

Religion and Politics (Religious Studies 3CC3 / Political Science 3LA3) – Winter 2014

TEXT PREPARATION 5 for April 3

This assignment consists of attendance of the full class session on April 3, plus completing the written assignment below, to be submitted in class on April 3 only.

This assignment is based on:

- CBC Radio "The Current," March 31, 2008—including documentary by Kathleen Goldhar, "Faith in the Law" [details on how to listen to be communicated by e-mail]
- Suzanne Last Stone, "The Intervention of American Law in Jewish Divorce" (2000), pp. 174-85 [details on how to access this article have been communicated by e-mail; please print out a personal copy].

In well-written paragraphs, a total of 600-700 words**, please address the following question with detailed reference to the texts:

According to Suzanne Last Stone and/or persons interviewed for the radio documentary "Faith in the Law" (please give the names of anyone you cite), why or how does the issue of Jewish religious divorce (the *get*) pose a challenge for the separation of religion and secular law?

As was the case for previous assignments, all your observations in the Text Preparation assignment should be backed up with references that allow your reader to see what they are based on in the text. For this purpose, please use in-text parenthetical page references—for an example of these, see Harvey, *Writing with Sources*, p. 51, under "MLA Basic Rules."

For parenthetical references to Stone, please use Stone + page number.

Note: Since this is your first reading of/listening to these texts, and since we have not yet discussed them in class, the Text Preparation assignment is simply a first effort at figuring out what they say, and doing it will help you get the most of our in-class work on the readings. Your fuller understanding will develop in the course of our class meetings, and with successive re-readings/listening.

Please print your assignment double-spaced and with one-inch margins, using an 11- or 12-point font. Please number and staple the pages you hand in.

**Please indicate the total word count at the end of your assignment.

Please keep a copy of your summary to refer to in our discussions in class and tutorial.

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