

Philosophy 195

Seminar in Philosophy of Law: “Outsider” Jurisprudence

Prof. Manning, MW 1:30-2:45, BBC 203



What is colorblindness and is it a value that should be enshrined in law? How should we understand discrimination? Should the right to religious freedom of indigenous peoples trump the right to property? Are there sufficient resources in liberal political philosophy and law to address the myriad concerns of the LGBTQ community? Is mass incarceration the right way to respond to social problems? Should undocumented immigrants be incarcerated?

We will develop answers to these and other questions using texts from the critical jurisprudence tradition. This tradition has its roots in the Legal Realism movement of the 1920's and Critical Legal Studies Movement of the 1970s. This body of research and practice includes Critical Race Theory, Feminist Jurisprudence, Queer Theory, Asian Crit, Latino/a Crit and Indigenous Perspectives on the law.