Students will assist the professor to gather information about extra-legal punishment of alleged criminals around the world. Each student will be assigned a region to focus on, depending on their interests. The students will work together to build a database describing what types of vigilantism are prevalent in different countries. They will also gather information about how different forms of extra-legal punishment are viewed in their respective countries. Are beatings, lynchings, etc. viewed as justifiable punishment, or as human rights violations? This research will contribute to the professor’s book project about vigilantism.

**KEY LEARNING ACTIVITIES:**

Students will use online databases to gather data for this project, honing their library research skills. They will learn how to find newspaper articles from around the world, and they will learn how to organize and analyze primary source documents. They will also gain experience working in a research team, and they will be able to see how their research contributes to an academic book project. Substantively, the students will learn about the complexity of human rights, and they will gain a solid understanding of vigilante practices around the world. They will also have the opportunity to deepen their knowledge of a region of their choosing.