

FEMINIST JURISPRUDENCE

Course Number: 24 SPCL 712 Call Number: 000066

Semester: Fall 2011

Professor: Kalsem

Credits: 3 Classroom

Primary Basis for the Grade: Tentatively Project, Paper, Presentation

Prerequisites: None

Enrollment: Limited to 20; Please complete a Limited Enrollment Lottery Form.

Meets Seminar Requirement? No

Meets Writing Requirement? No

Meets Client Counseling Requirement? No

Meeting Times: T 1:30 – 4:15

Location: 302

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Feminist Jurisprudence is about putting theory into practice, and that is the guiding principle of this course. Students will study various schools of feminist legal thought, including liberal, radical, cultural, postmodern, critical race, and social justice feminisms, as well as related issues from LGBTQ studies. After grounding ourselves in these theories, we will shift our focus to applied feminist scholarship in various substantive areas. Each student will be required to complete a project that "performs feminist jurisprudence."

Opportunities will be available for students to work on projects in connection with various community organizations such as the Legal Aid Society of Greater Cincinnati, Women Helping Women, ProKids, and the University of Cincinnati Women's Center. Students also may design projects that correspond with their own particular talents and interests (*e.g.* creating an original work of art, doing archival research relating to some aspect of the College of Law's gender history, writing a feminist revision of a unit in a Torts or Criminal Law casebook). Other requirements include a paper situating the project within the theoretical framework studied in the course and a class presentation.