

Welcome Letter for Women and the Law in the United States

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Hello and welcome to Women and the Law in the United States!

Hello, Students! I welcome you to the online version of Women and the Law in the United States. For those of you who have never taken a course with me before, my name is Michele Murphy, and I have been a professor at William Paterson University since 2002. I teach Women and the Law online and in the classroom, Women's Changing Roles and Racism and Sexism. I am also a practicing attorney for child protection and civil rights and a Town Councilperson in my town in New York State.

Expectations

Please note that although that this is an online course, you may have to devote several hours per week, or you will fall behind very quickly. Don't let that happen to you, or you will have a panic attack before the end of the semester! Although I understand very well what it means to have a very full and busy schedule, please be sure to make this online course a priority as if you were being taught in a classroom in order to ensure your success.

You will be mandated to participate on the online discussion board every week; and you must also respond to your classmates as well and their thoughts, as if you were really in a classroom atmosphere. There will also be logs (reaction papers) due regarding: the texts, documentaries/films that will be posted on blackboard and other sources regarding this course. You will also participate in two group collaborative projects, which will be based upon legal issues that affect women directly.

Please make sure to read your syllabus, announcements, emails and to check course content and assignment and other sections regularly.

Texts

Women in American Law, Judith Baer Third Edition ISBN 0-8419-1431-1
The Pig Farmer's Daughter (see syllabus for identification)

Grading

see the syllabus regarding the grading scales and percentages.

How to Access Blackboard:

To log on to Bb point your web browser to <http://bb.wpunj.edu> and click the Login button in the upper left. Then enter your username and password in the spaces provided and click login again -- you'll find your course Bb sites listed on the right.

Some things to be aware of as you work with Blackboard:

1. You probably won't find all your courses listed; the only ones that will appear are those that have been activated by the professor teaching the course. Professors who don't use Blackboard will not activate their courses.
2. Your username is comprised of your lastname and firstinitial, usually appended with a numeral. If you don't know your WPUNJ system username password you can use the Username lookup link at <http://bb.wpunj.edu> , or go to it directly at: <http://www.wpunj.edu/username>
3. If you are already logged in to the WPUNJ system through WPCConnect you won't have to re-enter your username and password -- just click the first login button.
4. Blackboard documentation can be found in two places: at Bb Home, <http://bb.wpunj.edu>, before one logs in, and in the Blackboard Support tab after one has logged on.
5. You can always obtain Bb help by using the Problem Report form at <http://bb.wpunj.edu> , or by going to it directly at: <https://liberty.wpunj.edu/bb/support-center/> .

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Good luck and have fun in the course! Dr. Michele A. Murphy, Esq.