

In the Spring 2024 semester, Professor Barry Scheck and Elizabeth Daniel Vasquez will teach an advanced Special Topics course on the uses of Artificial Intelligence in the criminal legal space specifically and in social justice more broadly. Operating in the style of a modern salon, this seminar will draw together colleagues from Berkeley University's Investigative Journalism School, Law School, and Institute of Data Science, Stanford University's Data Journalism School, a national selection of guest lecturers and discussants, to engage with a select group of Cardozo students enrolled in the course to examine the ethical, legal, and social implications in the use of Artificial Intelligence tools. For those students selected, the Special Topics Seminar offers a unique opportunity to engage in cutting-edge conversations about the newest technologies and to participate in a timely cross-discipline national conversation.

Students enrolled in the seminar will meet weekly on Wednesdays from 6-8 pm. Leveraging video conferencing technology and other means of connection, students will meet the most relevant voices on a variety of issues over the life of the course. Issues will include:

- the right to "glass box" AI;
- using AI ingestion tools to gather police misconduct data and stand up a public facing statewide police misconduct database and a "federated" space for criminal legal stakeholders to safely share privileged information;
- use of large language tools to track police compliance with eyewitness identification statutes;
- use of AI search tools to identify problematic child abuse convictions arising from Shaken Baby Syndrome (SBS) prosecutions;
- use of AI tools in Forensic Investigative Genealogy (FIGG) investigations and model FIGG regulatory statutes;
- use of AI in Facial Recognition Technology (FRT) and questions of reliability and privacy;
- use of AI by private companies to record, transcribe, and data mine non-privileged prisoner phone calls, and more.

Students in the course will be expected to actively engage with our weekly discussions, drafting questions for our guest speakers and discussants, and actively participating in the facilitation of our conversations. Students will also be given the opportunity to either write a substantial research paper on a topic of their choosing (>20 pages) or participate in an approved research project where the student will be connected to a working practitioner in the field to complete designated projects. Papers may be used to satisfy the writing requirement.

Enrollment in the Seminar is by application only. Prior course work in evidence, criminal procedure, intellectual property, or information law, or experience in statistics, computer science, or other related fields is strongly encouraged.

**Eligible students:** Second- and third-year J.D. students, and LL.M. students

**Application:** Email the following materials to Professor Elizabeth Daniels Vasquez ([evasquez@bds.org](mailto:evasquez@bds.org)) with the subject "*Special Topics: Uses of AI*"

1. Name, degree program, expected graduation date

2. Cardozo transcript (cut and paste is fine)
3. Resume
4. A single paragraph explaining your interest in the course and, if applicable, describing any relevant background, education, experience, or training that may not be reflected on your resume or Cardozo transcript.

**Application deadline: Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.**