Readings for Criminal Justice Comprehensive Exam
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Intent: In addition to the past 5 years of Justice Quarterly and Criminology & Public Policy, students will read all the readings under the CJS section and then for CRJ-area students, all readings in 2 component areas (police/courts/corrections) are also required.

This list is organized topically: CJS, and Policing, Courts, and Corrections.

Criminal Justice System Readings. These readings are required for all students. (75 readings)

**Students should also refer to the syllabus for CRJU 9010 Contemporary Criminal Justice Policy for additional required and relevant readings by area.


Braga, A. (2005). Hot spots policing and crime prevention: A systematic review of randomized controlled trials. *Journal of Experimental Criminology, 1*: 317-342 **This will be updated to a newer review soon (he has it under review currently).


Students should be familiar with all articles in this special issue on the death penalty in the U.S.:

Capital punishment, the moratorium movement, and empirical questions: Looking beyond innocence, race, and bad lawyering in death penalty cases; Searching for uniformity in adjudications of the accused’s competence to assist and consult in capital cases; Dangerousness, risk assessment, and capital sentencing; The death penalty in the United States: A crisis of conscience; Guided jury discretion in capital murder cases: The role of declarative and procedural knowledge; The prejudicial nature of victim impact statements: Implications for capital sentencing policy; Stuck in the dark ages: Supreme Court decision making and legal developments; Exploring the effects of attitudes toward the death penalty on capital sentencing verdicts.


*Read with:*


Listwan, S., C. L. Jonson, F. T. Cullen, and E. J. Latessa (2008) Cracks in the Penal Harm Movement: Evidence from the Field. *Criminology and Public Policy, 7* (3), 423-465. **Also read the editorial introduction by Downes (p.419), and policy essay responses from Zimring (p.467) and Webster & Doob (p.473).**


