The seminar will meet Thursdays from 3:00 PM to 4:50 PM in Furman Hall Room 110.

There will be three units:

One: Race (4 weeks)
Two: Guns (6 weeks)
Three: Oil (4 weeks)

Each unit presents important legal and economic issues that have attracted the attention of legal and economics scholars and serious journalists. We will read and analyze work from the three disciplines with the aim of comparing the techniques used by each. The seminar will offer practical tools that law school graduates may employ in their persuasive writing: How does one construct a winning argument? What sorts of evidence prove a point? For each topic, students will also learn the substance of doctrine and policy addressed.

At the conclusion of each unit, students will write a short paper on the topic in the style of a newspaper op-ed piece. Students will be graded based on their participation in class and the quality of their papers, which they will be asked to present in class. Additional detail about these assignments will be provided. Any question, or request for a private meeting, can be sent to barry.adler@nyu.edu or pbarrett@stern.nyu.edu.

Readings, subject to both additions and deletions, appear below. The title of each reading is also a hyperlink either to a site for the purchase of a reading or to the reading itself.

**One: Race**


*Fisher v. University of Texas* (2016)
Supreme Court of the United States

*Shelby County v. Holder* (2013)
Supreme Court of the United States

**Two: Guns**


Supreme Court of the United States

United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit

**Three: Oil in the Rain Forest**


*Donziger v. Chevron* (2016)
United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit


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