

**Ideas in Justice 202-405**

**Summer 2012**

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

**Syllabus:**

- June 25      Course introduction and what Law Enforcement should know  
The DNA Databank on the local, state and national level
  
- June 27      Constitutional Law and the collection of DNA evidence  
DNA Dragnets and the criminal investigation
  
- July 2        Public Fear of DNA profiling  
Universal Databank  
Ancestry and Genetic relationships
  
- July 4        No Class
  
- July 9        Familial Testing  
How non-human DNA can solve crimes
  
- July 11      Homeland Security and the use of DNA Technology
  
- July 16      Midterm Exam
  
- July 18      Ethics, Crime Labs and Backlog
  
- July 23      NAS Report
  
- July 25      Cold Case Squad and how DNA has helped solve these cases  
Post Conviction use of DNA  
Legislation concerning DNA and the criminal justice system
  
- July 30      Missing Person Cases  
Identifying the victims of a Mass Fatality
  
- August 1     Final Exam