



of relevant academic research on your question, and (3) analyze the trends and gaps in the existing research.

You must have a **proposal for your paper** approved by me before proceeding with your research; failure to do so will result in a **ONE LETTER GRADE** deduction on your final paper. Your proposal will consist of a **single-spaced, one-page abstract** that includes (a) an empirical question or puzzle related to your chosen topic, (b) justification for why your question or puzzle is important, (c) a preliminary list of 3 academic sources that relate to your question. **A hard copy of the proposal is due in class on Tuesday September 20.** A rough draft is due in hard copy on **November 1** for peer review. Failure to bring in a rough draft for peer review will result in a **ONE LETTER GRADE** deduction on the paper. **The final version is due in hard copy in class on November 17.**

### ***Reading quizzes***

There will also be daily quizzes on the assigned reading and the lecture, which will be given at some point during class. (Coming in after the quiz has begun constitutes a missed quiz, so be on time!) You will be allowed two missed quizzes without penalty, but subsequent missed quizzes will result in a grade of zero, unless the missed quiz is because of a university excused absence. (University excused absences – death in the family, family emergency, illness, participation in university-approved events – must be documented.) There will be no make-up quizzes. However, at the end of the semester, I will drop your two lowest quiz grades.

**Required texts**

- ! Carp, Stidham, and Manning. 7<sup>th</sup> ed. *Judicial Process in America*. [Denoted as **CSM** on schedule]
- ! Bach, *Ordinary Injustice: How America Holds Court*.
- ! Additional readings posted on Moodle [Denoted as **M** on schedule]

**Fall 2011: Important dates**

- ! Drop period ends: / Last day to add: Aug. 29/August 31
- ! Last day to withdraw: Nov. 4
- ! **Final exam: Tuesday, Dec. 6 (10-noon)**

“Is Law School a Losing Game?” on **M**

Tuesday, Oct. 4     *Ordinary Injustice*, excerpts from Ch. 1 (pp. 11-64)

Thursday, Oct. 6     *Ordinary Injustice*, excerpts from Ch. 3 (pp. 130-157)

Tuesday, Oct. 11

