

Seminar: Slavery, Race and Law in Southern Illinois
Fall, 2022

Class sessions: room 164
Fridays, 9:30am - noon

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Textbook: There is no required textbook for this class.

What you can expect to learn: In this seminar we will have the chance to look at Southern Illinois law and history on slavery and race. These topics are rarely studied, partly because we are not in a major population center and partly because the topics are uncomfortable. As lawyers we should understand the law, but it's sure hard to do that without an understanding of where we have been. In this seminar you will get to choose your area of research, develop your expertise, write to deepen your understanding, choose a way to share what you have learned, and, I hope, have an impact.

This is a seminar, which is an amazing opportunity for us to work together. I'll provide the structure and the basics, and you get to choose the direction for your research, writing, and presentations to the class. Bottom line -- you will get to dig into an area of law that is interesting to you, polish your research and writing skills, and try to take it outside of school and have an impact. Yessss!

Attendance: Be here – it's a huge part of what will make this class work. Class participation will be a part of your grade, so that's another good reason to come to class. We will be going to some of the places we will be studying. Classes are on Friday mornings, although we will have some class days off to give you time for research, writing, and conferences.

Workload expectations: You might not have thought about how much work you will put into each class, but the American Bar Association has! The American Bar Association standards for accrediting law schools contain a formula for calculating the amount of work that constitutes one credit hour. According to ABA Standard 310(b)(1), "a "credit hour" is an amount of work that reasonably approximates: (1) not less than one hour of classroom or direct faculty instruction and two hours of out-of-class student work per week for fifteen weeks, or the equivalent amount of work over a different amount of time." This is a three credit-hour class, meaning we will spend two 75 minute blocks of time together most weeks. The rules of the school of law allow us to forego several class sessions to allow you more time for research, writing, and conferences. Overall, your reading, research, writing and class sessions should take an average of nine hours each week.

Grades: Your grade will be based on the following factors:

Class participation	20 percent
Outline of the first paper	10 percent
First paper	30 percent
First draft of the second product	10 percent
Final draft of second product	30 percent

Assignments must be submitted by D2L or in person directly to me. No late submissions will receive credit unless permission has been granted in advance.

Writing Targets: Students in senior seminars at the School of Law are required to produce a paper or papers totaling 7500 words, which is about 31 pages, double spaced. In our class the large paper will be due early in the semester (you will hate me for this, but it will work). That will allow you time to produce a second work which is targeted for publication in some fashion. We'll talk in class about publications that are good targets for your work. You will not be limited to writing for the second work product.

D2L: Keep posted on news, assignments, any changes in the syllabus and other good stuff through D2L.

Office hours: I am a total nerd and spend a lot of time in the office, so stop by any time. Also feel free to schedule an appointment. We can meet in my office, online, or by phone, whatever works for you. My property class is on Monday and Wednesday mornings, but outside of that, I'm yours.

Recording class sessions: All class sessions held here at the law school will be recorded and posted. My experience with the recordings is that they work most of the time but there's no guarantee. So if you have to miss something that you really want to benefit from, have a classmate take notes.

Final exam: No final exam for this class. Party on!

Stress! What stress? The University and the School of Law recognize that there are lots of potential stressors in your life. Here is some information on Saluki Cares, a campus-wide effort to be there to support you: The purpose of Saluki Cares is to develop, facilitate and coordinate a university-wide program of care and support for students in any type of distress—physical, emotional, financial, or personal. By working closely with faculty, staff, students, and their families, SIU will continue to display a culture of care and demonstrate to our students and their families that they are an important part of the community. For Information on Saluki Cares: (618) 453-2461, or siucares@siu.edu, <https://salukicare.siu.edu/>. Assistant Dean Judi Ray is available at the School of Law to help students access university resources. Please email her at judiray@siu.edu, or call 618- 453-3135.

Disabilities and accommodations: I want everyone in this class to succeed. If a disability is challenging you, here is some information about how to seek accommodations: SIU Carbondale is committed to providing an inclusive and accessible experience for all students with

disabilities. Disability Support Services coordinates the implementation of accommodations. If you think you may be eligible for accommodations but have not yet obtained approval, please contact DSS immediately at 618-453-5738 or disabilityservices.siu.edu. You may request accommodations at any time, but timely requests help to ensure accommodations are in place when needed. Accommodations and services are determined through an interactive process with students and may involve consideration of specific course design and learning objectives in consultation with faculty. Upon completion of a Disability Accommodation Agreement with DSS, students should bring the agreements for each course to the School of Law Registrar's Office to ensure the School of Law provides the proper classroom and examination accommodations.

COVID-19. SIUC's policy on face masks and social distancing is consistent with the guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Illinois Department of Public Health. For up-to-date information, students, faculty, and staff should visit SIUC's COVID website (<https://siu.edu/coronavirus>), which includes the Saluki Safety Plan. People can also send email to pandemicinfor@siu.edu.

Tornado? Flood? We ask that you become familiar with **Emergency Preparedness @ SIU**. Emergency response information is available on posters in buildings on campus, on the Emergency Preparedness @ SIU website, and through text and email alerts. To register for alerts, visit <http://emergency.siu.edu/>.

Tentative schedule:

This is a schedule of when we will meet and when we will turn in outlines and papers. We have plenty of flexibility on other days – a good thing in a time of virus. Several of our classes will be visits to locations outside of the law school. Any changes to the schedule will be posted to D2L.

August 26: introduction to class, discussion of possible research topics

September 2: topics, bring three ideas you are considering for your big paper

September 9: research, starring Professor Doug Lind and Dean Alicia Jones

September 16: Equality, Illinois, with Mark York and Todd Carr

September 23: Cairo, Illinois, with Darrel Dexter outline of paper due at 5pm today

September 30: class time will be used for scheduled and drop-by conferences on research and writing

October 7: class time will be used for scheduled and drop-by conferences on research and writing

October 14: presentations on first paper

October 21: Presentations of first paper, continued

October 24: not a class day, papers due by 5pm today

October 28: Murphysboro, John A. Logan Museum

November 4: Carbondale, draft of second work product due today at 5pm.

November 11: no class Veterans Day.

November 18: presentations of second work product

November 25: presentations of second work product

December 2: no class, time reserved for last minute questions, second work product due at 5pm today

Syllabus Attachment

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MISSION STATEMENT FOR SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY CARBONDALE

SIUC embraces a unique tradition of access and opportunity, inclusive excellence, innovation in research and creativity, and outstanding teaching focused on nurturing student success. As a nationally ranked public research university and regional economic catalyst, we create and exchange knowledge to shape future leaders, improve our communities, and transform lives.

IMPORTANT DATES

Semester Classes Begin	08/22/2022
Last day to add full-term course (without Dean's signature)	08/28/2022
Last day to withdraw from the University with a full refund	09/02/2022
Last day to drop a full-term course for a credit/refund	09/04/2022
Last day to drop a full-term course (W grade, no refund)	10/30/2022
Final examinations	12/12-16/2022

Note: Please verify the above dates with the Registrar calendar and find more detailed information on deadlines at <http://registrar.siu.edu/calendars>. For add/drop dates that apply to shorter-than-full-term courses, please look at the Schedule of Classes search results at <http://registrar.siu.edu/schedclass/index.php>.

FALL SEMESTER HOLIDAYS

Labor Day 09/05/2022
Election Day 11/08/2022
Veterans Day 11/11/2022
Thanksgiving Break 11/19-11/27/2022

DIVERSITY

Southern Illinois University Carbondale's goal is to provide a welcoming campus where all of our students, faculty and staff can study and work in a respectful, positive environment free from racism and intimidation. For more information visit: <http://diversity.siu.edu>. Additional [informational flyer](#).

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MILITARY COMMUNITY

There are complexities of being a member of the military community and also a student, and military and veteran related developments can complicate academic life. If you are a member of the military community and in need of accommodations please visit Veterans Services at <http://veterans.siu.edu/>.

STUDENT MULTICULTURAL RESOURCE CENTER

The Student Multicultural Resource Center serves as a catalyst for inclusion, diversity and innovation. As the Center continues its work, we are here to ensure that you think, grow and succeed. We encourage you to stop by the Center, located in the Student Services Building Room 140, to see the resources available and discover ways you can get involved on the campus. Visit us at: <https://smrcc.siu.edu/>.

SALUKI CARES

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SAFETY AWARENESS FACTS AND EDUCATION

Title IX makes it clear that violence and harassment based on sex and gender is a Civil Rights offense subject to the same kinds of accountability and the same kinds of support applied to offenses against other protected categories such as race, national origin, etc. If you or someone you know has been harassed or assaulted, you can find the appropriate resources here: <http://safe.siu.edu>

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WITHDRAWAL POLICY ~ Undergraduate only

Students who officially register for a session must officially withdraw from that registration in a timely manner to avoid being charged as well as receiving a failing grade for those classes. An official withdrawal must be initiated by the student, or on behalf of the student through the academic unit, and be processed by the Registrar's office. For the proper procedures to follow when dropping courses and when withdrawing from SIUC visit: <http://registrar.siu.edu/students/withdrawal.php>.

SIUC'S EARLY WARNING INTERVENTION PROGRAM (EWIP)

Students enrolled in courses participating in SIUC's Early Warning Intervention Program might be contacted by University staff during a semester. More information can be found at the Core Curriculum's webpage: <https://corecurriculum.siu.edu/for-faculty/>.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

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CATALOGS

catalog.siu.edu
gradcatalog.siu.edu

Graduate policies often vary from Undergraduate policies. To view the applicable policies for graduate students, please refer to the graduate catalog.

CENTER FOR LEARNING AND SUPPORT SERVICES

Tutoring: <http://tutoring.siu.edu/>
Math Labs: <http://math.siu.edu/courses/course-help.php>

WRITING CENTER: <http://write.siu.edu/>

PLAGIARISM

See the Student Conduct Code: <http://srr.siu.edu/student-conduct-code/>

INCOMPLETE POLICY~ Undergraduate only

<http://registrar.siu.edu/grades/incomplete.php>

REPEAT POLICY

<http://registrar.siu.edu/students/repeatclasses.php>

MORRIS LIBRARY HOURS: <http://libguides.lib.siu.edu/hours>

ADVISEMENT: <https://advisement.siu.edu/>

SIUC ONLINE: <https://online.siu.edu/>

Need help with an issue? Visit SALUKI SOLUTION FINDER at <http://solutionfinder.siu.edu/>