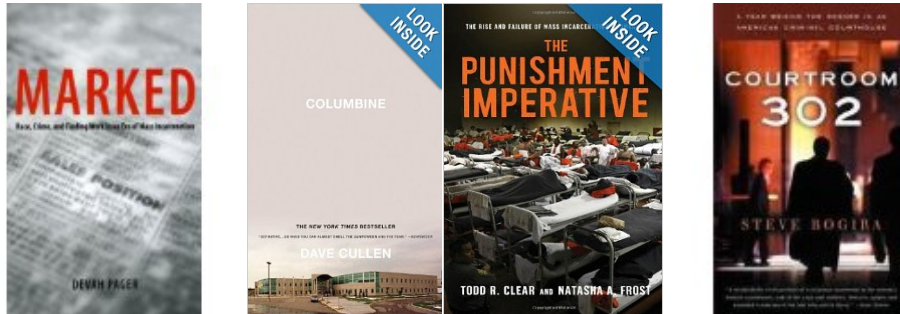


CJS 289.11 Criminal Justice Policy

Spring 2014 - M & W 2:00pm to 3:15pm
Professor – Phil Mulvey



Criminal Justice Policy (CJS 289.11)

Using popular press readings and film as opposed to text books, this class will examine different policies in the American criminal justice system. The course will focus on four general areas: What is policy and how is it made? How did many of the contemporary criminal justice policies come about? How do we decide if these current policies are effective? How should / will policies change in the future? The class is taught in a discussion type setting where the class will have a lecture about a particular policy and then the class will discuss/debate that policy using the course readings and videos.

Topics addressed Include:

- Mass incarceration / The War on Drugs
- Discretion in sentencing and prosecution / Wrongful convictions
- School violence / Mass shootings / Gun control policy
- Immigration policy / Immigration reform
- The War on Terror / The Patriot Act / Enhanced interrogation
- Policing mental illness and homelessness / Veteran offenses
- Transferring juvenile offenders to adult court
- The effectiveness of capital punishment / Death penalty policy
- Impact of parental incarceration on children
- Reentry to society after incarceration / Employment / Offender rights