Course Objective
This course is designed to introduce the student to the crime victim as a part of our larger society and as a part of the criminal justice system. Students will develop an understanding of the impact of crime on the victim and the victim’s role and rights in the criminal justice system.

Required Texts
1. *Something Bad Happened Last Night*  
   Cortney Fisher, 2011  
   ISBN: 978-0-7575-8633-0  

2. *Lucky*  
   Alice Sebold, 2002  
   ISBN: 0316096199

3. *Shattered*  
   Debra Puglisi Sharp, 2003  
   ISBN: 0743229169

4. *A Rip in Heaven*  
   Jeanine Cummins, 2004  
   ISBN: 0451210530

Course Requirements
This is the formula that you need to use to calculate your grade. DO NOT use ELMS to calculate your grade. Plug your grades into the formula below.

Quizzes 100 points x 2 = 200 points

10 points per quiz x 10 quizzes = 100 points

There will be 10 “pop” quizzes throughout the session. Each quiz is worth 10 points. Each quiz will be taken on ELMS. The quizzes will be announced in the class period preceding the date that the quiz is due. Students will have until 11:00 pm on the date that the quiz is due to complete the quiz. Quizzes are open note and open book and will be heavily based on the material that we reviewed in class. It is highly recommended that you attend class to do well on the quizzes.

There are no excuses for missed quizzes. I do not accept late quizzes under any circumstances. It is your responsibility to make sure that you are following emails from the class and getting notes from classmates if you’ve missed class.

Your first quiz is a quiz that tests your knowledge on the contents the syllabus. This syllabus is a contract between each of you and me. Completing the 10 point quiz posted on ELMS certifies to me that you have read and understand the requirements of this course. Please do not take quiz until you are able to certify that this is true. You will be held to the requirements of this course.
The quiz is due to be completed on ELMS on Thursday, February 9 at 11:00 pm. Late quizzes will not be accepted under any circumstance.

Mid-Term Exam 100 points x 3 = 300 points

If you have an excused absence: I will excuse absences for illness, family emergencies, religious observances, interviews, university-sanctioned events, or court appearances. If your absence is excused, you will have the opportunity to make-up the exam within one week of the absence. There will be no exams made up by the student after one week. It is solely the student’s responsibility to learn whether an exam was given on the day the student was absent and to arrange with professor to complete the exam. Please see the policy on Medically Necessary Absences below.

Final Exam 100 points x 4 = 400 points

Engagement 100 points x 1 = 100 points

Engagement in the course is worth 10% of your grade, and refers to your relationship as a student to the course. An engaged student is one who is fully absorbed by and enthusiastic about the course and so takes positive and consistent action to further the student’s understanding of the material.

Engagement may be reflected by consistent (and meaningful) participation in class, completion of optional assignments, ongoing discussion with me as to the content of the course, and consistent, on-time completion of the out-of-class assignments.

The grade given for engagement is at the discretion of the Instructor. Points in this category may be earned or may be lost. You may lose points for engagement if you are actively disengaged during the class period, e.g. texting, chatting online, etc.

Total points 1000 points

A+ = 975-1000  B+ = 865-894  C+ = 765-794  D+ = 665-694  F = below 595
A = 935-974  B = 825-864  C = 725-764  D = 625-664
A- = 895-934  B- = 795-824  C- = 695-724  D- = 595-624

University Policies
http://www.ugst.umd.edu/courserelatedpolicies.html

Classroom Behavior
Class discussion, questions, expression of viewpoints, concerns, and opinions are encouraged. This classroom and my style are very informal. However, I require that all students speak in a non-offensive manner to other students, to the TA, and to me.

Special Guest Speakers. At various times during the semester, there will be special guest speakers who are relevant to the subject that we are discussing. Behavior and attendance during a special guest speaker is extremely important. I will not tolerate inappropriate behavior during a special guest speaker, and I will remove up to 25 points from your Engagement grade for inappropriate behavior. Inappropriate behavior includes texting from your cell phone, chatting or using Facebook on your laptop, or talking to other students while the guest speaker is speaking. Further, attendance at special guest speaker appointments is mandatory. The information provided by the guest speakers will be quizzed and tested heavily.

Use of Personal Technology
The use of personal technology, e.g. personal laptop computers, tablets, SmartPhones, is encouraged in this class to facilitate efficient notetaking and use of class time. Course notes and outlines will often be made available to students prior to each class period. Students are encouraged to download those materials and to use them during class time. If students are found to be using personal technology devices in any way that
is not specifically related to the day’s class discussion, then I may deduct up to 10 points from the student’s engagement grade for the first offense. On the second and subsequent offenses, students will be referred to the Departmental Director of Undergraduate Programs and/or the Office of Student Conduct for violating course policy on the use of personal computers in the classroom.

**Medically Necessitated Absences from Class**
The University shall excuse class absences that result from a student’s illness, provided the student complies with the procedures below. Procedures vary depending on the length and frequency of the absence and whether the absence occurs during a Major Scheduled Grading Event.

**Major Scheduled Grading Events and Prolonged Absences.** All Major Scheduled Grading Events are indicated on the attached schedule. Students who miss a Major Scheduled Grading Event due to illness or who have a prolonged absence due to illness (multiple consecutive absences due to the same illness) shall be required to provide his or her instructor with written documentation of the illness from the University Health Center or from his or her own health care provider. The University Health Center or health care provider shall verify dates of treatment and indicate the dates the student was unable to meet academic responsibilities.

**Excused Absences from Class.** Except during a Major Scheduled Grading Event, students may be excused from a single lecture, recitation or laboratory session one time per course per semester for a medically necessitated reason. The student should make a reasonable attempt to inform the instructor of his/her illness prior to the class, and present his or her instructor with a self-signed note attesting to the date of his or her illness. This note must include an acknowledgement: (a) that the information provided is true and correct, and (b) that the student understands that providing false information to University officials is a violation of Part 9(h) of the Code of Student Conduct.

For this course, all quizzes are not considered to be Major Scheduled Grading Events. When the student does not meet the quiz time limits or misses a quiz, the student will forfeit the opportunity to take the quiz and will receive a zero.

Because attendance is not recorded for lectures, there is no need for a student to provide a self-signed note or advanced notification for missing a lecture.

**Students with Disabilities**
I will make every effort to accommodate students who are registered with the Disability Support Services (DSS) Office and who provide me with a University of Maryland DSS Accommodation form. I am not able to accommodate students who are not registered with DSS or who do not provide me with documentation that has not been reviewed by DSS. Also, any student who wishes to take exams under the supervision of DSS must advise me at least one week prior to the exam.

**Lecture Material**
The lecture I deliver in this class and the course materials I create and distribute are protected by federal copyright law as my original works. My lectures are recorded or delivered from written lectures in order to insure copyright protection. You are permitted to take notes of my lectures and to use course materials for your use in this course. You may not record, reproduce or distribute my lectures/notes for any commercial purpose without my written consent. Persons who sell or distribute copies or modified copies of my course materials, possess commercial copies of my notes (i.e., Terpnotes), or assist another person or entity in selling or distributing those materials may be considered in violation of the University Code of Student Conduct, Part 9 (k).

**Academic Integrity**
Don’t cheat. All cases of suspected cheating will be submitted to the Student Honor Council and the Office of Judicial Programs.