COURSE NAME: Race & The Law (2 credit hours; 3 credit hours with permission)

COURSE NUMBER: 8650

PROFESSOR: Thompson

ESSENTIAL PREREQUISITES: None

DESIRABLE PREREQUISITES: Constitutional Law, Employment Law, Employment Discrimination, Gender & Justice, Education Law.

COURSE BOOKS: (1) Derrick Bell, Race, Racism and American Law (Aspen 6th Ed.); (2) Additional Materials will be prepared by the professor and will include relevant cases and law review articles.

METHOD OF GRADING & APPRAISAL OF STUDENT FOR GRADE: Grades will be based upon class participation, class presentations, and a single 15 to 20 page research paper.

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF COURSE & COURSE CONTENT: This course involves an in-depth examination of the role that race plays in American society as a whole and in judicial decision-making in particular. This course will examine the effect of race on representative democracy, employment, education, housing, hate crimes, the legal profession, sex, popular culture, and other aspects of the law.

RELEVANCY OF COURSE FOR CAREER PURPOSES: This course is relevant for any law student who plans to work with a diverse group of colleagues and clients or practice in the areas of employment or education law.