Ideas in Justice 202-405
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Grading:
Quizzes 20% Final Exam 30%
Midterm Exam 30% Research Article 20%

January
19 Course introduction
24 What Every Law Enforcement Officer should know about DNA
26 The DNA Databank on the local, state and national level
31 Constitutional Law and the collection of DNA evidence

February
2 DNA Dragnets and the criminal investigation
7 Public Fear of DNA profiling
9 Universal Databank
14 Ancestry and Genetic relationships
16 Familial Testing
21 How non-human DNA can solve crimes
23 Homeland Security and the use of DNA Technology
28 Make up class

March
2 Midterm Review
7 Crime Scene Reconstruction
9 Midterm Exam
14 Spring Break
16 Spring Break
21 Ethics
23 Crime Labs
28 Backlog
30 ASCLD and Accreditation

April
4 NAS Report
6 Cold Case Squad and how DNA has helped solve these cases
11 Post Conviction use of DNA
13 Legislation concerning DNA and the criminal justice system
18 America’s Silent Disaster - Missing Persons
20 Identifying the victims of a Mass Fatality
25 The Future of Forensic Technology
27 Make up class

May
2 Final Exam Review