

RJ 7210: ADVERSITY, TRAUMA, AND VICTIMIZATION

SPRING 2020

Mondays, 3:35-6:35

FIRST ASSIGNMENT

Statute: 13 V.S.A. § 5301

Case: *Linda R.S. v. Richard D.*, 410 U.S. 614 (1972)

Parul Seghal:

<https://www.nytimes.com/2016/05/08/magazine/the-forced-heroism-of-the-survivor.html>

Please ask the library for assistance obtaining this article via Lexis if you don't have a New York Times subscription.

Joanna Bourke:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LNOOaq3P_XU

Lauren Book:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vJ4eHW9EWUk>

Carolyn Murnick:

<https://www.thecut.com/2019/02/what-we-dont-talk-about-when-we-talk-about-serial-killers.html>

Darran Simon and Susan Scutti:

<https://www.cnn.com/2019/07/03/us/pregnant-alabama-woman-manslaughter-indictment/index.html>

Elliott Roger:

<https://abcnews.go.com/US/santa-barbara-killer-claimed-victim-twisted-life-memoir/story?id=23861753>

Journals

Please come to class each day with a journal that you will enjoy using for reflection exercises, both in and out of class. For some people, a journal will be a paper notebook, and for others, it might be a Word document on a laptop computer. If you like to write with pen and paper, you might choose one notebook that you can use for all your notes and reflections in class, or you could also choose a separate notebook just for your reflection writing.

Please reflect on the following questions in your journal before the first class:

- 1) What do you hope to accomplish personally and professionally in this course?
- 2) What subjects and ideas on the topic of adversity, trauma, and victimization make you curious or interested to learn more? What subjects or ideas evoke a sense of resistance or concern?
- 3) What are the possible meanings and connotations of the words "victim" and "survivor" in American culture?
- 4) How does your personal reaction to these words compare to the words "offender" and "perpetrator"? What meanings and connotations to those words evoke?
- 5) Why does word choice matter – why should we think about what these words mean and to whom?