# THE 14TH AMENDMENT and SUING LOCAL GOVERNMENT

#### Course Policies and Syllabus MWF 2:10-3:10 Professor Sanders

#### **SYLLABUS**

**Course Description:** The course will explore the historical, doctrinal, and theoretical underpinnings of the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment, including notable Supreme Court decisions interpreting the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment and its various clauses. A considerable amount of class time will be spent discussing documentaries and other media that provide historical context for the various Supreme Court decisions under the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment. You will also learn to master the levels of scrutiny presented in modern 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment cases, including strict scrutiny, intermediate scrutiny, rational basis review, etc.

#### Grading.

Final (Short Paper) 40% Class Presentations 40%

Clicker Quizzes: average on daily clicker quizzes (44% rule) 20%

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**Office Hours:** MWF 6PM to 8PM via **Zoom** or after 8PM via text, facetime, or phone call; Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday after 12PM via text, facetime, or phone call.

**Required Materials:** Scott Gaylord, Chris Green *Federal Constitutional Law: Vol. 5, The Fourteenth Amendment*, Carolina Press, ISBN 978-1-53100-22015. **Prime Video Access**; **Netflix Access.** 

For those REALLY interested: Ibram X. Kendi, Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America; Henry Louis Gates, Jr., Stony The Road,: Reconstruction White Supremacy, and the Rise of Jim Crow; Gates, Eric Foner, Reconstruction

Carol Anderson, White Rage

Douglas A. Blackmon, *Slavery by Another Name*; Michelle Alexander, *The New Jim Crow*; Carol Anderson, Khalil Gibran Muhammad, *The Condemnation of Blackness: Race, Crime and the Making of Modern Urban America*;

Edwin Black, War Against the Weak: Eugenics and America's Campaign to Create a Master Race;

C Vann Woodward, *The Strange Career of Jim Crow*. Juan Williams, *Thurgood Marshall American Revolutionary*;

Robert Caro, The Years of Lyndon Johnson Books 1-4;

Joshua Bloom and Waldo E. Martin Jr, *Black Against Empire: The History and Politics of the Black Panther Party;* Radley Balko, *The Rise of the Warrior Cop;* 

Resmaa Menakem, My Grandmother's Hands: Racialized Trauma and the Pathway to Mending Our Hearts and Bodies;

William A. Diarity, From Here to Equality: Reparations for Black Americans in the Twenty-First Century

Mehrsa Baradaran, The Color of Money: Black Banks and the Racial Wealth Gap

Ira Katznelson, When Affirmative Action Was White

Carol Anderson, One Person, No Vote: How Voter Suppression Is Destroying Our Democracy

Elizabeth Wilkerson, Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents

Shawn D. Rochester, *The Black Tax* 

Garret Epps, Democracy Reborn: The Fourteenth Amendment and the Fight for Equal Rights in Post-Civil War America; Michael Kent Curtis, No State Shall Abridge: The Fourteenth Amendment and the Bill of Rights. Stephen P. Halbrook, That Every Man Be Armed: The Evolution of a Constitutional Rights

**TWEN.** You must register for the TWEN Webcourse so you can receive emails from me. Once registered, you are responsible for logging on to TWEN to access handouts, exercises, assignments, and announcements. Should you decide to delete the webcourse after the semester concludes, you should wait until receiving your final grade to do so. This is because you will receive emails from me including a score-confirmation spreadsheet and other grade-related inquiries, after the semester concludes.

**Assignments**. An outline of tentative reading assignments (syllabus) is provided below. However, reading assignments for upcoming classes will be adjusted based on progress and need. Students should bring the required materials listed above and all handouts with them to class. You may also regularly be given questions, problems, quizzes, and other assignments to work on outside of class.

**Attendance, Preparation and Participation.** You should come to class on time and be prepared to discuss the assignments for that class. You may be quizzed frequently on reading assignments as well as on any material covered in the two-week period preceding the day of the pop quiz. This means, in preparation for each class, you should not only read the cases, you should study, understand, memorize and be able to apply the rules announced in each case. Furthermore, you should review and study notes and rules (student notes and any notes I have provided) from the prior class. Also, before the beginning of each class week, you should review and study all notes and rules from the prior week.

Attendance will be taken via **Tophat.** A failure to attend class regularly, or to be prepared in class, will adversely affect your grade. Students must miss no more than 5 classes over the course of the semester in order to receive credit for the course. Moreover, because

quizzes may be given on a regular basis, missing classes also means missing quizzes. This will directly affect your grade.

In the event of an absence, any request to make up a quiz, exam or other assignment should be made only after an excuse is obtained from the Dean of Students office.

**Class Structure.** 40% of your grade will derive from presenting and leading the class in discussing the assigned cases. You will be called to present in alphabetical order and will be only required to present a maximum of one case per week. We will cover roughly 44 cases, 50 to 75% of which have been allotted for presentations, so the total number of cases you will be assigned depends on class size.

**Top Hat Quizzes and Questions:** You will be frequently quizzed via **Tophat**, on assigned cases and assigned documentaries. You will also be quizzed on the content of the chapter and section introductions, summaries, explanatory materials and exercises in the casebooks.

20% of your grade will derive from your averaged performance on daily clicker questions. If you maintain at least a 44% average on the questions tested, you will get complete credit (20 points). If you get less than 44% but more than 33% of all questions given correct, then you will get 75% credit (15 points). If you get less than 33% of the total questions tested correct, then you will only get credit for the percentage of the questions you get correct. For example, if your average is 30%, then you will get 6 points, if 20% then 4 points, if 10%, 2 points. This average is based on the number of questions given as oppose to the number of questions you answer. In other words, a non-answer will register, for all intents and purposes, as an incorrect response. The average has been preadjusted to account for technical problems, absences and other issues that may cause you to not to register responses.

You are expected to get at least 55 to 65% of the questions you answer correct. Furthermore, you should, irrespective of technical difficulties and absences, be able to answer at least 90% of total questions given. So, for example, if you miss 10% of all questions due to technical difficulties and absences and get 50% of the questions you do answer correct, your average would still be above the 44% threshold.

Class Discussions. All students will be on call each and every class period. Each student should be prepared to be orally examined on the assigned cases, problems, and materials. Students should also be prepared to answer hypotheticals designed to test their understanding of the rules and rationales underlying the rules as well as to engage in debates with other students concerning the issues, rules and rationales.

Each student is awarded four (4) passes that he or she may use at his or her discretion. Thereafter, a percentage point (1.0) will be deducted from your final grade total for each instance of un-readiness.

**Technology.** The use of laptops is limited to course-related activity. Other unauthorized uses will result in point deductions. Internet usage is not allowed during class for any purpose unless under the express direction of the professor. The audio or video recording of the lecture and/or class discussion is not allowed.

**Professionalism**. You are expected to treat your colleagues like you want to be treated. You are also expected to be respectful of the teaching process and to abstain from any activity that might detract from the learning environment, included but not limited to engaging in distracting side-conversations and not waiting to be acknowledged before you speak. You are expected to be in

class on time and to remain in class throughout the class period, barring an emergency such as a restroom need. \_

### **COURSE OVERVIEW OUTLINE**

# PART I: THE 14<sup>TH</sup> AMENDMENT

### I. Introduction:

- 14<sup>TH</sup> AMENDMENT TIMELINES
- INTRODUCTORY DOCUMENTARIES
- **II.** The Citizenship Clause
- **III. The State Action Doctrine**
- III. The Privileges and Immunities Clause
- **IV. The Due Process Clause**

# **V.** The Equal Protection Clause

SOURCE	CHAPTER/TITLE	SECTION/SUBJECT	CASES/ EXERCISES / ASSIGNMENTS	Pg/ Location
Garret Epps	Democracy Reborn: The Fourteenth Amendment and the Fight for Equal Rights in Post-Civil War America		Recommended Reading	
Michael Kent Curtis	No State Shall Abridge: The Fourteenth Amendment and the Bill of Right		Recommended Reading	
	The Citizenship Clause		United States v. Wong Kim Ark (18 S.Ct 456, (1898)	Handout
STRANG	Chapter 1	Introduction		1
		Original Meaning of The State Action Doctrine	Exercise 1	2
		The Seminal Case	United States v. Stanley	5
		Exceptions To The State Action Doctrine	,	12
		The Thirteenth Amendment		13

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		The Public Functions	Jackson v.	13
		Exception	Metropolitan	
			Edison Company	
		The Entanglement		18
		Exception	Burton v.	19
		,	Wilmington	
			Parking Authority	
			Exercise 6	23
			Exercise 7	25
Other Texts	Public Functions and Private Prisons		Minneci v. Pollard	Handout
PRIME VIDEO	Stony The Road,:	Reconstruction		Episodes 1-4
(Professor	Reconstruction White	Documentary		
Sanders)	Supremacy, and the Rise			
Henry Louis	of Jim Crow		Recommended	
Gates, Jr			Reading	
STRANG	Chapter 2	Introduction	Ü	27
		Original Meaning		28
		The Short-Lived P&I Clause		38
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			House Cases	
			Cruikshank v.	92 U.S. 542
			United States	
		T	Bradwell v. Illinois	83 U.S. 130
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			of Chicago	
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		Original Meaning		57
		The Incorporation Doctrine		64
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(Professor	Vanguard of The			
Sanders)	Revolution		1	
STRANG	Chapter 3	"Classical" Substantive Due		77
		Process	Lochner v. New	78
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			Exercise 4	85
			West Coast Hotel	88
			Co. v. Parrish	

PRIME VIDEO	Science And The Swastika Episode 1 : Hitler's Biological Soldiers	Eugenics		
YOUTUBE	Eugenics/Buck V. Bell Documentaries	Eugenics		
			Skinner v. Oklahoma	316 U.S. 535 (1942)
		Right To Conceive?	Exercise 13  Buck v. Bell	274 U.S. 200 (1927)
		Right To Rear One's Children		135
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STRANG	Chapter 3	Right To Family Integrity	Moore v. City of East Cleveland	129
YOUTUBE	Gay Rights Movement Documentaries (1960's- Present	Gay Rights		
ALEXANDRE	Chapter 11	Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity		865-866
			Exercise 11	127
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			Exercise 10 Obergefell v.	116 117
STRANG	Chapter 3	Right To Marriage	Loving v. Virginia	114
YOUTUBE	Women's Rights Movement Documentary	Women's Rights Movement		
			Exercise 9	111
		Origins Of Modern Substantive Due Process	Griswold v. Connecticut	104
		Modern Substantive Due Process	INTRODUCTION	103
		The New Deal Settlement		97
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			Exercise 5	93

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PRIME VIDEO (Professor Sanders)	A Dangerous Idea: Eugenics, Genetics, and the American Dream	Eugenics		
PRIME VIDEO	Eugenics: Science's Greatest Scandal	Eugenics		
Edwin Black	War Against the Weak	Eugenics	RECOMMENDED READING	
STRANG	Chapter 3	Right To Artificial Birth		139
		Control	Eisenstadt v. Baird	139
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STRANG	Chapter 3	Right to Abortion		144
			Roe v. Wade	144
			Exercise 15	156
			Parenthood of Southeastern Pennsylvania v. Casey	159
			Exercise 16	174
Other Texts			Gonzales v. Carhart	HANDOUT; 550 U.S. 124 (2016)
			Whole Women's Health v. Hellerstedt	HANDOUT; 136 S.Ct 2292 (2016)
NETFLIX	Reversing Roe	<b>Abortion Rights</b>		
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STRANG	Chapter 3	Right To Sexual Autonomy		179
			Bowers v. Hardwick	HANDOUT; 478 U.S. 186
			Lawrence v. Texas	180
			Exercise 17	190
YOUTUBE	Lawrence V. Texas Documentary	Gay Rights		
STRANG	Chapter 3			192
			Washington v. Glucksberg	192
			Exercise 18	198
		Rights To Education And		
		Welfare	San Antonio Independent School District v. Rodriguez	200
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Prime Video	A Class Apart			
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			Dred Scott v. Sandford	215
			Exercise 2	219
PRIME VIDEO	The African-Americans	Slavery		Episodes 1-3

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	Slavery And The Making Of America			Episodes 1-3
Ibram X. Kendi	Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America	Race and Racism		Recommende d Reading
STRANG	Chapter 4	Limited Application		226-227
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			Living Center	
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ALEXANDRE	Chapter 7		Buck v. Bell	484-486
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RESEARCH			Trump v. Hawaii	138 S.CT. 2392 (2018)
COURSE MATERIALS	<b>Slavery Reparations</b>	Cato V. U.S.	Complaint	
		In Re African Descendants Of Slaves, Et Al,	Complaint	-
		Alexander, Et Al. V. Oklahoma	Complaint	
YOUTUBE	Should America Offer Reparations for Slavery?	Slavery Reparations		
	Facing The Truth: The Case For Reparations			
	Ta-Nehisi Coates: Reparations are not			
	Just About Slavery but also Centuries of Theft & Racial Terror			
PRIME VIDEO	The Long Shadow	Compounding Effects of Slavery		
PRIME VIDEO	The Uncomfortable Truth	Compounding Effects of Slavery		

WILLIAM A. DARITY	From Here To Equality: Reparations For Black Americans In The Twenty-First Century	Reparations	RECOMMENDED READING	
STRANG		Alienage	Ambach v. Norwick	309
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MEHRSA BARADARAN	The Color Of Money: Black Banks And The Racial Wealth Gap	Affirmative Action	RECOMMENDED READING	
RESEARCH	Affirmative Action		Regents of the Univ. of Cal v. Bakke	438 U.S. 265
ALEXANDRE	Chapter 5		Gratz v. Bollinger Grutter v. Bollinger	282-291 291-305
RESEARCH	Affirmative Action		Fisher v. University of Texas I	133 S.Cr. 2411
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			Exercise 21	345
ALEXANDRE	Chapter 9		Miller v. Johnson	764-780
RESEARCH			Davis v. Bandemer	478 U.S. 109
Carol Anderson	One Person, No Vote	Voting Rights	Recommended Reading	
	R	 Race and Criminal Justice		

PRIME VIDEO				
	Slavery By Another Name			
Michelle Alexander	The New Jim Crow		Recommended Reading	
Douglas A. Blackmon	Slavery by Another Name		Recommended Reading	
Khalil Gibran Muhammad	The Condemnation of Blackness: Race, Crime and the Making of Modern Urban America		Recommended Reading	
Radley Balko	The Rise of the Warrior Cop		Recommended Reading	
RESEARCH	Race and Criminal Justice		McCleskey v. Kemp	107 S. Ct. 1756 (1987)
			United States v. Clary	846 F.Supp. 768 (E.D.Mo)
			United States v. Clary	34 F.3d 709(8 <sup>th</sup> Cir. 1994)
NETFLIX	Rick Ross: Crack In The System			
RESEARCH	Race and Criminal Justice		State v. Russell	477vN.W. 2d 886
			Armstrong V. United States	517 U.S. 456
			Floyd v. City of New York,	959 F. Supp. 2d 540 (S.D.N.Y. 2013)
	STANDING, M	OOTNES, AND POLITICAL QUE	STION	
RESEARCH			Cato v. United States	70 F.3d 1103 (9th Cir. 1995)

	In re African-Am. Slave Descendants Litig.	471 F.3d 754 (2006) 7th Cir
	Alexander v. Oklahoma	382 F.3d 1206, 1211 (10th Cir. 2004)

# **SECTION 1983 AND GOVERNMENT IMMUNITY**

All of the Following Material is taken from **Chapter 8** of Michele Alexandre's *The New Frontiers of Civil rights Litigation*.

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# PART III: PRETRIAL LITIGATION FOR $14^{TH}$ AMENDMENT VIOLATIONS

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			RESEARCH	

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		Strategy	LECTURE	
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		production		requests
		requests		
		Dealing with government objections	LECTURE	
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		documents and		
		other items from non-parties	LECTURE	Draft Subpoena of Documents from the Police Academy
			LECTURE	Draft Subpoena of Security Camera Video from Apartment Complex
	Requests for Admissions		LECTURE	FRCP 36
		Strategy	LECTURE	
		Drafting requests for admission	LECTURE	Draft 15 Requests for Admissions
	Depositions		RESEARCH	FRCP 30
		Preparing client to be deposed	LECTURE	Make a check list

		Preparing to depose Defendants, witnesses and other parties	LECTURE	Draft a Deposition Outline
		Conducting	LECTURE	
		Depositions	YOU	In-class deposition simulation
Summary				FRCP 26
Judgment		Summary Judgment Standard		
		Citing the record		