The Zoukis Research Collaborative on the Politics of Mandatory Sentencing at Georgia State University will hold a special summer course on crime, punishment and policing in the Southeastern United States. This three day institute will feature panels of local experts, including judges, lawyers, law enforcement officers and journalists, as well as research experience with academics from the political science department. Students will also work on collaborative research projects in GSU’s new multi-media laboratory-CURVE. Students will leave the institute with a deeper understanding of the normative and academic questions surrounding crime, punishment and policing in the South.

**Panelists Will Include:**

**Judge Wendy Shoob (Fulton County)**

**Judge Steve Teske (Clayton County)**

**Ms. Sandra Bamhill, J D, Founder and National President of ForeverFamily**

**Ms. Aimee R. Maxwell, Executive Director, Georgia Innocence Project**

**Ms. Sarah Geraghty, Senior Attorney, Southern Center for Human Rights**

**Dr. Lakeyta Bonnette, Assistant Professor of Political Science, Georgia State University.**
Schedule (9am-4pm)

-June 2: Punishment in the South (Discussions will include issues such as the death penalty, debtor’s prisons and mandatory minimum sentencing).

-June 3: Policing in the South (Discussions will include issues related to police, gender, race and poverty).

-June 4: The Media (Discussions will focus on media coverage of particular crimes, penalties and policing).

Application Instructions:

- Students who may apply for the institute must have completed the equivalent of 60 credit hours by the end of summer 2015. Seniors and recent graduates are also invited to apply.

- Students must submit a cover letter expressing their interest in the program and a short summary of their scholarly interests.

- The cover letter must include 2 references (including contact information).

- Students must submit a copy of their unofficial transcripts.

- Applications must be sent by May 20 to Zoukis.GSU@gmail.com

- The cost for the Institute will be $150 for students attending daily sessions and will include lunch.

- Please email Dr. Sarah Gershon (sgershon@gsu.edu) with questions or visit the Zoukis Research Collaborative Website: http://politicalscience.gsu.edu/connections/zoukis-home/