

Dear students,

I hope you are doing well. I wanted to introduce myself and let you know about your first assignment. My name is Emily Danker-Feldman. I'm a Supervising Attorney with the Midwest Innocence Project (MIP) and the Director of the Innocence Clinic. I will be your professor for your Wrongful Convictions course this fall.

This course is entirely online, except for the first and last weeks of class (8/24, 8/26, 11/30, and 12/2) which will be in Room 4. Please note, a renewed indoor masking requirement has been instituted until 9/15, so you will be required to wear masks for our in-person classes on 8/24 and 8/26. After our second class on Thursday, 8/26, you are invited to a Welcome Reception at Professor Rod Uphoff's home. More details to come.

Before our first class, please read *The Innocent Man: Murder and Injustice in a Small Town* by John Grisham. It can be purchased online or in person through the bookstore. Used copies are also available. While you are reading, think about the causes that contributed to the wrongful convictions described in the book. In addition to introductions and going over the syllabus, we will discuss those causes in our first class.

The only other things I will ask you to do before our first class are to complete a brief survey and review the syllabus. Please keep an eye out for both of those on Canvas.

I am very much looking forward to meeting you all and diving into how wrongful convictions happen. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email me at edanker-feldman@missouri.edu.

Kindly,
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