

Justice and Civil Society Fall 2023

Plan of Study

Week 1. August 28, August 30

James Baldwin, *The Fire Next Time*

Week 2. September 4, September 6

Stephanie Land, *Maid*

Week 3. September 11, September 13

Stephanie Land, *Maid* (September 11); Matthew Desmond, *Poverty by America* (September 13)

Recommended event: Center for Civic Engagement Brown Bag, 12:30 (Richmond City Charter Review)

Personal Response Paper (2 pages), due September 15 at 5 pm.

Week 4. September 18, September 20

Desmond, *Poverty by America*

Week 5. September 25, September 27

John Stuart Mill, *On Liberty* (September 25); J.S. Mill, *Utilitarianism* (September 27)

Week 6. October 2, October 4

J.S. Mill, *The Subjection of Women* (October 2); **in-class essay #1** (October 4)

Week 7. October 9, October 11

John Rawls, *A Theory of Justice*, Chapter One (October 9), Chapter Two (October 11)

Robert D. Putnam lecture required, October 9.

Week 8. October 18

Rawls, *A Theory of Justice*, Chapter Three

Week 9. October 23, October 25

Rawls, *A Theory of Justice*, Chapter Four; O'Neill and Williamson on property-owning democracy (October 23); **in-class essay #2** (October 25)

Week 10. October 30, November 1

Elijah Anderson, *Black in White Spaces*

Week 11. November 6, November 8

Danielle Allen, *Justice by Means of Democracy*

Week 12. November 13, November 15

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Week 13. November 20

In-class essay #3

Week 14. November 27, November 29

Guest speaker--Shayla Holeman, RPS (November 27); Reinhold Niebhur, *Moral Man and Immoral Society* (November 29)

Week 15. December 4, December 6

Niebhur, *Moral Man and Immoral Society* (December 4); course wrap-up December 6

December 8: semester-end gathering at Overby-Sheppard (tentative)