

2011 Teaching with Controversy Summer Institute

Discussion Question Topics and Suggested Readings

Discussion questions should capture any general questions, drawing on your prior knowledge of the topic AND/OR questions that come up through the readings supplied below. The readings provided are not meant to provide a thorough exploration of the topic, rather to provide a spark prior to the speaker's presentation in order to foster lively question and answer sessions. Print versions of the readings will be included in your materials provided on the first day of the institute.

Monday, June 20 - Controversial Issues and the First Amendment **Jessica Frogge, First Amendment Lawyer**

"High court hands 1st Amendment win to funeral picketers" David L. Hudson Jr., *First Amendment Center* 3/2/2011 <http://www.firstamendmentcenter.org/high-court-hands-1st-amendment-win-to-funeral-pickers>

"Supreme Court: 'hurtful speech' of Westboro Baptist Church is protected" Warren Richey, *Christian Science Monitor* 3/2/2011 <http://www.csmonitor.com/USA/Justice/2011/0302/Supreme-Court-hurtful-speech-of-Westboro-Baptist-Church-is-protected>

"Offensive views need airing so they can be better rebutted" *First Amendment Center* 3/31/2011 <http://www.firstamendmentcenter.org/offensive-views-need-airing-so-they-can-be-better-rebutted-2>

Tuesday, June 21 - To Keep and Bear Arms **Nina Vinik, Gun Violence Senior Program Officer, Joyce Foundation**

"Despite 2nd Amendment Cases, Firearms Codes Are Moving Targets" Anna Stolley Persky, *The National Pulse*, December 2010
http://www.abajournal.com/magazine/article/an_unsteady_finger_on_gun_control_laws_second_amendment_firearms/

"Why Not Regulate Guns as Seriously as Toys?" Nicholas D. Kristof, *New York Times* 1/12/2011
<http://www.nytimes.com/2011/01/13/opinion/13kristof.html>

"Don't let shooter kill our rights" Jacob Sullum, *Chicago Sun Times* 1/11/2011
<http://www.suntimes.com/news/otherviews/3260707-417/gun-crime-dangerous-loughner-federal.html>

Wednesday, June 22 - What is an American? **Josh Hoyt, Executive Director Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights**

"After a False Dawn, Anxiety for Illegal Immigrant Students" Julia Preston, *New York Times* 2/8/2011
<http://www.nytimes.com/2011/02/09/us/09immigration.html>

"Life after parent is deported" Vicki Ortiz Healy, *Chicago Tribune* 4/7/2011
http://articles.chicagotribune.com/2011-04-06/news/ct-met-deported-parents-children-20110331_1_citizen-children-immigration-laws-immigrant-parents

"Abandoned on the Border" Larry A. Dever, *New York Times* 5/12/2011
<http://www.nytimes.com/2011/05/13/opinion/13Dever.html>