

**CJ 650**  
**Proseminar in Corrections**  
**Tentative Class Schedule**  
**Fall 2009**

**August 19 - Introduction to Corrections and Punishment**

- Informal vs. Formal Control Systems
- Link Determinism and Positivism to Medical Model
- Soft Determinism/Neo-Classical – mitigating circumstances
- Classical School - Free Will, Human Calculus
- Power of the State; power is fluid/morphs
  - Government power/ rights vs. Individual power/rights – 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s....
    - “The Transcerceral Society”; Power is Fluid/Morphs;
    - Dialectic of Reform – WJ see dictionary 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> definition
    - Lobotomy Video-Video/Discussion

**August 26 - Early Uses of Punishment and the Development of the Penitentiary**

- Foucault (1977) – WJ Read execution summary;
- Welch: Chapter 2 - Discovery of the Penitentiary
- Pratt: Chapter 1 - The Politics and Consequences of Incarceration
- Pratt: Chapter 2 – The Politics of Punishment in the U.S.
- Handout: Rothman (1971), pp. 57-108
- Slate and Johnson: Introduction, Chapters 1-3

**September 3 - Contemporary Perspectives**

- Welch: Chapter 3- Critical Penology
- Welch: Chapter 4 - Just War Theory: Welch
- Pratt: Chapter 3 – Misinformation about the Crime Problem
- Handout: Raphael (2009), Explaining the Rise in the U.S. Incarceration Rates, *Criminology and Public Policy*, 87-95.
- Handout: Gottschalk (2009), Money and Mass Incarceration: The bad, the mad, and penal reform, *Criminology and Public Policy*, 97-109.

**September 9 - The Rise and Fall of Correctional Rehabilitation: 1900 – 1980**

- Pratt: Chapter 4 - Misinformation about Public Opinion
- Pratt: Chapter 5: Misinformation about Prisons and Crime Control
- Handouts in Cullen and Agnew’s *Criminological Theory: Past and Present*.
  - Make Rehab Corrections’ Guiding Paradigm: Cullen (2007) pp. 717-728
  - Building the Capacity of Communities to Address Crime: Acosta & Chavis (2007): pp. 651 – 661
  - Reconceptualizing Deterrence Theory: Stafford & Warr (1993) pp. 415-426.

**September 16 - No class; WJ professional travel; out of class assignment**

### **September 23– Institutional Corrections: Confinement Issues**

- Handout: Simon & Feeley (1992) The New Penology: Notes on the Emerging Strategy of Corrections and its Implications, *Criminology*, 30(4), pp. 449 – 482
- Welch: Chapter 5 - Health Care Crisis Behind Bars
- Slate and Johnson: Chapter 8 - Jail Processing of Persons with Mental Illness;
- Slate and Johnson: Chapter 9 - Dealing with Mental Illness in Prison Populations
- Add information on Communication Management Unites (CMUs)

### **September 30 – Confinement Issues cont'd**

- Welch: Chapter 6 – Reproducing Prison Violence
- Welch : Chapter 8 – War on Terror and the Misuse of Detention
- Welch: Chapter 9 - Punitive Profit

### **October 7 - Changing Prison Cultures**

- Possible Guest Speakers Dr. Dial and Emmett Sparkman, Director of Institutions MDOC (need to confirm); Focus on Female Offenders and Regional Jail Issues/Operations \* Phone session with Emmett Sparkman (meet in Chain TEC conference room? Confirm);
- tour local jail? Prison; Warden

### **October 14 – No Class; Conference in Jackson on Women in Prison Issues; WJ Guest Speaker**

### **October 21 – Capital Punishment**

- Welch : Chapter 7 – Ironies of Capital Punishment
- Slate and Johnson – Chapter 11 – The Intersection of Mental Illness and Criminal Law
- Rice, Dirks, & Exline (2009) Of Guilt, Defiance, and Repentance: Evidence from the Texas Death Chamber. *Justice Quarterly*, 26 (2), 295-326.
- Possible Guest Speaker – Dennis Longmire – Capital Punishment (meet in Chain TEC conference room? Confirm)
- Add information on Innocence Project

### **October 28- Community Corrections**

- Handout: Gau and Pratt – Broken Windows (p. 163 to 214) in *Crime and Public Policy*
- Handout: Rosenfeld - Recidivism and It's Discontents in *Crime and Public Policy*
- Handout: Corbett – A Promising Future of Community Corrections in *Crime and Public Policy*
- Slate and Johnson: Chapter 6 – Discharge Planning: Diversion and Reentry

### **November 4 Parole & Prisoner Reentry-**

- Assigned articles from journals (TBA)

### **November 11 – Flex Day; one on one with instructor regarding paper**

**November 18 – Papers Due & Guest Lecturers; Possible phone interviews with Travis Pratt, Joy Pollock, Ris Slate.**

**November 25 – Thanksgiving Holiday**

**December 2 – Conclusion**

- Welch: Chapter 10 – Confronting Corrections
- Pratt: Chapter 6 – The Social Costs of Incarceration
- Slate and Johnson: Chapter 12 – Striving for Informed Policies
- Pratt: Chapter 7 – Conclusions and Recommendations
- WJ Doing Justice; Doing Corrections

**December 9 - Final Exam**