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The Law of Privacy, from Justice Brandeis to the Right to Die

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Lecturers in Departments of Philosophy and Legal Studies at Brandeis University

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9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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In this class we will explore the concept of **Privacy** and how it has worked over the years to shape American thought and American law.

- ❖ How did it come to pass that people in the western world divided their lives into “public” and “private” spheres?
- ❖ And how did our understanding of what is properly “private” evolve over the years, from the framing of the Constitution to our own troubled era of cell phone conversations, electronic eavesdropping and tell-all biographies?
- ❖ Is our understanding of privacy fated to change as technologies make our privacy ever less secure?
- ❖ Or is there something about our core right to privacy that is so essential to genuine democracy and personal well-being that it must be kept safe and precious at all costs?

Along the way, we will discuss the landmarks of privacy in American life and law, including Justice Brandeis’ eloquent dissent in *Olmsted v. United States*, the Warren Court’s expansion of the scope of the exclusionary rule during the middle of the twentieth century, and the current debate over the clashing calls of national security and individual rights.

Dan Breen, J.D., Ph.D. is a lecturer at Brandeis in the Departments of Philosophy and Legal Studies and a Professor of History at Newbury College in Brookline. He holds a law degree from the University of Georgia and a doctorate from Boston College. His article on the influence of Judge Henry J. Friendly upon Chief Justice John Roberts was published by the *South Dakota Law Review*, and he is currently at work on an article tracing the origins of the concept of Self-Defense in Massachusetts criminal law. The scope of the topics he teaches is vast and includes *Constitutional Law, Judicial Politics, Legislation, Introduction to World Politics, Introduction to American Politics, American Political Parties and Interest Group, Introduction to Law, Topics in the Philosophy of Law, Justice Louis Brandeis and Progressive Jurisprudence*. He grew up in Atlanta, Georgia.

Sharon Fray Witzer, J.D. is a lecturer at Brandeis in the Departments of Philosophy and Legal Studies as well. She received her law degree from Northeastern University. Sharon spends much of her time in solo practice concentrating on criminal defense on appeal, in state and federal courts. Previously, she served as an Assistant District Attorney in the Suffolk County District Attorney’s Appellate Division and worked in the New Hampshire Attorney General’s Office. Her legislative experience includes positions with Congressmen Leon Panetta, Lee Hamilton and Sander Levin. We first got to know Sharon when she led the *Thurgood Marshall* course at BOLLI in the spring 2007 semester when our Study Group Leader was unable to do so. The courses she has co-led at Brandeis include *Philosophy of Law and Introduction to Philosophy*. Sharon is passionate about jurisprudence.

Attorneys Breen and Fray-Witzer are colleagues at Brandeis who will be team-teaching a legal philosophy class during the spring 2008 semester.



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