Please read the following for our first class (Monday, August 19th at 5:10 in room 206).

We will be using TWEN for this class. Please enroll on the class website. The full syllabus is available there; hard copies will be distributed in class. The assignment for the first class is set out below. Please be prepared to discuss the listed questions.

1st Assignment

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1. What is the “revolution in families” and how does it affect the direction of family law?
2. Does the State have a legitimate interest in privileging certain kinds of families?
3. Should ‘marriage’ be at the center of family law?
4. What is the purpose of family law? What are its limits?

No Laptops During Class

This course does not lend itself to laptop note-taking. Surveys at other schools (and previous students who have taken this course at Hofstra) indicate that students are more satisfied with the learning environment in no-laptop courses. Although some students prefer to use laptops, a larger number of students in the surveys say that classrooms are quieter, they can hear the teacher and other students better, and they feel more engaged in the classroom experience with fewer distractions. Accordingly, in Family Law you may not use a laptop, or any other electronic device, during class.