

**POL 6/70101-001—Seminar in American Politics and Policy**  
**Kent State University—Spring 2007**  
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11:45am; 3:15-4:40pm  
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**OVERVIEW:**

This course is the required seminar for the American politics and public policy field. Therefore, we will read, analyze and critique a sample of important literature from this field. The readings itemized below constitute a sample of research from subfields within the study of American politics. They vary by substantive focus, theoretical orientation, methodological approach, weight of contribution (some are seminal books/articles; others are recent refinements) and age (some are classic contributions; others are recent additions). In summary, the course readings are a blend of classic and contemporary research contributions to many subfields of American politics and policy that sample from the theoretical and methodological diversity of the fields. Finally, I selected many readings because of the implications of the research presented in them for understanding the policy-making process in the United States.

By reading and discussing this research, as well as by completing the course assignments itemized below, you will dig a solid foundation for understanding the field of American politics. However, if you are planning to take a field exam in American politics and public policy, merely understanding the contributions assigned for this course will not allow you to pass this exam. You will have to do additional reading in these areas. To give you a start on this reading, I have listed a limited number of “recommended” readings for each week.

**REQUIRED TEXTS:**

The books assigned below are available in the bookstore in the Kent State Student Center. You will be able to find many of the readings assigned below at JSTOR.

Books:

R. Douglas Arnold, *The Logic of Congressional Action*  
Frank Baumgartner and Bryan D. Jones, *The Politics of Attention*  
Daniel P. Carpenter, *The Forging of Bureaucratic Autonomy*  
Gary W. Cox and Mathew D. McCubbins, *Setting the Agenda: Responsible Party Government in the U.S. House of Representatives*  
Kevin M. Esterling, *The Political Economy of Political Expertise*  
James Stimson, *Tides of Consent: How Public Opinion Shapes American Politics*

Class Participation: This course is a seminar. Therefore, I expect you to participate actively in a discussion of the readings. In our discussions, we will consider issues such as the authors' theoretical contributions, how well authors tested hypotheses (if hypotheses are tested), the quality of data employed, the use of methods, how the research could have been improved, and future directions for research. Starting in week two, for seven of our meetings, you must write a 2-3 page (double spaced) paper arguing which reading is the "best" or "most limited" contribution, noting the theoretical and/or methodological grounds on which you base your decision (Please do not disregard this page requirement). For classes for which we have read books, choose one chapter. To be clear, I am not asking you to summarize a contribution. Nor I am asking you to compare it to other contributions we have read for the week. Rather, I am asking you to analyze the contribution in the way described above. It is my hope that, through discussion, and by writing these papers, you will become adept at critiquing literature, fostering success in future classes, on your exams and as you begin to conduct research. In summary, these short papers and your class participation will determine your class participation grade.

Book Review: For one of the books, you must complete a book review (6-8 pages). This review should be modeled after the reviews appearing in *Perspectives on Politics* (prior to 2003, these reviews appeared in the *American Political Science Review*) and the *Journal of Politics*. In your review, you should not only describe what the author did throughout the book but also provide a critical analysis of his/her success in conducting and explaining the research reported therein. Did the author provide a compelling theoretical perspective on the phenomenon s/he studied? Did his/her research provide compelling answers? Did s/he omit consideration of important phenomenon? What are the limitations of the research (Reviewers frequently discuss limitations as avenues for future research)? You must turn your review in before we discuss the book in class. Many of the books assigned have already been reviewed in print. Do not read these reviews prior to writing yours.

Article Assessments: For two of the weeks for which articles/chapters are assigned, you will write a paper in which you compare and contrast two of the articles/chapters (6-8 pages). What are the articles attempting to accomplish theoretically and/or methodologically? From what perspective(s) are they coming theoretically? How sound are their hypotheses? If they test hypotheses, do they test the hypotheses well? Are there methodological flaws? How solid are their findings? Do the articles reinforce/contradict one another? Does one build off of the other? You do not have to address all of these questions. Indeed, it would be difficult to do so within the page restriction. Instead, you should limit your critique to several questions at most. You may even decide that it is appropriate to focus on one of these questions—or another question not itemized above—in crafting your critique. In short, I'm asking you to do what we do in our class discussions but to put it in writing. You must turn these assessments in before we discuss the readings in class.

Final Exam: You will be required to complete a 15-20 page final examination in this course. This examination will be a take home examination in which you will respond to questions about the assigned readings. This exam is due to me by 5:00pm on Wed., May 10 (a week after our last meeting).

## **EVALUATION**

Class Participation (20%)  
Book Review (10%)  
Assessments (10% X 2 = 20%)  
Final Examination (50%)

A word on attendance: attendance is a necessary condition for effective participation; graduate students should not miss class.

## **SCHEDULE OF READINGS:**

I reserve the right to revise the schedule of reading assignments.

### **Class 1—Jan. 22: Some Approaches to Thinking about and Studying Politics**

Chong, Dennis. 1996. "Rational Choice Theory's Mysterious Rivals" in *The Rational Choice Controversy*, ed., Jeffrey Friedman. New Haven: Yale University Press.

Maltzman, Forrest, Lee Sigelman, and Sarah Binder. "Leaving Congress Feet First: Death in Congress." 1996. *PS: Political Science and Politics*. 29(Dec): 665-671. **JSTOR**

Padgett, John F., and Christopher K. Ansell. 1993. "Robust Action and the Rise of the Medici, 1400-1434." *American Journal of Sociology*. 98(May): 1259-1319. **JSTOR**

Rahn, Wendy M., John L. Sullivan, and Thomas J. Rudolph. 2002. "Political Psychology and Political Science." in *Thinking about Political Psychology*, ed. James H. Kuklinski. New York: Cambridge University Press.

### **(Some) Recommended Work:**

Hirschman, Albert O. 1970. *Exit, Voice, and Loyalty: Responses to the Decline in Firms, Organizations, and States*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press.

Granovetter, Mark S. 1973. "The Strength of Weak Ties." *American Journal of Sociology*. 78(May): 1360-1380.

Jones, Bryan D. 2001. *Politics and the Architecture of Choice: Bounded Rationality and Governance*. Chicago: The University of Chicago and Press.

Kinder, Donald R., and Thomas R. Palfrey. eds. 1993. *Experimental Foundations of Political Science*. Ann Arbor: The University of Michigan Press.

Kuklinski, James H (editor). 2002. *Thinking about Political Psychology*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

Lupia, Arthur, and Mathew D. McCubbins. 1998. *The Democratic Dilemma: Can Citizens Learn What They Need to Know*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

Pierson, Paul. 2000. "Increasing Returns, Path Dependence, and the Study of Politics." *American Political Science Review*. 94(June): 251-267.

Riker, William H. 1982. *Liberalism against Populism: A Confrontation between the Theory of Democracy and the Theory of Social Choice*. San Francisco: W.H. Freeman.

Riker, William H. 1982. "The Two Party System and Duverger's Law: An Essay on the History of Political Science." *American Political Science Review*. 76(Mar.): 1-16.

Simon, Herbert A. "Human Nature in Politics: The Dialogue of Psychology with Political Science." *American Political Science Review*. 79(June): 293-304.

### **Class 2—Jan. 29: Public Opinion I: Public Opinion Theory**

Zaller, John R. 1992. *The Nature and Origins of Mass Opinion*. New York: Cambridge University Press. (Ch. 2-6).

Alvarez, R. Michael., and John Brehem. 2002. *Hard Choices, Easy Answers*. Princeton: Princeton University Press. (Ch. 2-5)

### **Class 3—Feb. 5: Public Opinion II— Topics in Public Opinion**

Stimson, James A. 2004. *Tides of Consent: How Public Opinion Shapes American Politics*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

(Some) Recommended Work (Theory, Political Trust, Political Knowledge, Priming/Framing, the Role of Race, Stereotypes and Media Effects) on Public Opinion:

Alvarez, R. Michael., and John Brehem. 2002. *Hard Choices, Easy Answers*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

Alford, John R., Carolyn L. Funk, and John R. Hibbing. 2005. "Are Political Orientations Genetically Transmitted?" *American Political Science Review*. 99(May): 153-167.

Barabas, Jason. 2004. "How Deliberation Affects Policy Opinions." *American Political Science Review*. 98(Nov.): 687-701.

Baum, Matthew A. 2002. "Sex, Lies, and War: How Soft News Brings Foreign Policy to the Inattentive Public." *American Political Science Review*. 96(Mar.): 91-109.

Berinsky, Adam. J. 2002. "Silent Voices: Social Welfare Policy Opinions and Political Equality in America." *American Journal of Political Science*. 46(Apr.): 276-287. **JSTOR**

- Converse, Philip E. 1964. "The Nature of Belief Systems in Mass Publics." In *Ideology and Discontent*, ed. David E. Apter. New York: Free Press.
- Delli-Carpini, Michael X., and Scott Keeter. 1996. *What Americans Know about Politics and Why It Matters*. New Haven: Yale University Press.
- Druckman, James N. 2001. "On the Limits of Framing Effects: Who Can Frame?" *Journal of Politics*. 63(Nov): 1041-1066.
- Druckman, James N. 2004. "Political Preference Formation: Competition, Deliberation, and the (Ir)relevance of Framing Effects." *American Political Science Review*. 98(Nov): 671-686.
- Gilens, Martin. 1999. *Why Americans Hate Welfare: Race, Media, and the Politics of Antipoverty Policy*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
- Hetherington, Mark. 1998. "The Political Relevance of Political Trust." *American Political Science Review*. 92(Dec.) 791-808.
- Hibbing, John R., and Elizabeth Theiss-Morse, eds. 2001. *What Is It about the Government that Americans Dislike?* New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Iyengar, Shanto., and Donald R. Kinder. 1987. *News that Matters*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
- Lodge, Milton., Kathleen M. McGraw, and Patrick Stroh. 1989. "An Impression-Driven Model of Candidate Evaluation." *American Political Science Review*. 83(June): 399-419.
- Mendelberg, Tali. 2001. *The Race Card: Campaign Strategy, Implicit Messages, and the Norm of Equality*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.
- Nelson, Thomas E. 2004. "Policy Goals, Public Rhetoric, and Political Attitudes." *Journal of Politics*. 66(May): 581-605.
- Nelson, Thomas E., and Zoe M. Oxley. 1999. "Framing Effects on Belief Importance and Opinion." *Journal of Politics*. VOL. 61, NO. 4 (November) p.1040.
- Nelson, Thomas E., and Kinder, Donald R. 1996. "Issue Framing and Group-Centrism in American Public Opinion." *The Journal of Politics* 58: 1055-78.
- Nie, Norman, and Kristi Anderson. 1976. "Mass Belief Systems Revisited: Political Change and Attitude Structure." 36(Aug.): 540-591.
- Peffley, Mark., Jon Hurwitz, and Paul M. Sniderman. 1997. "Racial Stereotypes and Whites' Political Views of Blacks in the Context of Welfare and Crime." *American Journal Political Science*.

Sullivan, John L., James E. Piereson, and George E. Marcus. 1978. "Ideological Constraint in the Mass Public: A Methodological Critique and Some New Findings." *American Journal of Political Science*. 22(May): 233-249.

Uslaner, Eric. M. 2002. *The Moral Foundations of Trust*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

Zaller, John R. 1992. *The Nature and Origins of Mass Opinion*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

#### **Class 4—Feb. 12: Political Participation: Voting**

Campbell, Angus, Phillip E. Converse, Warren E. Miller, and Donald E. Stokes. 1960. *The American Voter*: New York: John Wiley and Sons. (Chapters 2, 6-8)

Downs, Anthony. 1957. *An Economic Theory of Democracy*. New York: Harper Collins Publishers. (Chapters 2-3)

Popkin, Samuel L. 1991. *The Reasoning Voter: Communication and Persuasion in Presidential Campaigns*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. (Chapters 1, 3-4)

#### **Class 5—Feb. 19: Topics in Political Participation**

Kuklinski, James H., Paul J. Quirk, Jennifer Jerit, David Schwider, and Robert F. Rich. 2000. "Misinformation and the Currency of Democratic Citizenship." *Journal of Politics*. 62(Aug.): 790-816. **JSTOR**

Powell, G. Bingham. 1986. "American Voter Turnout in Comparative Perspective." *American Political Science Review*. 80(Mar.): 17-43. **JSTOR**

Mutz, Diana. 2002. "The Consequences of Cross-Cutting Networks for Political Participation." *American Journal of Political Science*. 46(Oct.): 838-855. **JSTOR**

Nelson, Thomas E., Rosalee A. Clawson, and Zoe M. Oxley. 1997. "Media Framing of a Civil Liberties Conflict and Its Effect on Tolerance." *American Political Science Review*. 91(Sept.): 567-583. **JSTOR**

Rahn, Wendy. 1993. "The Role of Partisan Stereotypes in Information Processing about Political Candidates." *American Journal of Political Science*. 37(May): 472-496. **JSTOR**

#### **(Some) Recommended Work (Turnout, Vote Choice and Social Communication) on Political Participation:**

Alvarez, R. Michael. 1997. *Information and Elections*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press.

- Bartels, Larry M. 2000. "Partisanship and Voting Behavior, 1952-1996." *American Journal of Political Science*. 44(Jan.): 35-50.
- Campbell, Angus, Phillip E. Converse, Warren E. Miller, and Donald E. Stokes. 1960. *The American Voter*: New York: John Wiley and Sons.
- Downs, Anthony. 1957. *An Economic Theory of Democracy*. New York: Harper Collins Publishers.
- Fiorina, Morris P. 1981. *Retrospective Voting in American National Elections*. New Haven: Yale University Press.
- Gerber, Alan S., Donald P. Green, and Ron Shachar. 2003. "Voting May Be Habit-Forming: Evidence from a Randomized Field Experiment." *American Journal of Political Science* 47 (3, July): 540-550.
- Highton, Benjamin. 2004. "Voter Registration and Turnout in the United States." *Perspectives on Politics* 2(Sept.): 507-516.
- Highton, Benjamin., and Raymond Wolfinger E. 2001. "The First Seven Years of the Political Life Cycle." *American Journal of Political Science*. 45(Jan.): 202-209.
- Hinich, Melvin J., and Michael C. Munger. 1994. *Ideology and the Theory of Political Choice*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press.
- Huckfeldt, Robert. 2001. "The Social Communication of Political Expertise." *American Journal of Political Science*. 45(April): 425-438.
- Huckfeldt, Robert., Paul Allen Beck, Russell J. Dalton, Jeffrey Levine, and William Morgan. 1998. "Ambiguity, Distorted Messages, and Nested Environmental Effects on Political Communication." *Journal of Politics*. 60(Nov.): 996-1030.
- Huckfeldt, Robert., and John Sprague. 1995. *Citizens, Politics, and Social Communication: Information and Influence in an Election Campaign*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Lau, Richard R., and David P. Redlawsk. 2006. *How Voters Decide: Information Processing in Election Campaigns*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Leighley, Jan E. 1995. "Attitudes, Opportunities and Incentives - A Field Essay on Political Participation." *Political Research Quarterly* 48: 181-209.
- Leighley, Jan E., and Jonathan Nagler. 1992. "Socioeconomic Bias in Turnout 1964-1988: The Voters Remain the Same." *American Political Science Review* 86(Sept.): 725-736.
- Plutzer, Eric. 2002. "Becoming a Habitual Voter: Inertia, Resources and Growth in Young Adulthood." *American Political Science Review*. 96(Mar.): 41-56.

Popkin, Samuel L. 1991. *The Reasoning Voter: Communication and Persuasion in Presidential Campaigns*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Redlawsk, David. 2001. "You Must Remember This: A Test of the On-Line Model of Voting." *Journal of Politics*. 63(Feb.): 29-58.

Riker, William and Peter Ordeshook. 1968. "A Theory of the Calculus of Voting." *American Political Science Review* 62(Mar.): 25-42.

Rothenberg, Lawrence S. 1988. "Organizational Maintenance and the Retention Decision in Groups." *American Political Science Review*. 82: (Dec.): 1129-1152.

Squire, Peverill, Raymond E. Wolfinger, and David P. Glass. 1987. "Residential Mobility and Voter Turnout." *American Political Science Review* 81(Mar.): 45-66.

Verba, Sidney., Kay Lehman Schlozman, Henry E. Brady. 1995. *Voice and Equality: Civic Voluntarism in American Politics*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press.

Wolfinger, Raymond and Steven J. Rosenstone. 1980. *Who Votes?* New Haven: Yale University Press.

### **Class 6—Feb. 26: Parties and Elections**

Aldrich, John H. 1995. *Why Parties? The Origin and Transformation of Political Parties in America*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. (Chapter 2)

Carmines, Edward G., and James Stimson. 1981. "Issue Evolution, Population Replacement, and Partisan Change." *American Political Science Review*. 75(Mar.): 107-118. **JSTOR**

Downs, Anthony. 1957. *An Economic Theory of Democracy*. New York: HarperCollins. (Ch. 8).

Druckman, James N., Lawrence R. Jacobs, and Eric Ostermeier. 2004. "Candidate Strategies to Prime Issues and Image." *Journal of Politics*. 66(Nov.): 1180-1202.

Miller, Gary., and Norman Schofield. 2003. "Activists and Partisan Realignment in the United States." *American Political Science Review*. 97:(May): 245-260.

### **(Some) Recommended Work on Parties and Elections:**

Aldrich, John H., and James S. Coleman Battista. 2002. "Conditional Party Government in the States." *American Journal of Political Science*. 46(Jan.): 164-172.

Erikson, Robert S., Michael B. MacKuen, and James A. Stimson. 2002. *The Macro Polity*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

Jacobs, Lawrence R., and Robert Y. Shapiro. 2000. *Politicians Don't Pander: Political Manipulations and the Loss of Democratic Responsiveness*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Polsby, Nelson W. 1983. *Consequences of Party Reform*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Wattenberg, Martin P. 1998. *The Decline of American Political Parties, 1952-1996*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press.

### **Class 7—Mar. 5: Interest Groups**

Bachrach, Peter., and Morton S. Baratz. 1962. "Two Faces of Power." *American Political Science Review*. 56(Dec.): 947-952. **JSTOR**

Dahl, Robert. 1961. *Who Governs?* New Haven: Yale University Press. (Chapters 8, 10, 12).

Olson, Macur. 1965. *The Logic of Collective Action: Public Goods and the Theory of Groups*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press. (Chapter 1).

Truman, David. 1971. *The Governmental Process: Political Interests and Public Opinion*. 2<sup>nd</sup> edition. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, Inc. (Chapters 2, 4). Truman's original work was published in 1951.

#### **(Some) Recommended Work on Interest Groups:**

Austen-Smith, David., and John R. Wright. 1994. "Counteractive Lobbying." *American Journal of Political Science*. 38: 25-44.

Carpenter, Daniel P., Kevin Esterling, and David M. J. Lazar. 2004. "Friends, Brokers, and Transitivity: Who Informs Whom in Washington Politics." *Journal of Politics*. 66(Feb.): 224-246.

Hall, Richard L., and Frank W. Wayman 1990. "Buying Time: Moneyed Interests and the Mobilization of Bias in Congressional Committees," *American Political Science Review* 84 : 797-820.

Hansen, John Mark. 1991. *Gaining Access: Congress and the Farm Lobby, 1919-1981*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Hojnacki, Marie, and David C. Kimball. 1998. "Organized Interests and the Decision of Whom to Lobby in Congress" *American Political Science Review*. 92: 775-90.

Hojnacki, Marie, and David C. Kimball. 2001. "PAC Contributions and Lobbying Contacts in Congressional Committees." *Political Research Quarterly*. 54:161-80.

Kollman, Ken. 1997. "Inviting Friends to Lobby: Interest Groups, Ideological Bias, and Congressional Committees." *American Political Science Review*. 41(Apr): 519-544.

Kollman, Ken. 1998. *Outside Lobbying: Public Opinion and Interest Group Strategies*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

Moe, Terry. 1981. "Toward a Broader View of Interest Groups." *Journal of Politics*. 43 (May 1981): pp. 531-43.

Polsby, Nelson W. 1960. "How to Study Community Power: The Pluralist Alternative." *Journal of Politics*. 22(Aug.): 474-484.

Salisbury, Robert H. 1969. "An Exchange Theory of Interest Groups." *Midwest Journal of Political Science*. 8(Feb.): 1-32.

Schattscheider, E.E. 1960. *The Semisovereign People. A Realist's View of Democracy in America*. New York: Holt, Rinehart and Winston

Smith, Richard A. 1984. "Advocacy, Interpretation, and Influence in the U.S. Congress." *American Political Science Review*. 78(Mar.): 44-63.

Wright, John R. 1990. "Contributions, Lobbying, and Committee Voting in the U.S. House of Representatives," *American Political Science Review* (June 1990): 417-438.

Wright, John R. 1985. "PACs, Contributions, and Roll Calls: An Organizational Perspective." *American Political Science Review*. 79(June): 400-414.

### **Class 8—Mar. 12: Congress I, Members of Congress**

Arnold, R. Douglas. 1990. *The Logic of Congressional Action*. New Haven: Yale University Press.

### **Class 9—Mar. 19: Congress II, Congressional Organization**

Cox, Gary W., and Mathew D. McCubbins. 2007. *Setting the Agenda: Responsible Party Government in the U.S. House of Representatives*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

(Some) Recommended Work (The Organization of Congress, Committee Jurisdictions, Parties, Roll Call Voting and Institutional Change) on Congress:

Adler, E. Scott. 2002. *Why Congressional Reforms Fail*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Binder, Sarah A. "The Partisan Basis of Procedural Choice: Allocating Parliamentary Rights in the House, 1789-1990," *American Political Science Review* 90 (March 1996): 8-20.

- Binder, Sarah A. 1997. *Minority Rights, Majority Rule: Partisanship and the Development of Congress*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Brady, David W., and David Epstein. 1997. "Intra-Party Preferences, Heterogeneity & the Origins of the Modern Congress: Progressive Reformers in the House and Senate, 1890-1920." *Journal of Law, Economics & Organization* 13: 26-49.
- Cooper, Joseph and Cheryl D. Young. 1989. "Bill Introduction in the Nineteenth Century: A Study of Institutional Change," *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 14(Feb): 67-105.
- Cox, Gary W., and Mathew D. McCubbins. 1993. *Legislative Leviathan: Party Government in the House*. Berkeley: University of California Press.
- Dodd, Lawrence C. 1977. "Congress and the Quest for Power," in *Congress Reconsidered*, eds., Lawrence C. Dodd and Bruce I. Oppenheimer. Washington, DC: CQ Press.
- Fenno Jr., Richard F. 1973. *Congressmen in Committees*. Boston: Little, Brown, & Company.
- Gamm, Gerald and Kenneth Shepsle, "Emergence of Legislative Institutions: Standing Committees in the House and Senate: 1810-1825," *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 14 (February 1989): 39-66.
- Hall, Richard. 1996. *Participation in Congress*. New Haven: Yale University Press.
- King, David C. 1997. *Turf Wars: How Congressional Committees Claim Jurisdiction*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
- Krehbiel, Keith. 1991. *Information and Legislative Organization*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press.
- McCarty, Nolan, Keith T. Poole, and Howard Rosenthal. 2001. "The Hunt for Party Discipline in Congress." *American Political Science Review*. 95(Sept.): 673-688.
- Maltzman, Forrest. 1997. *Competing Principals: Committees, Parties, and the Organization of Congress*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press.
- Mayhew, David. 1974. *Congress: The Electoral Connection*. New Haven: Yale University Press.
- Polsby, Nelson W. "The Institutionalization of the U.S. House of Representatives," *American Political Science Review* 62: 144-168.
- Roberts, Jason M., and Steven S. Smith. 2003. "Procedural Contexts, Party Strategy, and Conditional Party Voting in the U.S. House of Representatives, 1971-2000." *American Journal of Political Science*. 47(Apr): 305-317.
- Rohde, David W. 1991. *Parties and Leaders in the Postreform House*. Chicago: University of

Chicago Press.

Shepsle, Kenneth. 1979. "Institutional Arrangements and Equilibrium in Multidimensional Voting Models." *American Journal of Political Science*. 23 (Feb): 27-59.

Shepsle, Kenneth and Barry R. Weingast. 1987. "The Institutional Foundations of Committee Power." *American Political Science Review*. 81(Mar): 85-104.

Schickler, Eric. 2001. *Disjointed Pluralism: Institutional Innovation and the Development of the U.S. Congress*. Princeton: University of Princeton Press.

Sinclair, Barbara. 1995. *Legislators, Leaders, and Lawmaking : the U.S. House of Representatives in the Postreform Era*. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press.

Stewart, Charles H., III. 1989. *Budget Reform Politics: The Design of the Appropriations Process in the House of Representatives, 1865-1921*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

Wawro, Gregory. 2000. *Legislative Entrepreneurship in the U.S. House of Representatives*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press.

Weingast, Barry R., and William Marshall. 1988. "The Industrial Organization of Congress; or Why Legislatures, Like Firms, Are not Organized as Markets." *Journal of Political Economy*. 96: 132-163.

### **Class 10—Apr. 2: The Presidency**

Deering, Christopher J., and Forrest Maltzman. 1999. "The Politics of Executive Orders: Legislative Constraints on Presidential Power." *Political Research Quarterly*. 52(Dec.): 767-783. **JSTOR**

Krause, George A., and Jeffrey E. Cohen. 2000. "Opportunity, Constraints, and the Development of the Institutionalized Presidency: The Issuance of Executive Orders, 1939-96." *Journal of Politics*. 62(Feb): 88-114. **JSTOR**

Moe, Terry M. 1985. "The Politicized Presidency." In *New Directions in American Politics*, eds. John E. Chubb and Paul E. Peterson. Washington, DC: Brookings.

Ragsdale, Lyn and John J. Theis, III. 1997. "The Institutionalization of the American Presidency." *American Political Science Review*. 41(Oct): 1280-1318. **JSTOR**

Young, Garry., and William B. Perkins. 2005. "Presidential Rhetoric, the Public Agenda, and the End of Presidential Television's 'Golden Age.'" *Journal of Politics*. 67(Nov.): 1190-1205.

(Some) Recommended Work on the Presidency:

Cohen, Jeffrey E. 1997. *Presidential Responsiveness and Public Policy-Making: The Public and the Policies that Presidents Choose*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press.

Edwards, George E. 2003. *On Deaf Ears: The Limits of the Bully Pulpit*. New Haven: Yale University Press.

Edwards, George E., John H. Kessel, and Bert A. Rockman. 1997. *Researching the Presidency: Vital Questions, New Approaches*. Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press.

Howell, William G. 2003. *Power without Persuasion: The Politics of Direct Presidential Action*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

Kernell, Samuel. 1993. *Going Negative: New Strategies of Presidential Leadership*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Washington, DC: CQ Press

Lowi, Theodore J. 1985. *The Personal President: Power Invested Promise Unfulfilled*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press.

Mayer, Kenneth R. 2001. *With the Stroke of a Pen: Executive Orders and Presidential Power*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

Neustadt, Richard E. 1990. *Presidential Power and the Modern Presidents*. New York: The Free Press (First edition, 1960).

### **Class 11—Apr. 9: The Bureaucracy**

Carpenter, Daniel P. 2001. *The Forging of Bureaucratic Autonomy: Reputations, Networks, and Policy Innovation in Executive Agencies, 1862-1928*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

#### **(Some) Recommended Work on the Bureaucracy:**

Brehm, John and Scott Gates. 1997. *Working, Shirking, and Sabotage: Bureaucratic Response to a Democratic Public*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press.

Carpenter, Daniel P. 2004. "Protection without Capture: Product Approval by a Politically Responsive, Learning Regulator." *American Political Science Review*. 98(Nov.): 613-631.

Carpenter, Daniel P. 2002. "Groups, the Media, Agency Waiting Costs, and FDA Drug Approval." *American Journal of Political Science*. 46(July): 490-505.

Downs, Anthony. 1966. *Inside Bureaucracy*. Boston: Little, Brown and Company.

Heclo, Hugh. 1977. *A Government of Strangers: Executive Politics in Washington*. Washington, DC: Brookings.

Horn, Murray J. 1995. *The Political Economy of Public Administration: Institutional Choice in the Public Sector*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

Kerwin, Cornelius M. 1999. *Rulemaking: How Government Agencies Write Law and Make Policy*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition. Washington, DC: CQ Press.

Krause, George A. 1999. *A Two-Way Street: The Institutional Dynamics of the Modern Administrative State*. Pittsburgh, PA: University of Pittsburgh Press.

Krause, George A. "Coping with Uncertainty: Analyzing Risk Propensities of SEC Budgetary Decisions, 1949-97." *American Political Science Review*. 97(Feb.): 171-188.

Lipsky, Micahel. 1980. *Street-Level Bureaucracy: Dilemmas of the Individual in Public Services*. New York: Russell Sage Foundation.

Noll, Roger G. 1985. "Government Regulatory Behavior: A Multidisciplinary Survey and Synthesis." In *Regulatory Policy and the Social Sciences*, ed. Roger G. Noll. Berkeley: University of California Press.

Rothenberg, Lawrence S. 1994. *Regulation, Organizations, and Politics: Motor Freight Policy at the Interstate Commerce Commission*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press.

Wilson, James Q. 1989. *Bureaucracy*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition. New York: Basic Books.

### **Class 12—Apr. 16: The Courts**

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- Martin, Andrew D. 2001. "Congressional Decision Making and the Separation of Powers." *American Political Science Review* 95(June): 361-378.

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