

## Capital Punishment Seminar - An Interdisciplinary Exploration

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### Books:

Title	Author	Publisher; Year	ISBN
"A Wild Justice"	Evan Mandery	W.W. Norton; 2013	978-0393348965
"The Autobiography of an Execution"	David R. Dow	Twelve/Hatchett e Book Group; 2010	978-0446562065
"Ultimate Punishment: A Lawyers Reflection on Dealing with the Death Penalty"	Scott Turow	Picador; 2004	978-0312423735
"A Life and Death Decision: A Jury Weighs the Death Penalty"	Scott E. Sunby	Palgrave/MacMi llan; 2005	978-0230600638
"Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption"	Bryan Stevenson	Paperback, 2015 Spiegel & Grau	978-0812984965

### Movies:

"Dead Man Walking" (2005)

"I Want to Live" (1958)

### Handouts:

Basic Cases & Proportionality Cases

Two Law Review Articles:

1. "*Retelling the Darkest Story: Mystery, Suspense, and Detectives in a Brief Written on Behalf of a Condemned Inmate*" – Philip N. Meyer  
[http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=1657931](http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1657931)
2. "*Are the Characters in a Death Penalty Brief Like the Characters in a Movie*" – Philip N. Meyer  
[http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=1657922](http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1657922)

\*Both are available on Philip N. Meyer SSRN website for download.

**Weekly Assignments:**

<b>Class #1</b>	Watch "Dead Man Walking"
<b>Class #2</b>	Read Scott Turow's "Ultimate Punishment"
<b>Class #3</b>	Read Evan Mandery's "A Wild Justice"
<b>Class #4</b>	Read Evan Mandery's "A Wild Justice"
<b>Class #5</b>	Read "Basic Cases – Part 1"
<b>Class #6</b>	Read "Basic Cases- Part 2"
<b>Class #7</b>	Watch "I Want to Live"
<b>Class #8</b>	Read Scott E. Sunby's "A Life and Death Decision"
<b>Class #9</b>	Read Scott E. Sunby's "A Life and Death Decision"
<b>Class #10</b>	Read "Proportionality Cases – Part 1"
<b>Class #11</b>	Read "Proportionality Cases – Part 2"
<b>Class #12</b>	Read David R. Dow's "Autobiography of An Execution"
<b>Class #13</b>	Read Bryan Stevenson "Just Mercy" – Part 1
<b>Class #14</b>	Read Bryan Stevenson "Just Mercy" – Part 2