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CRJ 760.01 POLICE IN AMERICA

Class meets Thursday, 4:15 to 6 p.m. in Room 221 T.

**COURSE DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES:**

Traces the development of the police in the United States from the 1800s to the present; identifies theoretical perspectives, events, leaders and groups, court decisions, and organizations inside and outside policing that have shaped police as an institution. Discusses how these have impacted on current operational and policy issues.

**REQUIRED READINGS:** (All but Wilson available at the college bookstore; all paperbacks)

Gaines, Larry K. & Gary W. Cordner. (1999). Policing Perspectives: An Anthology. Los Angeles: Roxbury Publishing Company. ISBN: 1-891-487-04-3. (G & C in listings)

Dulaney, W. Marvin. (1996) Black Police in America. Bloomington: Indiana University Press. ISBN: 0-253-21040-2.

Schulz, Dorothy M. (1995) From Social Worker to Crimefighter: Women in United States Municipal Policing. Westport, CT: Praeger. ISBN: 0-275-95174-X.

Walker, Samuel. (1998) Popular Justice: A History of American Criminal Justice, 2nd ed. New York: Oxford University Press. ISBN: 0-19-507451-3.

Wilson, James Q. (1978) Varieties of Police Behavior: The Management of Law and Order in Eight Communities.

Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press. ISBN: 0-674-93211-0. Wilson is out of print but is available through Amazon, Alibris, and other used book purveyors. Look now; you will get an inexpensive copy (as little as \$6) and you will have it by the time we need it.

E-RESERVE:

It is likely that even with this book selection, I will find other articles that we should read. These will either be placed on Electronic Reserve or on Blackboard.

NEWSPAPER:

Read a newspaper daily; the police are in there just about every day.