READINGS IN U.S. LEGAL HISTORY
Independent Study with Professor Kathleen A. Brosnan
Meetings to be scheduled between professor and student
Spring 2007

LEARNING OUTCOMES
- Developing a greater knowledge of U.S. History
- Developing expertise in secondary sources in environmental history relevant to the student’s thesis topic

This independent readings course is designed to enhance the student’s knowledge of U.S. legal history in preparation for and completion of a thesis. The course also will allow the student to develop a better understanding of U.S. history generally. The readings for the course will be divided into four sections to complement the material with which the student is already familiar and to insure a more thorough understanding of the intersection of law with urban history and U.S. western history. At the completion of each section, the student will submit a historiographical essay summarizing his conclusions on the readings.

SELECTED READINGS
Horwitz, Morton, *The Transformation of American Law, 1780-1860*

Hurst, J. Willard, *Law and the Conditions of Freedom in the Nineteenth-Century United States*

Friedman, Lawrence, *A History of American Law*

Friedman, Lawrence, *Crime and Punishment in American History*

Hall, Kermit, *The Magic Mirror: Law in American History*

Hartog, Hendrik, *Public Property and Private Power: The Corporation of the City of New York in American Law, 1730-1870*

Reid, John Phillip, *Law for the Elephant: Property and Social Behavior on the Overland Trail*

Butler, Anne, *Daughters of Joy, Sisters of Misery: Prostitutes in the American West, 1865-1890*

Cohen, Andrew, *The Racketeers' Progress: Chicago and the Struggle for the Modern American Economy, 1900-1940*

Wood, Sharon E., *Freedom of the Streets: Work, City, and Sexuality in the Gilded Age City*

Pisani, Donald J., *Water, Land and Law in the American West: The Limits of Public Policy, 1850-1920*

Forbath, William, *Law and the Shaping of the American Labor Movement*

Novak, William, *The People’s Welfare: Law and Regulation in Nineteenth Century America*