Ideas in Justice 202-405

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Grading:
- Quizzes 20%
- Final Exam 30%
- Midterm Exam 30%
- Research Assignment 20%

Syllabus:

June 27
- Course introduction
- What Every Law Enforcement Officer should know about DNA
- The DNA Databank on the local, state and national level

June 29
- Constitutional Law and the collection of DNA evidence
- DNA Dragnets and the criminal investigation

July 4
- No Class

July 6
- Public Fear of DNA profiling
- Universal Databank
- Ancestry and Genetic relationships

July 11
- Familial Testing
- How non-human DNA can solve crimes

July 13
- Homeland Security and the use of DNA Technology

July 18
- Midterm Exam

July 20
- Ethics, Crime Labs and Backlog

July 25
- NAS Report

July 27
- Cold Case Squad and how DNA has helped solve these cases
- Post Conviction use of DNA
- Legislation concerning DNA and the criminal justice system

August 1
- America’s Silent Disaster - Missing Persons
- Identifying the victims of a Mass Fatality
- The Future of Forensic Technology

August 3
- Final Exam