Syllabus for 20th Century American Legal and Constitutional History
Fall 2013

The readings for the course are either from the required books: Urofsky’s **Supreme Decisions** and Hull, et al. **Roe v. Wade** or from materials on my website:

http://legalconstitutionalhistory.sharepoint.com/

U.S. Supreme Court Cases are arranged alphabetically under the Supreme Court Cases tab on my website. Other materials are under the 20th Century tab.

**August 29 -**

Readings – Pennsylvania Constitution of 1776; U.S. Constitution of 1787


**September 3 & 5 –**


**September 10 & 12 -**

Readings - **Lochner v. New York; Coppage v. Kansas; Muller v. Oregon; Cook County Injunction; In re Debs; “Work-Accidents and the Law;” Supreme Decisions, Chapter 11 & 13.**

September 17 & 19 –


September 24 & 26 -


The First New Deal. The Supreme Court’s attack on the New Deal. Labor in the 1930s. The Court retreats. Carolene Products Footnote and Roosevelt’s appointments.

October 1 & 3 -


October 8 & 10 –


October 15 & 17 – Midterm on October 15

Readings - The Civil Rights Act of 1964; Heart of Atlanta Motel v. U.S.

Brown and the Civil Rights Movement. Sitting down in Nashville and on the buses; Congress comes on board: The Civil Rights Act of 1964. The Court expands the Constitution - Heart of Atlanta Motel.
October 22 & 24 –

Readings – Voting Rights Act; Reynolds v. Sims; Mapp v. Ohio; Gideon v. Wainwright; Miranda v. Arizona; Brandenburg v. Ohio; Supreme Decisions, Chapter 19, 20.


October 29 & 31-


Expanding Equality Liberalism to include reproductive rights. Betty Friedan, the Pill, the right to Privacy and Roe v. Wade. Incorporating feminism into Equality Liberalism. Changes in the divorce law and the adoption of No-Fault in the early 70’s. Using law to create norms: Sexual harassment law and redefining gender relations.

November 5 & 7 -


November 12 & 14 –


Limiting Feminism – Political attacks on Roe; Compromising on Roe – Planned Parenthood v. Casey; Protecting the Family. The attack on environmentalism: Lucas and Kelo and the politics of regulatory takings. Oregon’s Prop 37 and 49.
November 19 & 21-


November 26 –


Attacking Affirmative Action. The New Jim Crow?

December 3 & 5 -


Final Examination – December 20, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.