wolcott, <i>A History of Modern American</i> <i>Criminal Justice</i> , chap. 5; Keith, <i>The Colfax Massacre</i>
10. Nov. 3, 5	Social Conflict in the Industrial City Reading Assignment: Spillane & Wolcott, <i>A History of Modern American</i> <i>Criminal Justice</i> , chaps. 2-3
11. Nov. 10, 12	The First War on Crime Reading Assignment: Spillane & Wolcott, <i>A History of Modern American</i> <i>Criminal Justice</i> , chaps. 4, 6-7
12. Nov. 17, 19	Policing and Street Crime in the Late Twentieth-Century City Reading Assignment: Spillane & Wolcott, <i>A History of Modern American</i> <i>Criminal Justice</i> , chap. 8; Long, <i>Mapp v. Ohio</i>
13. Nov. 24	A "Punishment Tsunami" Reading Assignment: Spillane & Wolcott, <i>A History of Modern American</i> <i>Criminal Justice</i> , chap. 9; Balko, <i>The Rise of the Warrior Cop</i> , chaps. 1-4
14. Dec. 1, 3	Mass Incarceration and Criminal Justice in Modern America Reading Assignment: Spillane & Wolcott, A History of Modern American

Criminal Justice, chap. 10; Balko, The Rise of the Warrior Cop, chaps. 5-9

15. Dec. 8 End-of-Semester Examination