

**Law and Economics Colloquium – Law 208**  
**Antonin Scalia Law School at George Mason University**  
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**Course Description:**

This is an advanced course that will bring together outside scholars, resident faculty, and law school students for discussion of cutting-edge research papers in the law and economics tradition. Approximately two of every three weeks will feature a leading scholar presenting a paper growing out of his or her research in the law and economics tradition. Students must read the papers before class and write essays; they are also expected to engage in the discussion.

**All enrolled students must register for TWEN!!**

You will receive an announcement about class policies and other important information via e-mail sent through TWEN. It is your responsibility to sign up for TWEN in a timely manner to receive this information, without which you may not be able to fully comply with policies, which can lead to grade deductions.

**Workshops are open to all interested GMU Faculty (including non-law faculty):**

Class will be held only on the dates listed below. Please contact the instructor if you have any questions.

**Learning Outcomes:**

This course will expose students to cutting edge research in law and economics. Students will be required to produce written critiques of the papers presented and participate in the discussion during the workshop. Upon completing this course, students will be able critically read and analyze the methodology and inferential process used by the scholars in producing academic research in law and economics. Students will also be able to produce and articulate critical questions that will challenge and improve the speaker's research.

**Attendance:**

Most workshops will occur on campus. For those workshops that occur on Zoom, students should participate online using Zoom.

Attendance and participation at all workshops are required.

Persons absent for more than 20% of the classroom meetings (three classes or more) will not receive a passing grade.

**Assignments:**

*Summaries* - Students must write one to two paragraphs summaries of the papers presented in the workshop. The summaries are due 24 hours before the start of the workshop (Wednesday, 4:00pm). Summaries

determine 40% of the final grade.

*Q&A Workshop* - Students are expected to engage in the discussion during the workshop. Participation in the workshop determines 20% of the final grade.

*Critique* - Students must write one long critique of a selected paper presented in the workshop. The critique should be about 1,000 words. The critique is due by the last day of the semester (November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022). It determines 40% of the final grade.

All assignments must be submitted as a pdf file by email. Other formats will not be accepted.

**Fall 2022 Law & Economics Colloquium Dates (Papers distributed via TWEN).**

8/25 Class meeting, STUDENTS ONLY.

9/1 [Monica Lineberger](#) - *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie, He'll Want a Glass of Milk*: Judicial Activism in the United Kingdom

9/8 [Elizabeth Lane](#) - Supreme Court Decision Making

9/15 [Adriana Robertson](#), Noisy Factors in Law

9/22 [Jennifer Doleac](#), Registering Returning Citizens to Vote

9/29 (*no class*)

10/6 [Manisha Padi](#), Mortgage Servicing Regulation and Household Financial Distress

10/13 [Chika Okafor](#), Prosecutor Politics: The Impact of Election Cycles on Criminal Sentencing in the Era of Rising Incarceration

10/20 (*no class*)

10/27 [James Hicks](#), Do Patents Drive Venture Capital Investments?

11/3 [Mila Versteeg](#) – The Effects of Constitutional Gender Equality Clauses

11/10 [Chris Wildeman](#), Does Incarceration Shape Civic Participation, Community Engagement, and Trust in the State?

11/17 (*no class*)