PLS 688: The Politics of Human Rights

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Introduction

This seminar introduces graduate students to the study of human rights, repression, and contentious politics, focusing on the causes and consequences of state sponsored violence and human rights violations. We will begin the course with an overview of the reasons for state sponsored violence. That is, why do states develop the capacity to behave violently in the first place? What strategic purpose does violence serve? We will also consider how individuals within a state behave and how the emergence of human rights sometimes occurs in the context of the violent and non-violent interaction between the state and individual. We will then consider various conceptualizations of rights and how such conceptualizations are related to the capacity for violence in the state and individual. How do human rights emerge given the propensity for states and individuals to sometimes act violently? This is the core conceptual consideration of the course.

As we work on addressing these fundamental questions, students will also begin to learn how to empirically assess differences in the level of respect for human rights across time and place, how human rights practices have changed globally and locally, and how grass roots activism and different types of legal institutions can be successfully leveraged to modify state behaviors. Throughout the course, students will learn how to identify and critically evaluate human rights issues as they arise in different time periods and settings around the world. Course material will draw from the diverse research methodologies that have been applied to the study of human rights and repression.

Acknowledgment

Steve, thanks for lighting the way. We miss you.

Books

Required Books

We will read select portions of the titles listed in this section in addition to articles listed below. Additional supplementary books are also listed below. **Each student will be responsible for providing a written summary of 2 of the books listed in this section. Students will also lead discussion for the 2 selected books (approximately 45-60 minutes in class per book)**.

1. Abouharb, M. Rodwan, David Cingranelli. 2007. *Human Rights and Structural Adjustment*. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press.
2. Becker, Jo. 2013. *Campaigning for Justice: Human Rights Advocacy in Practice*. Palo Alto, CA: Stanford University Press.
3. Bob, Clifford. 2012. *The Global Right Wing and the Clash of World Politics*. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press.
4. Chenoweth, Erica and Maria Stephan. 2011. *Why Civil Resistance Works: The Strategic Logic of Nonviolent Conflict* New York: NY: Columbia University Press.
5. Clark, Ann Marie. 2001. *Diplomacy of Conscience: Amnesty International and Changing Human Rights Norms*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.
6. Davenport, Christian. 2012. *Media Bias, Perspective, and State Repression: The Black Panther Party*. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press.
7. Davenport, Christian. 2014. *How Social Movements Die*. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press.
8. Lauren, Paul Gordon. 2011. *The Evolution of International Human Rights Visions Seen*. 3rd. Edition. Philadelphia, PA: University of Pennsylvania Press.
9. Hillebrecht, Courtney. 2014. *Domestic Politics and International Human Rights Tribunals: The Problem of Compliance*. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press.
10. Hopgood, Stephen. 2013. *The End times of Human Rights*. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press.
11. Keck, Margaret and Kathryn Sikkink. 1998. *Activists Beyond Borders: Advocacy Networks in International Politics*. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press.
12. Keith, Linda Camp. 2012. *Political Repression: Courts and the Law*. Philadelphia, PA: University of Pennsylvania Press.
13. Miller, Banks, Linda Camp Keith, and Jennifer S. Holmes. 2015. *Immigration Judges and U.S. Asylum Policy*. Philadelphia, PA: University of Pennsylvania Press.
14. Moyn, Samuel. 2010. *The Last Utopia: Human Rights in History*. The Belknap Press of Harvard University Press.
15. Murdie, Amanda. 2014. *Help or Harm: The Human Security Effects of International NGOs*. Palo Alto, CA: Stanford University Press.

16. Posner, Eric A. 2014. *The Twilight of Human Rights Law*. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press.

17. Smith, Charles Anthony. 2014. *The Rise and Fall of War Crimes Trials from Charles I to Bush II*. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press.

18. Smith-Cannoy, Heather. 2012. *Insincere Commitments: Human Rights Treaties, Abusive States, and Citizen Activism*. Washington, DC: Georgetown University Press.

19. Sikkink, Kathryn. 2011. *The Justice Cascade: How Human Rights Prosecutions are Changing World Politics* W.W. Norton.

20. Simmons, Beth. 2009. *Mobilizing for Human Rights: International Law in Domestic Politics*. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press.

21. Tarrow, Sidney. 2013. *The Language of Contention: Revolutions in Words, 1688-2012*. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press.

22. Tilly, Charles. 2008. *Contentious Performances*. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press.

23. Weinstein, Harvey M. and Eric Stover. 2004. *My Neighbor, My Enemy: Justice and Community in the Aftermath of Mass Atrocity*. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press.

24. Wong, Wendy H. 2012. *Internal Affairs: How the Structure of NGOs Transforms Human Rights*. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press.

Required Edited Volumes

We will read select portions of the titles listed in this section.

1. Carey, Sabine C. and Steven C. Poe, editors. 2004. *Understanding Human Rights Violations: New Systematic Studies*. Aldershott, UK: Ashgate.

2. Risse, Thomas, Stephen Ropp and Kathryn Sikkink, editors. 2013. *The Power of Human Rights: International Norms and Domestic Change*. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press.

Suggested Books and Edited Volumes

We will *not* read select portions of the titles listed in this section. Please consider these titles as important background reading because they will help to situate the required titles in the human rights, repression, and contentious politics literatures. This list is by no means exhaustive.

1. Cardenas, Sonia. 2007. *Conflict and Compliance: State Responses to International Human Rights Pressure*. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press.

2. Carey, Sabine C., Mark Gibney, and Steven C. Poe. 2010. *The Politics of Human Rights: The Quest for Dignity*. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press.

3. Claude, Richard Pierre. 2003. *Science in the Service of Human Rights*. Philadelphia, PA: University of Pennsylvania Press.

4. Dallin Alexander, and George W. Breslauer. 1970. *Political Terror in Communist Systems*. Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press.

5. Davenport, Christian. 2007. *State Repression and the Domestic Democratic Peace*. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press.

6. Davenport, Christian, Carol Mueller, and Hank Johnston, editors. 2005. *Repression and Mobilization*. University of Minnesota Press.

7. Donnelly, Jack. 2003. *Universal Human Rights in Theory and Practice* Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press.

8. Forsythe, David P. 2012. *Human Rights in International Relations*, 3rd Edition. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press.

9. Gurr, Ted Robert. 1970. *Why Men Rebel*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.

10. Goldstein, Joshua S. 2011. *Winning the War on War: The Decline of Armed Conflict Worldwide*. Dutton Adult.

11. Goldstein, Robert Justin. 1978. *Political Repression in Modern America, From 1870 to Present*. Cambridge, MA: G. K. Hall.

12. Guthrey, Holly L. (2015). *Victim Healing and Truth Commissions — Transforming Pain through Voice in the Solomon Islands and Timor-Leste*. New York: Springer Publishing.

13. Hayner, Priscilla B., 2002. *Unspeakable Truths: Facing the Challenge of Truth Commissions*. Routledge.

14. Jabine, Thomas B., and Richard P. Claude, editors. 1992. *Human Rights and Statistics: Getting the Record Straight*. Philadelphia, PA: University of Pennsylvania Press.

15. Korey, William. 2001. *NGOs and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights: A Curious Grapevine*. New York, NY: Palgrave Macmillan.

16. Landman, Todd and Edzia Carvalho. 2009. *Measuring Human Rights*. Routledge.

17. Levi, Margaret. 1997. *Consent, Dissent, and Patriotism*. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press.

18. McAdam, Douglas, Sydney Tarrow and Charles Tilly. 2003. *Dynamics of Contention*. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press.

19. Mitchell, Neil J. 2005. *Agents of Atrocity: Leaders, Followers, and the Violation of Human Rights in Civil War*. Palgrave: New York.

20. Nalepa, Monika. 2010. *Skeletons in the Closet: Transitional Justice in Post-Communist Europe*. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press.

21. Pinker, Steven. 2011. *The Better Angels of Our Nature: Why Violence Has Declined*. Viking.

22. Richards, David L. and Jillienne Haglund. 2015. *Violence against Women and the Law* Paradigm Publishers: Boulder, CO.

23. Rummel, R. J. 1997. *Rummel, Rudolph J. 1994a. Death by Government: Genocide and Mass Murder in the Twentieth Century*. New Brunswick, NJ: Transaction Publishers.

24. Rummel, R. J. 1999. *Statistics of Democide: Genocide and Mass Murder since 1900*. Lit Verlag.

25. Scott, James C. 1999. *Seeing Like a State*. New Haven, CT: Yale University Press.

26. Sikkink, Kathryn. 2004. *Mixed Signals: U.S. Human Rights Policy And Latin America*. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press.

27. Stohl, Michael and George Lopez, editors. 1984. *The State as Terrorist: The Dynamics of Governmental Violence and Repression*. Praeger.

28. Stohl, Michael and George Lopez, editors. 1986. *Government Violence and Repression: An Agenda for Research*. Praeger.

29. Tarrow, Sidney. 1994. *Power in Movement: Social Movements, Collective Action and Politics*. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press.

30. Tarrow, Sidney. 2012. *Strangers at the Gates: Movements and States in Contentious Politics*. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press.

31. Sellars, Kirsten. 2002. *The Rise and Rise of Human Rights*. London, UK: Sutton Publishing.

32. Tilly, Charles. 1978. *From Mobilization to Revolution*. New York: McGraw-Hill.

33. Walter, E.V. 1969. *Terror and Resistance: A Study of Political Violence*. New York, NY: Oxford University Press.

Assignments

1. **Critical review and summary of selected human rights book (Two, 8-10 pages each, double spaced)**: In conjunction with the other students in the course, you will select two of the books listed in the **Required Books** section (selection will occur in the style of the board game, Settler's of Catan). You will write a critical review of the two books you have selected. The document should also relate the core inferences from the book in the context of the required readings for the week in which the book is assigned. You should also address the following questions: How does the selected book fit into the broader human rights literature? What are some potential directions for future research?

   You will circulate these document to the other students enrolled in the class, three days prior to the assigned week for the book (Monday at 1pm). The final version of the the document is due to the instructor by the end of the following week (Friday at 5pm).

2. **Discussion Leader (Two, 45-60 minute sessions during two different class periods)**: Lead class discussion over the book you have selected from the **Required Books** section during the assigned week for that book. Again, you should circulate a draft of the critical review you have written for the selected book, 72 hours prior to the start of the class period. In consultation with the instructor, you will also select a set of critical passages from the book to the share with the class as well, again no later than 72 hours prior to the start of the class period.

3. **Group Reproduction/Replication Project**: In groups of 2-4 students, obtain the materials necessary to reproduce or replicate a human rights research paper. Describe the initial study and the ease with which the results are reproduced. Then identify any research design flaws in the research and propose a new or improved design.

   - For more information about reproduction and replication see:
     - King, Gary. 2006. "Publication, Publication." *PS: Political Science and Politics* 39: 119-125.
     - King, Gary. 1995. "Replication, Replication." *PS: Political Science and Politics* 28: 443-499.
     - Fariss, Christopher J. and Zachary M. Jones. "Enhancing External Validity in Observational Settings When Replication is Not Possible" *Working Paper*.
   - For a human rights replication example see:
     - Crabtree, Charles D. and Christopher J. Fariss. Forthcoming. "Uncovering Patterns Among Latent Variables: Human Rights and De Facto Judicial Independence" *Research & Politics*.

Schedule of Readings

Week 1: Finding the Human Rights Research Frontier (part 1)

Required Books (see list above):

- None this week.

Required Articles:

1. Davenport, Christian. "Repression with Synonyms: A Call to Unify the Study of Domestic Spying, Bans, Protest Policing, Torture, Leadership Decapitation, Exclusions and Genocide" *Working Paper*.

2. Fariss, Christopher J. 2014. "Respect for Human Rights has Improved Over Time: Modeling the Changing Standard of Accountability" *American Political Science Review* 108(2):297-318.

3. Kelley, Judith G. and Beth A. Simmons. 2014. "Politics by Number: Indicators as Social Pressure in International Relations" *American Journal of Political Science* 59(1):55-70.

4. Moore, Will H. 2015. "Tilting at windmill? The conceptual program in contemporary peace science" *Conflict Management and Peace Sciences* 32(4): 356-369.

Suggested Articles:

5. Davenport, Christian. 2007. "State repression and political order" *Annual Review of Political Science* 10:1-23.

6. Donnelly, Jack, and Rhoda E. Howard. 1988. "Assessing National Human Rights Performance: A Theoretical Framework" *Human Rights Quarterly* 10(2):214-248.

7. Landman, Todd. 2005. "The Political Science of Human Rights" *British Journal of Political Science* 35 (3):549-572.

8. Poe, Steven C. 1990. "Human Rights and US Foreign Aid: A Review of Quantitative Studies and Suggestions for Future Research" *Human Rights Quarterly* 12(4):499-512.

9. Poe, Steven C. 1991. "U.S. Economic Aid Allocation: The Quest for Cumulation" *International Interactions* 16(4):295-316.

10. Zinnes, Dina A. (1976) "The Problem of Cumulation" *In Search of Global Patterns*, edited by J. M. Rosenau. New York: Free Press.

11. Zinnes, Dina A. 1980. "Three Puzzles in Search of a Researcher: Presidential Address." *International Studies Quarterly* 24(3):315-342.

Week 2: Theories of Human Rights, Repression, and Contentious Politics (part 1)

Required Books (see list above):

- None this week.

Required Articles:

1. Bracic, Ana. "EU Accession, Membership and Human Rights: Discrimination Against the Roma in Slovenia and Croatia" *Working Paper*.

2. Conrad, Courtenay R., and Emily Hencken Ritter. Forthcoming. "Preventing and Responding to Dissent: The Observational Challenges of Explaining Strategic Repression" *American Political Science Review*.

3. Finkel, Evgeny. 2015. "The Phoenix Effect of State Repression: Jewish Resistance during the Holocaust" *American Political Science Review* 109(2):339-353.

4. Hill Jr., Daniel W., and Zachary M. Jones. 2014. "An Empirical Evaluation of Explanations for State Repression" *American Political Science Review* 108(3):661-687.

Suggested Articles:

5. Davenport, Christian. 1995. "Multidimensional Threat Perception and State Repression" *American Journal of Political Science* 39(3):683-713.

6. Harff, Barbara. 2003. "No Lessons Learned from the Holocaust? Assessing Risks of Genocide and Political Mass Murder since 1955" *American Political Science Review* 97(1):57-73.

7. Harff, Barbara, and Ted Robert Gurr. 1988. "Toward Empirical Theory of Genocides and Politicides: Identification and Measurement of Cases since 1945" *International Studies Quarterly* 32(3):359-371.

8. Mason, David. 1992. "Women's Participation in Central American Revolutions: A Theoretical Perspective" *Comparative Political Studies* 25(1):63-89.

9. Pion-Berlin, David and George Lopez. 1991. "Of Victims and Executioners: Argentine State Terror, 1975-1979" *International Studies Quarterly* 35(1):63-86.

10. Poe, Steven C. and C. Neal Tate. 1994. "Repression of Human Rights to Personal Integrity in the 1980s: A Global Analysis" *American Political Science Review* 88(4):853-872.

11. Poe, Steven C., C. Neal Tate and Linda Camp Keith. 1999. "Repression of the Human Right to Personal Integrity Revisited: A Global Cross-National Study Covering the Years 1976-1993" *International Studies Quarterly* 43(2):291-313.

12. Poe, Steven C. 2004. "The Decision to Repress: An Integrative Theoretical Approach to the Research on Human Rights and Repression." In *Understanding Human Rights Violations: New Systematic Studies*, eds. S. Carey and S. Poe. Aldershott: Ashgate, 16-42.

Week 3: Theories of Human Rights, Repression, and Contentious Politics (part 2)

Required Books (see list above):

1. Tarrow 2013.
2. Tilly 2008.

Required Articles:

1. Mason, T. David and Krane. 1989. "The Political Economy of Death Squads: Toward a Theory of the Impact of State-Sanctioned Terror." *International Studies Quarterly* 33(2):175-198.
2. Nordås, Ragnhild and Christian Davenport. 2013. "Fight the Youth: Youth Bulges and State Repression" *American Journal of Political Science* 57(4):926-940.
3. Ritter, Emily Hencken. 2014. "Policy Disputes, Political Survival, and the Onset and Severity of State Repression" *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 58(1):143-168
4. Staniland, Paul. 2010. "Cities on Fire: Social Mobilization, State Policy, and Urban Insurgency" *Comparative Political Studies* 43(12):1623-1649.

Suggested Articles:

5. Conrad, Courtenay R., and Emily Hencken Ritter. Forthcoming. "Preventing and Responding to Dissent: The Observational Challenges of Explaining Strategic Repression" *American Political Science Review*.
6. Davenport, Christian and Sarah Soule, and David A. Armstrong. 2011. "Protesting While Black? The Differential Policing of American Activism, 1960 to 1990" *American Sociological Review* 76(1):152-176.
7. Demeritt, Jacqueline H.R. and Joseph K. Young. 2013. "A Political Economy of Human Rights: Oil, Natural Gas, and State Incentives to Repress" *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 30(2):99-120.
8. Regan, Patrick M. and Errol A Henderson. 2002. "Democracy, threats and political repression in developing countries: are democracies internally less violent?" *Third World Quarterly* 23(1):119-136.
9. Lake, David A. 2013. "Theory is Dead, Long Live Theory: The End of the Great Debates and the Rise of Eclecticism in International Relations" *European Journal of International Relations* 19(3):567-587.
10. Moore, Will H. 1998. "Repression and Dissent: Substitution, Context, and Timing" *American Journal of Political Science* 42(3):851-873.
11. Moore, Will H. 2000. "The Repression of Dissent: A Substitution Model of Government Coercion" *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 44(1):107-127.

Week 4: From Theoretical Concept to Operationalized Construct: Monitoring and Measuring Human Rights (part 1)

Required Books (see list above):

1. Clark 2001.
2. Wong 2012.

Required Articles:

1. Cingranelli, David L., and David L. Richards. 1999. "Measuring the Level, Pattern, and Sequence of Government Respect for Physical Integrity Rights" *International Studies Quarterly* 43(2):407-417.
2. Clark, Ann Marie and Kathryn Sikkink. 2013. "Information Effects and Human Rights Data: Is the Good News about Increased Human Rights Information Bad News for Human Rights Measures?" *Human Rights Quarterly* 35(3):539-568.
3. Conrad, Courtenay R., Jillienne Haglund and Will H. Moore. 2013. "Disaggregating Torture Allegations: Introducing the Ill-Treatment and Torture (ITT) Country-Year Data" *International Studies Perspectives* 14(2):199-220.
4. Hill Jr., Daniel W., Will H. Moore and Bumba Mukherjee. 2013. "Information Politics v Organizational Incentives: When are Amnesty Internationals "Naming and Shaming" Reports Biased?" *International Studies Quarterly* 57(2):219-232.

Suggested Articles:

5. Cingranelli, David L. and David L. Richards. 2010. "The Cingranelli and Richards (CIRI) Human Rights Data Project" *Human Rights Quarterly* 32(2):401-424.
6. Eck, Kristine. 2012. "In Data We Trust? A Comparison of UCDP GED and ACLED Conflict Events Datasets" *Cooperation and Conflict* 47(1):124-141.
7. Eck, Kristine and Lisa Hultman. 2007. "Violence Against Civilians in War" *Journal of Peace Research* 44(2):233-246.
8. Jabine, Thomas B., and Richard P. Claude, editors. 1992. *Human Rights and Statistics: Getting the Record Straight*. Philadelphia, PA: University of Pennsylvania Press.
9. Landman, Todd. 2004. "Measuring Human Rights: Principle, Practice, and Policy" *Human Rights Quarterly* 26(4):906-931.
10. Poe, Steven C., Sabine C. Carey, and Tanya C. Vazquez. 2001. "How are These Pictures Different? A Quantitative Comparison of the US State Department and Amnesty International Human Rights Reports, 19761995." *Human Rights Quarterly* 23(3):650-677.
11. Wood, Reed M., and Mark Gibney. 2010. "The Political Terror Scale (PTS): A Re-introduction and Comparison" *Human Rights Quarterly* 32(2):367-400.

Week 5: From Theoretical Concept to Operationalized Construct: Monitoring and Measuring Human Rights (part 2)

Required Books (see list above):

1. Davenport 2012.
2. Keck and Sikkink 1998.

Required Articles:

1. Brysk, Allison. 1994. "The Politics of Measurement: The Contested Count of the Disappearance in Argentina" *Human Rights Quarterly*, 16(4):676-692.
2. Creamer, Cosette D. and Beth A. Simmons. 2015. "Ratification, Reporting, and Rights: Quality of Participation in the Convention against Torture" *Human Rights Quarterly* 37(3):579-608.
3. Earl, Jennifer, Andrew Martin, John D. McCarthy and Sarah A. Soule. 2004. "The Use of Newspaper Data in the Study of Collective Action" *Annual Review of Sociology* 30:65-80.
4. Fariss, Christopher J. Forthcoming. "The Changing Standard of Accountability and the Positive Relationship between Human Rights Treaty Ratification and Compliance" *British Journal of Political Science*.

Suggested Articles:

5. Davenport, Christian and Patrick Ball. 2002. "Views to a Kill Exploring the Implications of Source Selection in the Case of Guatemalan State Terror, 1977-1995" *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 46(3):427-450.
6. Fariss, Christopher J. and Keith E. Schnakenberg. 2014. "Measuring Mutual Dependence Between State Repressive Actions." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 58(6):1003-1032.
7. Goodman, Ryan, and Derek Jinks. 2003. "Measuring the Effects of Human Rights Treaties" *European Journal of International Law* 14(1):171-183.
8. Hafner-Burton, Emilie M., and Kiyoteru Tsutsui. 2005. "Human Rights in a Globalizing World: The Paradox of Empty Promises" *American Journal of Sociology* 110(5):1373-1411.
9. Hathaway, Oona A. 2002. "Do human rights treaties make a difference?" *Yale Law Journal* 111(8):1935-2042.
10. Landman, Todd and Marco Larizza. 2009. "Inequality and Human Rights: Who Controls What, When, and How" *International Studies Quarterly* 53(3):715-736.
11. Schnakenberg, Keith E. and Christopher J. Fariss "Dynamic Patterns of Human Rights Practices." *Political Science Research and Methods* 2(1):1-31.

Week 6: Human Rights Debates: Trends and Historical Contexts (part 1)

Required Books (see list above):

1. Hopgood 2013.
2. Posener 2014.

Required Articles:

1. Dancy, Geoff and Christopher J. Fariss. "Rescuing a Constitutive Model of Human Rights Law from New Criticism of International Legalism" http://ssrn.com/abstract=2506144.
2. Dancy, Geoff. Forthcoming. "Human rights pragmatism: Belief, inquiry, and action" *European Journal of International Relations* DOI: 10.1177/1354066115600038.
3. Forsythe, David P. 2016. "International Human Rights at 70: Has the Enlightenment Project run Aground?" In Anthony Chase, ed., *Routledge Handbook on Human Rights in the Middle East and North Africa* (Forthcoming).
4. Waltz, Susan Eileen. 2002. "Reclaiming and rebuilding the history of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights" *Third World Quarterly* 23(3):437-448.

Suggested Articles:

5. Shestack, Jerome J. 1998. "The Philosophic Foundations of Human Rights" *Human Rights Quarterly* 20:201-234.
6. Waltz, Susan Eileen. 2001. "Universalizing Human Rights: The Role of Small States in the Construction of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights" *Human Rights Quarterly* 23(1):44-72.

Week 7: Human Rights Debates: Trends and Historical Contexts (part 2)

Required Books (see list above):

1. Lauren 2011.
2. Moyn 2010.

Required Articles:

1. Cmiel, Kenneth. 2004. "The Recent History of Human Rights" *The American Historical Review* 109(1):117-135.
2. Moravcsik, Andrew. 2000. "The Origins of Human Rights Regimes: Democratic Delegation in Postwar Europe" *International Organization* 54:217-252.
3. Reus-Smit, Christian. 2011. "Struggles for Individual Rights and the Expansion of the International System" *International Organization* 65(2):207-242.
4. Wright-Carozza, Paolo. 2003. "From Conquest to Constitutions: Retrieving a Latin American Tradition of the Idea of Human Rights" *Human Rights Quarterly* 25(2):281-313.

Suggested Articles:

5. Beitz, Charles R. 2001. "Human Rights as a Common Concern" *American Political Science Review* 95(2):269-282.
6. Slaughter, Anne-Marie. 2005. "A Brave New Judicial World", In *American Exceptionalism and Human Rights*. edited by Michael Ignatieff. Princeton: Princeton University Press

Week 8: Mobilizing Popular Dissent

Required Books (see list above):

1. Chenoweth and Stephan 2011.
2. Davenport 2014.

Required Articles:

1. Dugan, Laura, and Erica Chenoweth. 2012. "Moving beyond Deterrence" *American Sociological Review* 77(4): 597-624.
2. Jha, Saumitra, and Steven Wilkinson. 2012. "Does Combat Experience Foster Organizational Skill? Evidence from Ethnic Cleansing during the Partition of South Asia" *American Political Science Review* 106(4):883-907.
3. Lichbach, Mark. 1987. "Deterrence or Escalation? The Puzzle of Aggregate Studies of Repression and Dissent" *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 31(2).
4. Sullivan, Christopher M. 2015. "Undermining Resistance: Mobilization, Repression, and the Enforcement of Political Order" *Journal of Conflict Resolution* (doi:10.1177/0022002714567951).

Suggested Articles:

5. Carey, Sabine. 2006. "The Dynamic Relationship between Protest and Repression" *Political Research Quarterly* 59(1):1-11.
6. Francisco, Ronald. 1995. "The Relationship Between Coercion and Protest: An Empirical Evaluation of Three Coercive States" *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 39(2):263-282.
7. Kuran, Timur. 1989. "Sparks and Prairie Fires: A Theory of Unanticipated Political Revolution" *Public Choice* 61(1):41-74.
8. Moore, Will. 1995. "Rational Rebels: Overcoming the Free-Rider Problem" *Political Research Quarterly* 48(2):417-454.
9. Murdie, Amanda, and Tavishi Bhasin. 2011. "Aiding and Abetting? Human Rights INGOs and Domestic Anti-Government Protest" *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 55(2):163-191.
10. Pion-Berlin, David, Diego Esparza and Kevin Grisham. 2014. "Staying Quartered: Civilian Uprisings and Military Disobedience in the Twenty-First Century" *Comparative Political Studies* 47(2):230-259.
11. Rasler, Karen. 1996. "Concessions, Repression and Political Protest in the Iranian Revolution" *American Sociological Review* 61(1):132-152.
12. Siegel, David. 2010. "When Does Repression Work? Collective Action in Social Networks" *Journal of Politics* 73(4):993-1010.

Week 9: Human Rights Activism

Required Books (see list above):

1. Becker 2013.
2. Simth-Cannoy 2012.

Required Articles:

1. Adhikhari, Prakash, Wendy L. Hansen, and Kathy L. Powers. 2012. "The Demand for Reparations: Determinants of Transitional Justice in the Aftermath of the Nepali Civil War" *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 56(2)183-205.
2. Dancy, Geoff and Verónica Michel. "Human Rights Enforcement from Below: Private Actors and Prosecutorial Momentum in Latin America and Europe" *International Studies Quarterly* (doi: 10.1111/isqu.12209).
3. Dragu, Tiberiu and Yonatan Lupu. "How Does Human Rights Law Work? Institutions, Norms, and Focal Factors" *Working Paper*.
4. McEntire, Kyla Jo, and Michele Leiby, and Matthew Krain. 2015. "Human Rights Organizations as Agents of Change: An Experimental Examination of Framing and Micromobilization" *American Political Science Review* 109(3):407-426.

Suggested Articles:

5. Bob, Clifford. 2007. "'Dalit Rights are Human Rights": Caste Discrimination, International Activism, and the Construction of a New Human Rights Issue" *Human Rights Quarterly* 29(1):167-193.
6. Bosco, Fernando J. 2006. "The Madres de Plaza de Mayo and Three Decades of Human Rights' Activism: Embeddedness, Emotions, and Social Movements" *Annals of the Association of American Geographers* 96(2):342-365.
7. Dragu, Tiberiu and Mattias Polborn. 2013. The Administrative Foundation of the Rule of Law. *Journal of Politics* 75(4):1038-1050.
8. Hendrix, Cullen S. and Wendy H. Wong. 2014. "Knowing your audience: How the structure of international relations and organizational choices affect amnesty international's advocacy" *The Review of International Organizations* 9(1):29-58.
9. Michel, Veraónica and Kathryn Sikkink. 2013. "Human Rights Prosecutions and the Participation Rights of Victims in Latin America" *Law & Society Review* 47(4):873-907.
10. Ron, James, Howard Ramos, and Kathleen Rodgers. 2005. "Transnational Information Politics: NGO Human Rights Reporting, 19862000" *International Studies Quarterly* 49(3):557-587.
11. Snyder, Sarah B. 2012."Exporting Amnesty International to the United States: Transatlantic Human Rights Activism in the 1960s" *Human Rights Quarterly* 34(3):779-799.

Week 10: Norms and Socialization

Required Books (see list above):

1. Bob 2012.
2. Simmons 2009.

Required Articles:

1. Hawkins, Darren. 2004. "Explaining Costly International Institutions: Persuasion and Enforceable Human Rights Norms" *International Studies Quarterly* 48(4):779-804.
2. Greenhill, Brian. 2010. "The Company You Keep: International Socialization and the Diffusion of Human Rights Norms" *International Studies Quarterly* 54:127-145.
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4. Smeulers, Alette. 2004. "What Transforms Ordinary People into Gross Human Rights Violators." In Sabine C. Carey and Steven C. Poe. *Understanding Human Rights Violations*. London: Ashgate.

Suggested Articles:

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6. Gray, Mark M., Miki Caul Kittilson and Wayne Sandholtz. 2006. "Women and Globalization: A Study of 180 Countries, 1975-2000" *International Organization* 60(2):293-333.
7. Goodliffe, Jay and Darren G. Hawkins. 2006. "Explaining Commitment: States and the Convention against Torture" *Journal of Politics* 68(2):358-371.
8. Krain, Matthew. "J'accuse! Does Naming and Shaming Perpetrators Reduce the Severity of Genocides or Politicides?" *International Studies Quarterly* 56(3):574-589.
9. Mackie, Gerry 1996. "Ending Footbinding and Infibulation: A Convention Account." *American Sociological Review* 61(6):999-1017.
10. McGann, Anthony and Wayne Sandholtz. 2012. "Patterns of Death Penalty Abolition, 1960-2005: Domestic and International Factors" *International Studies Quarterly* 56(2):275-289.
11. Rosenblum, Marc R., and Idean Salehyan. 2004. "Norms and Interests in US Asylum Enforcement" *Journal of Peace Research* 41(6): 677-697.
12. Sandholtz, Wayne. 2008. "Dynamics of international norm change: Rules against wartime plunder" *European Journal of International Relations* 14(1):101-131.

Week 11: Domestic Politics and International Treaties (part 1)

Required Books (see list above):

1. Keith 2012.
2. Sikkink 2011.

Required Articles:

1. Conrad, Courtenay R. and Emily Hencken Ritter. 2013. "Treaties, Tenure, and Torture: The Conflicting Domestic Effects of International Law" *Journal of Politics* 75(2):397-409.
2. Linzer, Drew A and Jeffrey K Staton. 2015. "Global Measure of Judicial Independence, 1948-2012" *Journal of Law and Courts* 3(2):223-256.
3. Lupu, Yonatan. 2013. "Best evidence: the role of information in domestic judicial enforcement of international human rights agreements" *International Organization* 67(3):469-503.
4. Powell, Emilia Justyna and Jeffrey K. Staton. 2009. "Domestic Judicial Institutions and Human Rights Treaty Violation" *International Studies Quarterly* 53:149-174.

Suggested Articles:

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6. Crabtree, Charles D. and Christopher J. Fariss. 2015. "Uncovering Patterns Among Latent Variables: Human Rights and De Facto Judicial Independence" *Research & Politics*.
7. Davenport, Christian. 1996. "Constitutional Promises and Repressive Reality: A Cross-National Time-Series Investigation of Why Political and Civil Liberties are Suppressed" *Journal of Politics* 58(3):627-654.
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10. Keith, Linda Camp. 2002. "Constitutional provisions for individual human rights (1977-1996): Are they more than mere "window dressing?"" *Political Research Quarterly* 55(1):111-143.
11. Keith, Linda Camp and Steven C. Poe. 2004. "Are Constitutional State of Emergency Clauses Effective? An Empirical Exploration" *Human Rights Quarterly* 26(4):1071-1097.
12. Keith, Linda Camp, C. Neal Tate and Steven C. Poe. 2009. "Is The Law A Mere Parchment Barrier To Human Rights Abuse?" *Journal of Politics* 71(1):644-660.
13. Kelley, Judith. 2004. "Does Domestic Politics Limit the Influence of External Actors on Domestic Politics?" *Human Rights Review* 5(3):34-54.

Week 12: Domestic Politics and International Treaties (part 2)

Required Books (see list above):

1. Miller, Keith, and Holmes 2015.
2. Weinstein and Stover 2004.

Required Articles:

1. Dancy, Geoff and Kathryn Sikkink. 2012. "Ratification and Human Rights Prosecutions: Toward a Transnational Theory of Treaty Compliance" *NYU Journal of International Law and Politics* 44(3):751-790.
2. Lupu, Yonatan. 2015. "Legislative Veto Players and the Effects of International Human Rights Agreements" *American Journal of Political Science*.
3. Hill, Jr, Daniel W. Forthcoming. "Avoiding Obligation: Reservations to Human Rights Treaties" *Journal of Conflict Resolution*.
4. Neumayer, Eric. 2013. "Do governments mean business when they derogate?: human rights violations during notified states of emergency" *The Review of International Organizations* 8(1):1-31.

Suggested Articles:

5. Downs, George W., David M. Rocke and Peter N. Barsoom. 1996. "Is the good news about compliance good news about cooperation?" *International Organization* 50(3):379-406.
6. Hafner-Burton, Emilie, Laurence R. Helfer, and Christopher J. Fariss. 2011. "Emergency and Escape: Explaining Why States Derogate from Human Rights Treaties during National Emergencies" *International Organization* 65(4):673-707.
7. Hill Jr., Daniel W. 2010. "Estimating the Effects of Human Rights Treaties on State Behavior" *Journal of Politics* 72(4):1161-1174.
8. Hollyer, James R., and B. Peter Rosendorff. 2011. "Why Do Authoritarian Regimes Sign the Convention Against Torture? Signaling, Domestic Politics and Non-Compliance" *Quarterly Journal of Political Science* 6:275-327.
9. Neumayer, Eric. 2005. "Do International Human Rights Treaties Improve Respect for Human Rights?" *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 49(6):925-953.
10. Rottman, Andy J., Christopher J. Fariss, and Steven C. Poe. 2009. "The Path to Asylum in the US and the Determinants for Who gets in and Why" *International Migration Review* 43(1): 3-33.
11. Salehyan, Idean, and Marc Rosenblum. 2008. International Relations, Domestic Politics, and Asylum Admissions in the United States. *Political Research Quarterly* 61(1):104-121.
12. Sandholtz, Wayne. 2012. "Treaties, Constitutions, Courts, and Human Rights" *Journal of Human Rights* 11(1):17-32.

Week 13: Domestic Courts, Regional Courts, and International Courts

Required Books (see list above):

1. Hillebrecht 2014.
2. Smith 2014.

Required Articles:

1. Escribà-Folch, Abel and Joseph Wright. 2015. "Human Rights Prosecutions and Autocratic Survival" *International Organization*.
2. Jo, Hyeran and Beth A. Simmons."Can the International Criminal Court Deter Atrocity?" http://ssrn.com/abstract=2552820.
3. Helfer, Laurence R. and Erik Voeten. 2014. "International Courts as Agents of Legal Change: Evidence from LGBT Rights in Europe" *International Organization* 68(1):77-110.
4. Milli Lake 2014. "Organizing Hypocrisy: External Actors and Building Rule of Law in Fragile States" *International Studies Quarterly* 58(3):515-526.

Suggested Articles:

5. Alter, Karen J., Laurence R. Helfer, and Jacqueline R. McAllister. "A New International Human Rights Court for West Africa: The Ecowas Community Court of Justice" *American Journal of International Law* 107(4):737-779.
6. Lupu, Yonatan and Erik Voeten. 2012. "Precedent in International Courts: A Network Analysis of Case Citations by the European Court of Human Rights" *British Journal of Political Science* 42:413-439.
7. King, Kimi, James Meernik, and Geoff Dancy. 2005. "Judicial Decision Making and International Tribunals: Assessing the Impact of Individual, National and International Factors" *Social Science Quarterly* 86(3): 683-703.
8. Meernik, James D. 2003. "Victor's Justice or the Law: Judging and Punishing at the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia" *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 47(2):140-162.
9. Meernik, James D. 2004. "Reaching Inside the State: International Law and Superior Liability" *International Studies Perspectives* 5:356-377.
10. Meernik, James and Rosa Aloisi. 2008. "Is Justice Delayed at the International Criminal Tribunals" *Judicature* 91(6):276-287.
11. Snyder, Jack and Leslie Vinjamuri. 2003/4. "Trials and Errors: Principle and Pragmatism in Strategies of International Justice" *International Security* 28(3):5-44.

Week 14: Other International Institutions

Required Books (see list above):

1. Abouharb and Cingranelli 2007.
2. Murdie 2014.

Required Articles:

1. Bell, Sam R., K. Chad Clay, and Amanda Murdie. 2012. "Neighborhood Watch: Spatial Effects of Human Rights INGOs" *Journal of Politics* 74(2):354-368.
2. Meernik, James D., Rosa Aloisi, Marsha Sowell, and Angela Nichols. 2012. "The Impact of Human Rights Organizations on Naming and Shaming Campaigns" *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 56(2):233-256.
3. Spilker, Gabriele and Tobias Böhmelt. 2013. "The impact of preferential trade agreements on governmental repression revisited" *Review of International Organizations* 8(3):343-361.
4. Wood, Reed M. and Thorin M. Wright 2015. "Responding to Catastrophe: Repression Dynamics following Rapid-onset Natural Disasters" *Journal of Conflict Resolution* (doi:10.1177/0022002715596366).

Suggested Articles:

5. Abouharb, M. Rodwan and David L. Cingranelli. 2006. "The human rights effects of world bank structural adjustment, 1981-2000" *International Studies Quarterly* 50(2):233-262.
6. Cao, Xun, Brian Greenhill and Aseem Prakash. 2013. "Where is the Tipping Point? Bilateral Trade and the Diffusion of Human Rights, 1982-2004" *British Journal of Political Science* 43(1):133-156.
7. Greenhill, Brian, Layna Mosley and Aseem Prakash. 2009. "Trade-based Diffusion of Labor Rights: A Panel Study, 1986-2002" *American Political Science Review* 103(4):169-190.
8. Hafner-Burton, Emilie M. 2005. "Trading Human Rights: How Preferential Trade Agreements Influence Government Repression" *International Organization* 59(3): 593-629.
9. Kathman, Jacob D. and Reed M. Wood. 2011. "Managing Threat, Cost, and Incentive to Kill: The Short- and Long-Term Effects of Intervention in Mass Killings" *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 55(5):735-760.
10. Murdie, Amanda and David R. Davis. 2012. "Looking in the mirror: Comparing INGO networks across issue areas" *Review of International Organizations* 7(2):177-202.
11. Richards, David, Ronald Gelleny and David Sacko. 2001. "Money With A Mean Streak? Foreign Economic Penetration and Government Respect for Human Rights in Developing Countries" *International Studies Quarterly* 45(2):219-239.
12. Wood, Reed M. 2008. "'A Hand Upon the Throat of the Nation': Economic Sanctions and State Repression, 19762001" *International Studies Quarterly* 52 (3): 489513.

Week 15: The Human Rights Research Frontier Revisited

Note: readings for this week will be assigned to individuals to informally (i.e., no slides) present during the last class section.

Required Books (see list above):

- None this week.

Required Articles:

1. Armstrong, David A. 2011. "Stability and Change in the Freedom House Political Rights and Civil Liberties" *Journal of Peace Research* 48(5):653-662.

2. Asal, Victor, Matthew Krain, Amanda Murdie, and Brandon Kennedy. "Killing the Messenger: Regime Type as a Determinant of Journalist Killing, 1992-2008" *Foreign Policy Analysis*.

3. Barry, Colin M., Sam R. Bell, K. Chad Clay, Michael E. Flynn, and Amanda Murdie. 2015. "Choosing the Best House in a Bad Neighborhood: Location Strategies of Human Rights INGOs in the Non-Western World" *International Studies Quarterly* 59(1):86-98.

4. Carey, Sabine C., Michael P. Colaresi, and Neil J. Mitchell. 2015. "Governments, Informal Links to Militias, and Accountability" *Journal of Conflict Research* (doi: 10.1177/0022002715576747).

5. Chua, Lynette J. and David Gilbert. 2015. "Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Minorities in Transition: LGBT Rights and Activism in Myanmar" *Human Rights Quarterly* 37(1):1-28.

6. Clay, K. Chad, and Matthew DiGiuseppe. Forthcoming. "The Physical Consequences of Fiscal Flexibility: Sovereign Credit & Physical Integrity Rights" *British Journal of Political Science*.

7. Conrad, Courtenay R., Jacqueline H.R. DeMeritt, and Christopher J. Fariss. "The Unintended Consequences of Human Rights Advocacy" *Working Paper*.

8. Dancy, Geoff, Francesca Lessa, Bridget Marchesi, Leigh A. Payne, Gabriel Pereira, and Kathryn Sikkink. "The Transitional Justice Research Collaborative: Bridging the Qualitative-Quantitative Divide With New Data" *Working Paper*.

9. Driscoll, Jesse. "Prison States and Games of Chicken." In *Ethics in Comparative Politics Experiments*, edited by Scott Desposato.

10. Eck, Kristine. 2015. "Repression by Proxy: How Military Purges and Insurgency Impact on the Delegation of Coercion" *Journal of Conflict Resolution*.

11. Elliott, Michael A. "The institutional expansion of human rights, 1863-2003: A comprehensive dataset of international instruments" *Journal of Peace Research* 48(4):537-546.

12. Fariss, Christopher J., Zachary M. Jones, Fridolin Linder, Charles Crabtree, Megan A. Biek, Ana-Sophia M. Ross, Taranamol Kaur, and Michael Tsai. "Human Rights Texts: Converting Human Rights Primary Source Documents into Data" *Working Paper*.

13. Gibson, James L., Jeffrey Sonis, and Sokhom Hean. 2010. "Cambodians' Support for the Rule of Law on the Eve of the Khmer Rouge Trials" *International Journal of Transitional Justice* 4(3):377-339.

14. Gohdes, Anita and Megan Price. 2013. "First Things First: Assessing Data Quality before Model Quality" *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 57(6):1090-1108.

15. Goldsmith, Benjamin E., Charles R. Butcher, Dimitri Semenovich, and Arcot Sowmya "Forecasting the onset of genocide and politicide: Annual out-of-sample forecasts on a global dataset, 19882003' *Journal of Peace Research* 50(4):437-452.

16. Grewal, Sharanbir and Erik Voeten. 2015. "Are New Democracies Better Human Rights Compliers?" *International Organization* (doi:10.1017/ S0020818314000435).

17. Greenhill, Brian and Michael Strausz. 2013. "Explaining Nonratification of the Genocide Convention: A Nested Analysis" *Foreign Policy Analysis* 10(4):371-391.

18. Guthrey, Holly L. "Local norms and truth-telling: Identifying experienced incompatibilities within truth commissions of Solomon Islands and Timor-Leste" *The Contemporary Pacific*18(1).

19. Hill, Jr, Daniel W. "Democracy and the Concept of Personal Integrity Rights in Empirical Research" *Working Paper*.

20. Meernik, James D. 2014. "Explaining public opinion on international criminal justice" *European Political Science Review* (dx.doi.org/10.1017/S1755773914000332).

21. Murdie, Amanda and Dursun Peksen. Forthcoming. "Women and Contentious Politics: A Global Event-Data Approach to Understanding Womens Protest" *Political Research Quarterly*.

22. Pierskalla, Jan Henryk. 2010. "Protest, deterrence, and escalation: The strategic calculus of government repression" *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 54(1):117-145.

23. Pierskalla, Jan Henryk and Florian Hollenbach. 2013. "Technology and Collective Action: The Effect of Cell Phone Coverage on Political Violence in Africa" *American Political Science Review* 107(2):207-224.

24. Price, Megan, Anita Gohdes, and Patrick Ball. 2015. "Documents of war: Understanding the Syrian conflict" *Significance* 12(2): 14-19.

25. Sullivan, Christopher M. 2012. "Blood in the Village: An Local-Level Examination of State Massacres" *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 29(4): 373-396.

26. Sullivan, Christopher M., Cyanne Loyle and Christian Davenport. 2014. "The Northern Ireland Research Initiative: Data on the Troubles 1968-1998" *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 31(1): 94-106.

27. Toft, Monica and Yuri Zhukov. 2012. "Denial and Punishment in the North Caucasus: Evaluating the Effectiveness of Coercive Counterinsurgency" *Journal of Peace Research* 49(6):785-800.

28. Wright, Thorin M. 2014. "Territorial Revision and State Repression" *Journal of Peace Research* 51(3):375-387.

Additional Course Information

Student Mental Health and Wellbeing

University of Michigan is committed to advancing the mental health and wellbeing of its students. If you or someone you know is feeling overwhelmed, depressed, and/or in need of support, services are available.

For help, contact Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) at (734) 764-8312 and `https://caps.umich.edu/` during and after hours, on weekends and holidays, or through its counselors physically located in schools on both North and Central Campus.

You may also consult University Health Service (UHS) at (734) 764-8320 and `https://www.uhs.umich.edu/mentalhealthsvcs`, or for alcohol or drug concerns, see `www.uhs.umich.edu/aodresources`.

For a listing of other mental health resources available on and off campus, visit: `http://umich.edu/ mhealth/`.

Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

If you think you need an accommodation for a disability, please let me know at your earliest convenience. Some aspects of this course, the assignments, the in-class activities, and the way the course is usually taught may be modified to facilitate your participation and progress. As soon as you make me aware of your needs, we can work with the Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) office to help us determine appropriate academic accommodations. SSD (734-763-3000; `http://ssd.umich.edu`) typically recommends accommodations through a Verified Individualized Services and Accommodations (VISA) form. Any information you provide is private and confidential and will be treated as such.

Religious and Academic Conflicts

Although the University of Michigan, as an institution, does not observe religious holidays, it has long been the University's policy that every reasonable effort should be made to help students avoid negative academic consequences when their religious obligations conflict with academic requirements. Absence from classes or examinations for religious reasons does not relieve students from responsibility for any part of the course work required during the period of absence. Students who expect to miss classes, examinations, or other assignments as a consequence of their religious observance shall be provided with a reasonable alternative opportunity to complete such academic responsibilities.

It is the obligation of students to provide faculty with reasonable notice of the dates of religious holidays on which they will be absent. Such notice must be given by the drop/add deadline of the given term. Students who are absent on days of examinations or class assignments shall be offered an opportunity to make up the work, without penalty, unless it can be demonstrated that a make-up opportunity would interfere unreasonably with the delivery of the course. Should disagreement arise over any aspect of this policy, the parties involved should contact the Director of Undergraduate Studies/Director of Graduate Studies. Final appeals will be resolved by the Provost.

Students Representing the University of Michigan

There may be instances when students must miss class due to their commitment to officially represent the University. These students may be involved in the performing arts, scientific or artistic endeavors, or intercollegiate athletics. Absence from classes while representing the University does not relieve students from responsibility for any part of the course missed during the period of absence. Students should provide reasonable notice for dates of anticipated absences and submit an individualized class excuse form.

Academic Integrity

The LSA undergraduate academic community, like all communities, functions best when its members treat one another with honesty, fairness, respect, and trust. The College holds all members of its community to high standards of scholarship and integrity. To accomplish its mission of providing an optimal educational environment and developing leaders of society, the College promotes the assumption of personal responsibility and integrity and prohibits all forms of academic dishonesty and misconduct. Academic dishonesty may be understood as any action or attempted action that may result in creating an unfair academic advantage for oneself or an unfair academic advantage or disadvantage for any other member or members of the academic community. Conduct, without regard to motive, that violates the academic integrity and ethical standards of the College community cannot be tolerated. The College seeks vigorously to achieve compliance with its community standards of academic integrity. Violations of the standards will not be tolerated and will result in serious consequences and disciplinary action.

Grade Grievances

If you believe a grade you have received is unfair or in error, you will need to do the following:
Wait 24 hours after receiving the grade before approaching your instructor. Provide an explanation in writing for why the grade you received was unfair or in error. If you believe the instructors response fails to address your claim of unfairness or error, you may petition the departments Director of Undergraduate Studies at the latest within the first five weeks of classes following the completion of the course. You must convey in writing the basis for the complaint, with specific evidence in support of the argument that the grade either was given in error or was unfairly determined. This formal complaint also should summarize the outcome of the initial inquiry to the course instructor, indicating which aspects are in dispute. Within three weeks of the receipt of the petition, the DUS will determine whether to convene the Undergraduate Affairs Committee, the student, and the instructor(s) for a formal hearing. Further details on this process are included on the department website under Advising $>$ Contesting a Grade.

Late Assignments

I will deduct one letter grade from an assignment for each week it is past due.

Resources for Harassment

Title IX makes it clear that violence and harassment based on sex and gender, including violence and harassment based on sexual orientation, are 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: www.bw.edu/resources/hr/harass/policy.pdf

Language and Gender

"Language is gender-inclusive and non-sexist when we use words that affirm and respect how people describe, express, and experience their gender. Just as sexist language excludes womens experiences, non-gender-inclusive language excludes the experiences of individuals whose identities may not fit the gender binary, and/or who may not identify with the sex they were assigned at birth. Identities including trans, intersex, and genderqueer reflect personal descriptions, expressions, and experiences. Gender-inclusive/non-sexist language acknowledges people of any gender (for example, first year student versus freshman, chair versus chairman, humankind versus mankind, etc.). It also affirms non-binary gender identifications, and recognizes the difference between biological sex and gender expression. Teachers and students should use gender-inclusive words and language whenever possible in the classroom and in writing. *Students, faculty, and staff may share their preferred pronouns and names, either to the class or privately to the professor, and these gender identities and gender expressions should be honored.*." For more information:
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