INTRODUCTION: NOTES ON THE HISTORY OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

REQUIRED:

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MODELS OF THE AMERICAN POLITICAL SYSTEM I: PLURALISM

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MODELS OF THE AMERICAN POLITICAL SYSTEM II:
MODERNIZATION AND “OLD INSTITUTIONALISM”

REQUIRED:
Federalist Papers 10, 47, 48, and 51.

RECOMMENDED:
MODELS OF THE AMERICAN POLITICAL SYSTEM III:

“BRINGING THE STATE BACK IN.”

REQUIRED:

RECOMMENDED:
POLITICAL CULTURE AND POLITICAL SYSTEMS

REQUIRED:


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INTEREST GROUPS

REQUIRED:


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POLITICAL PARTIES AND THE ELECTORAL MARKET

REQUIRED:


RECOMMENDED:


VOTING BEHAVIOR AND PUBLIC OPINION:
THE BEHAVIORAL MAINSTREAM(S)

REQUIRED:


RECOMMENDED:


**ELECTORAL POLITICS AND RATIONAL CHOICE**

**REQUIRED:**


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REALIGNMENT, DEALIGNMENT, MOBILIZATION, DEMOBILIZATION:
HISTORIC/SYSTEMIC PERSPECTIVES

REQUIRED:


RECOMMENDED:


**THE PRESIDENCY**

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BUREAUCRACY

REQUIRED:


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CONGRESS AND THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

REQUIRED:


RECOMMENDED:


**COURTS AND POLITICS**

**REQUIRED:**


*Marbury v. Madison*, 1 Cranch 136 (1803)


*U.S. v. Curtiss-Wright Export Corp.*, 299 US 304 (1936)


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*Additionally, WDB recommends a full issue of Yale Law Journal based on a symposium on Ackerman’s work ("Moments of Change: Transformation in American Constitutionalism"):*


This seminar is designed to give students an opportunity to confront a wide range of scholarly literature on American politics. Each segment has a reading list, divided into required and recommended. The latter items, some of which may come up in lecture, are a kind of field reading list.

The format is primarily that of lecture, but there will also be focused discussion. Individuals will be asked on a rotating basis to present specified segments of the required reading for the occasion.

Each student will be responsible for submitting 3 short papers of a "research note" character. Some possible topics will be suggested by the instructor, but one may choose to do something entirely different. These papers are not to exceed 10 pages each.

October 3, November 7 and December 12 these are firm due dates. There will also be a take-home exam. This will be given out on the last day of class (Dec. 5), and is due in my office or my departmental mailbox no later than Friday, Dec. 7, at 2 PM. The exam is to be completed in 2 1/2 hours (150 minutes) of writing time, and will be in the form of various essays.

The following books are on order at the Coop and are to be acquired there or elsewhere.

Jaumgartner, F., & Jones, B., AGENDAS & INSTABILITY IN AMERICAN POLITICS

Dahl, Robert A., A PREFACE TO DEMOCRATIC THEORY

Downs, Anthony, AN ECONOMIC THEORY OF DEMOCRACY

Ferguson, Thomas & Joel Rogers (eds.), THE POLITICAL ECONOMY

Harts, Louis, THE LIBERAL TRADITION IN AMERICA

Olson, Mancur, THE LOGIC OF COLLECTIVE ACTION

Popkin, Samuel, THE REASONING VOTER

Skowronek, Stephen, THE POLITICS PRESIDENTS MAKE

All other required materials will be available in a seminar packet at the start of the course. Be sure to take proof of enrollement with you when purchasing it.

1. Introduction: Notes on the History of Political Science in the USA


Recommended:

David M. Ricci, THE TRAGEDY OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

Raymond Sidelman & R.J. Naranch, DISENCCHANTED REALISTS

Bernard Crick, THE NEW AMERICAN SCIENCE OF POLITICS

Albert Smit & J. Tannenhaus, THE DEVELOPMENT OF AMERICAN POLITICAL SCIENCE

2. Models of the American Political System I: Pluralism

Robert A. Dahl, A PREFACE TO DEMOCRATIC THEORY (entire)


-Theodore Lowi, "The Public Philosophy: Interest-Group Liberalism"
2. Models I (cont.)  
Recommended:  
David B. Truman in  
60 APSR 285-196 (1966)  

3. Models of the American Political System I: Modernization & "Old Institutionalism"  
Samuel Huntington, Political Order in Changing Societies, Ch. 2.  
Recommended Papers: Nos. 10, 47, 48, 91  
Federaisizer:  
R. Brown, Modernization  
W. N. Chambers, Political Parties in a New Nation  
Louis Hartz (ed.), The Founding of New Societies, Chs. 1-4  
J. R. Pole, Political Representation in England and the Origins of the American Republic  

4. Models of the American Political System II: "Bringing the State Back In"  
Gabriel Almond, "The Return to the State," & critiques of this essay by E. Nordlinger, T. Lowi & S. Fabbri, 82 APSR 833-901 (1988)  
Ferguson & Rogers (eds.), The Political Economy: Essays by Lindblom (1.1), Block (1.4) and Przeworski & Wallerstein (3.7)  
Recommended:  
Jack L. Walker, Bringing the State Back in  
Theda Skocpol, States & Social Revolutions  
Ralph Miliband, The State in Capitalist Society  

5. Political Culture & Political System  
L. Hartz, The Liberal Tradition in America (esp. Chs. 1-3, 10, 11)  
Robert E. Lane, Political Ideology, pp 413-477  
Rogers Smith, Beyond deTocqueville, Myrdal & Hartz," 87 APSR 549-566 (1993)  
Recommended:  
W.D. Burnham, "Social Stress and Political Response: Religion & the 1980 election"  
G. Almond & S. Verba, The Civic Culture  
Donald J. Devine, "The Political Culture of the United States"
6. Interest Groups

Baugartner & Jones, AGENDAS & INSTABILITY IN AMERICAN POLITICS
Mancur Olson, THE LOGIC OF COLLECTIVE ACTION
Claus Offe, "Two Logics of Collective Action," in C. Offe, DISORGANIZED CAPITALISM, 170-220

Recommended:
E.E. Schattschneider, THE SEMISOVEREIGN PEOPLE

7. Political Parties & the Electoral Market

Douglas Hibbs, "Political Parties & Macroeconomic Policy," 71 APSR 1467-87 (1977)
W.D. Burnham, CRITICAL ELECTIONS..., Chapter 5
V.O. Key, Jr., SOUTHERN POLITICS, Ch. 14 ("Nature & Consequences of One-Party Factionalism")
Ferguson & Rogers, POLITICAL ECONOMY, essays by Offe (3.8) and Cameron (3.1).

Recommended:
John Aldrich, WHY PARTIES? (recent historic/rational-choice study)
David Mayhew, DIVIDED WE GOVERN
Martin P. Wattenberg: (1) THE DECLINE OF AMERICAN POLITICAL PARTIES;
(2) THE RISE OF CANDIDATE-CENTERED PARTIES
D. Menefee-Libey, THE TRIUMPH OF CAMPAIGN-CENTERED POLITICS
Sidney M. Milkis, POLITICAL PARTIES & CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT

8. Voting Behavior & Public Opinion: The Behavioral Mainstream(s)

A. Campbell, P. E. Converse, W. E. Miller, & D. E. Stokes, THE AMERICAN VOTER, Chs. 6, 8. 10
Samuel Popkin, THE REASONING VOTER

Recommended:
Norman Nie et al., THE CHANGING AMERICAN VOTER
Norris Fiorina, RETROSPECTIVE VOTING IN AMERICAN NATIONAL ELECTIONS
Benjamin Page & R. Shapiro, THE RATIONAL PUBLIC

9. Electoral Politics & Rational Choice

A. Downs, AN ECONOMIC THEORY OF DEMOCRACY
Dergunis & Rogers, THE POLITICAL ECONOMY, essays by Popkin et al.
(review Chs. 1 & 2 of Baugartner & Jones)
Recommended:

John Aldrich, WHY PARTIES? Many virtues, but concentrates on the "producers" (politicians) to near-exclusion of the "consumers" (voters, the public).

Some Classics would include:

William Riker, LIBERALISM AGAINST POPULISM (esp. discussion of absence in politics of naturally-occurring equilibria)

W. Riker & P. Ordeshook, AN INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL THEOR

D. C. Mueller, PUBLIC CHOICE

James Buchanan & G. Tullock, THE CALCULUS OF CONSENT

A significant, recent critique: Donald Green & I. Shapiro, PATHO-

LOGIES OF RATIONAL CHOICE

A recent controversy about Robert W. Bates et al., ANALYTIC NARRA-

TIVES: Jon Elster's review, "Rational Choice History: A Case of Exces-
sive Ambition" and rejoinders: 94 APSR 683-702 (2000); note references cited.

10. Realignment, Realignments, Mobilization, Demobilization: Historic/ Systemic Perspectivas

W.D. Burnham, "The Changing Shape of the American Political Uni-

verse", 59 APSR 7-28 (1965)


rebuttals by P. Converse & J. G. Rusk

David Brady, "A Re-evaluation of Realignments in American Politics,


Recommended: (A vast literature -- well over 500 titles of books & articles from Key (1955) through 1991, according to H. Bass' biblio-

ography in B. Shafer (ed.), THE END OF REALIGNMENT? Just a few are noted here in addition:

D. Brady, CRITICAL ELECTIONS & CONGRESSIONAL DECISION MAKING

W.D. Burnham, CRITICAL ELECTIONS & THE MAINSPRINGS OF AMERICAN POLITICS

J. D. Sundquist, DYNAMICS OF THE PARTY SYSTEM

Jerome Clubb, W. Flanagan & N. Zingale, PARTISAN REALIGNMENT

Lawrence C. Dodd & C. Jillison (eds.), DYNAMICS OF AMERICAN POLITICS

Cf. significant contributions by historians:

Paul Kleppner, CONTINUITY & CHANGE IN ELECTORAL POLITICS, 1893-

1928 (note Appendix A, "Realignment Theory Since Key")

Joel Silbey, THE AMERICAN POLITICAL NATION, 1838-1893

And concerning mobilization/demobilization issues:

Alexander Keyssar, THE RIGHT TO VOTE (cf. 2000 issues in this work)

Paul Kleppner, WHO VOTED? (1870s-1970s)

Michael McGerr, THE DECLINE OF POPULAR POLITICS (the North, 1865-

1928)

And some aspects of the present scene:

Raymond Wolfinger & S.J. Rosenstone, WHO VOTES?

Ruy Teixeira, WHY AMERICANS DON'T VOTE

W. D. Burnham, "The Turnout Problem", in A.J. Reichley (ed.), ELECTIONS AMERICAN STYLE
11. The Presidency

Stephen Skowronek, THE POLITICS PRESIDENTS MAKE
Peter W. Strobelich, "Bargaining & Overload," in A. Wildavsky (ed.),
PERSPECTIVES ON THE PRESIDENCY
James D. Barber, "Analyzing Presidents," in J. Manley (ed.),
AMERICAN GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC POLICY 3130312
E. S. Corwin, "Some Aspects of the Presidency," in Manley (ed.),
ibid., 302-313
Recommended:
Richard Neustadt, PRESIDENTIAL POWER & THE MODERN PRESIDENCY
James D. Barber, THE PRESIDENTIAL CHARACTER
Alexander George, "Assessing Presidential Character," in Wildavsky
(ed.), PERSPECTIVES, 91-135
Theodore Lowi, THE PERSONAL PRESIDENT
Jeffrey K. Tulis, THE RHETORICAL PRESIDENCY
Bert Rockman & C. Campbell (eds), THE CLINTON PRESIDENCY

12. Bureaucracy

Ferguson & Rogers (eds.), THE POLITICAL ECONOMY, essays by Stewart
2.10), Kurth (3.2) & Florina (2.11)
Charles Lindblom, "The Science of 'Muddling Through'"., in Brown &
Wahlke (eds.), THE AMERICAN POLITICAL SYSTEM, 253-262
Martin Rein & F. Rabinowitz, "Implementation: A Theoretical Pers-
pective," in W.D. Burnham & W.W. Weinberg (eds.). AMERICAN POLITICS &
PUBLIC POLICY, 307-325
Joel Aberbach & B.A. Rockman, "Clashing Beliefs within the Execu-
tive Branch"
Recommended:
Douglas Arnold, CONGRESS & THE BUREAUCRACY
Hugh Heclo, A GOVERNMENT OF STRANGERS
Anthony Downs, INSIDE BUREAUCRACY
Jeffrey Pressman & A. Wildavsky, IMPLEMENTATION
David H. Rosenbloom, BUILDING A LEGISLATIVE-CENTERED PUBLIC ADMIN-
ISTRATION, 1946-1999

13. Congress & the Legislative Process

Ferguson & Rogers, THE POLITICAL ECONOMY, essay by Huntington (2.9)
N. W. Polsby, "The Institutionalization of the House of Representa-
tives," 62 APSR 144-168 (1968)
A. Cover & D. Mayhew, "Congressional Dynamics & the Decline of Com-
petitive Congressional Elections," in L. C. Dodd & B. Oppenheimer (eds),
CONGRESS RECONSIDERED, 62-82
Barry Weingast & W.J. Marshall, "The Industrial Organization of
Congress"
Recommended:
Gary C. Jacobson et al., HANDBOOK OF LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
(4th or later ed); (2) ELECTORAL ORIGINS OF DIVIDED GOVERNMENT
Richard Fenno: (1) CONGRESSMEN IN COMMITTEES; (2) HOME STYLE;
(3) THE POWER OF THE PurSE; (4) CONGRESS AT THE CROSSROADS
POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS & PROCESSES (cont.)

13. Congress & the Legislative Process (cont.)

Recommended (cont.)
John Ferejohn, PORK BARREL POLITICS
Kenneth Shepsle, THE GIANT JIGSAW PUZZLE
David Mayhew: (1) CONGRESS: THE ELECTORAL CONNECTION; (2) AMERICA'S CONGRESS
James L. Sundquist, THE DECLINE & RESURGENCE OF CONGRESS

14. Courts & Politics

Clement Voss, "Litigation as a Form of Pressure-Group Activity, ibid.
684-696
Walter F. Murphy, "Marshalling the Courts, ibid., 697-717
Plus two cases:
Marbury v. Madison, 1 Cranch 136 (1803)
Recommended:
Sanford Levinson, CONSTITUTIONAL FAITH
Martin Shapiro, LAW & POLITICS IN THE SUPREME COURT
Walter F. Murphy, ELEMENTS OF JUDICIAL STRATEGY
бин as well as other recent studies, supra note 6, at 224-227. These studies have highlighted the role of interest groups in influencing Supreme Court decisions.

One must also add a most significant recent contribution: Bruce Ackerman, WE THE PEOPLE: FOUNDATIONS (1991);
TRANSFORMATIONS (1998). The most significant rethinking of American constitutional history, theory and dynamics in many decades. TRANSFORMATIONS was the subject of a symposium at Yale Law School, the proceedings of which were published in 108 YALE LAW QUARTERLY 1917-2349 (1999).
Both are strongly recommended to Americanist political scientists.