

2021 AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education
Concurrent Session: Teaching 1619: the Legacy of the First Landing as a Frame for Clinical Teaching
Material: excerpt of seminar assignment that used 1619 materials to provide context for client work

University of Baltimore School of Law
Community Development Clinic
Tuesday, Mar. 2, 2021, Class #8
[excerpt of seminar assignment]

Topic **Context for Clients Whose Work Supports Black Farmers**

Objectives

1. Each of you is working in some capacity with a client whose work supports Black farmers. Learn the context for your work with these clients.

Assignment

1. Client Context: Clients Supporting Black Farmers

- a. Each of you is assigned below to review certain material, which will provide broader context for your work with your client. For your material, **please prepare to present in class:**
 - i. **A brief summary statement as to what the materials are about, generally**
 - ii. **A bullet-point-type explanation of the main/most significant points from the materials**
 - iii. **2-3 key examples, facts, stories, elements, etc. that illustrate, support, or “flesh out” those main point(s)**
- b. [3 students assigned]: Read: The Atlantic, *The Great Land Robbery*, posted to TWEN
- c. [4 students assigned]: Listen to, OR read the transcripts of, two podcasts from The New York Times’ 1619 Project: *The Land of Our Fathers*, Episode 5, Part 1 and Part 2:
 - i. Part 1: <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/10/04/podcasts/1619-slavery-sugar-farm-land.html>
 - ii. Part 2: <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/10/11/podcasts/1619-slavery-farm-loan-discrimination.html?action=click&module=audio-series-bar®ion=header&pgtype=Article>
- d. [4 students assigned]:

- i. Read about a prior reparations lawsuit: The Oklahoman, May 17, 2005, "Race-riot recourse blocked; Supreme Court refuses appeal after decisions," posted to TWEN.
- ii. Read an NPR article on the 2020 Tulsa reparations lawsuit:
<https://www.npr.org/sections/live-updates-protests-for-racial-justice/2020/09/03/909151983/oklahoma-lawsuit-seeks-reparations-in-connection-to-1921-tulsa-massacre>
- iii. Read this Law firm blog re: opioids nuisance lawsuit mentioned in the NPR article above: <https://constantinecannon.com/2019/08/29/question-of-the-week-use-of-public-nuisance-law-against-jj-appropriate/>
- iv. **Skim** pp. 18-36 of the complaint (which is linked to in the NPR article), which connects present-day conditions to the 1921 violence, and states the remedies sought.
- v. Read about the settlement offer (currently still under judicial review):
https://www.washingtonpost.com/health/opioid-settlement-drug-distributors/2020/11/05/6a8da214-1fc7-11eb-b532-05c751cd5dc2_story.html
- vi. Read these very brief notes by law and history professors responding to arguments made against reparations: https://www.pbs.org/race/000_About/002_04-experts-03-13.htm