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