Sources on Anthropology and Law
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Interdisciplinary studies in Anthropology and Law (also called “Legal Anthropology”) include the following general subject areas (among others): human rights; the clash of non-western and western cultural beliefs and related legal structures; legal pluralism in multicultural settings; rights of minorities and religious groups; criticisms of racial concepts; rights of indigenous peoples, including land claims and intellectual property rights in their cultural beliefs and knowledge; non-western and alternative methods of dispute or conflict resolution; and analysis of the cultural dynamics at play within western legal systems.

Set forth below is a non-exhaustive list of books, articles, and other resources that address a number of these issues. Part I lists books and articles. Part II lists journals that publish primarily on related topics. Part III lists some internet resources, including associations, online journal archives, law and anthropology resources, and legal studies information.

Please note: Sources presenting interdisciplinary studies concerning Social Norms and Law are listed in a separate bibliography. Also available online are the syllabus and a list of potential paper topics for this Anthropology and Law seminar.

Other available resource lists include:

Sources on Racism, Law, and Social Sciences;
Sources on Social Norms and Law; and
Sources on Analysis of Social Group Identities.

I. Books and Articles


Barnes, Mario L. 2015. Foreword: Criminal Justice for Those (Still) at the Margins -- Addressing Hidden Forms of Bias and the Politics of which Lives Matter. 5 University of California Irvine L. Rev. 711-733. The Interplay of Race, Gender, Class, Crime and Justice. 5 University of California Irvine L. Rev. 711-943 (collection of articles).


Black, Donald. 1981. The Relevance of Legal Anthropology. 10 *Contemporary Sociology* 43-46.


Jereb, Alanna M. 2017. Comment. The Bathroom Right for Transgender Students and How the Entire LGBT Community can Align to Guarantee This. 7 *Wake Forest J. L. & Policy* 585-606.


Kalinoe, L. and J. Leach, eds. 2001. Rationales of Ownership. New Delhi: UBS Publisher’s Distributors Ltd.


Malinowski, Bronislaw. 1942. A New Instrument for the Interpretation of Law - Especially
Primitive. 51 *Yale Law Journal* 1237-54.


Merry, Sally Engle, Kevin E. Davis, and Benedict Kingsbury, eds. 2015. The Quiet Power of


Monforte, Tanya. 2017. Broad Strokes and Bright Lines: A Reconsideration of Shari’a Based Reservations. 35 Colum. J. Gender & Law 1-69.


**II. Subject Matter Journals**

The journals listed below publish many articles of interest to this topic area. One should also use the available law review search engines, such as Lexis and Westlaw, to search for interdisciplinary studies published in law reviews and policy journals.
**III. Internet Resources**

**Associations**

American Anthropological Association, [Human Rights](http://www.americananthro.org/)

American Anthropological Association, Issues related to [Minority Groups and Race](http://www.americananthro.org/)

American Anthropological Association, [Public Policy Issues](http://www.americananthro.org/)

Association for Political and Legal Anthropology: [http://politicalandlegalanthro.org/](http://politicalandlegalanthro.org/)


Cultural Survival: [https://www.culturalsurvival.org](https://www.culturalsurvival.org)

Association for Study of Law, Culture and the Humanities: [http://lawculturehumanities.com/](http://lawculturehumanities.com/)


**Law and Anthropology**
Center for Heritage and Society (U. Mass.):
http://www.umass.edu/chs/index.html

Law and Social Inquiry Journal:

Law and Society Review:
http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1111/%28ISSN%291540-5893

Siberian Studies Journal, Issue on Cultural Property:
http://www.siberian-studies.org/publications/cultprop.html

Max Plank Institute Working Papers:
http://www.eth.mpg.de/3976190/2016

International Human Rights Resources:
https://www.amnesty.org/en/

Law and Economics resources:
http://lawecon.lp.findlaw.com/

Social Science Research Network:

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO):
http://en.unesco.org/

UNESCO Convention on Intangible Heritage:

Who Owns Native Culture? (M. Brown)
http://web.williams.edu/AnthSoc/native/

NAGPRA Learning (Indiana Univ.)
http://learningnagpra.indiana.edu/nagpra-education/Educational%20Resources.php

General Legal Studies Resources

U.S. Supreme Court web site:
https://www.supremecourt.gov/

Oyez project:
https://www.oyez.org

U.S. Code Search:
Famous American Trials:
http://law2.umkc.edu/faculty/projects/ftrials/ftrials2printable.htm

Proceedings of the Old Bailey, London, 1674-1834:
http://www.oldbaileyonline.org/

A Century of Lawmaking (Library of Congress, American Memory):
http://lcweb2.loc.gov/ammem/amlaw/lawhome.html

Yale’s Avalon Project:
http://avalon.law.yale.edu

Lexis-Nexis:
http://www.lexisnexis.com

FindLaw:
http://www.findlaw.com/

State and Local Governments:
http://www.statelocalgov.net/index.cfm

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