

AMERICAN POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS  
(Political Science 520)  
FALL 2013 SYLLABUS

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**PURPOSE.** The primary goal of this course is to introduce graduate students to the study of American politics. The course is designed as a survey of the literature; as such, it does not provide a comprehensive treatment of all possible topics in American politics. The readings are organized topically around a core set of substantive research questions and key scholarly debates. As the title of the course implies, we will review research on the major institutional actors in American politics, but we will also study the ways in which the public exerts influence on and is influenced by these institutions. Readings were chosen based on a number of (sometimes conflicting) criteria, such as: importance to the development of the literature (especially “classics” in the field), contemporary research that addresses centrally important theoretical and empirical questions, and pieces that succinctly convey central theories and approaches in the literature. Upon completion of the course, students will have a broad familiarity with the theories, approaches, and questions that animate this field.

A second goal of this course is to critically evaluate existing research, particularly with respect to theoretical rigor, research design, and the links between theoretical claims and empirical tests. Part of our discussion each week should involve the consideration of alternative theories and different empirical/methodological approaches. Students are encouraged to use these opportunities to motivate their own research.

Finally, this course will also serve as an opportunity to introduce students to the discipline’s professional norms and expectations.

**REQUIREMENTS.** To facilitate the process of evaluating the field of American politics, students are expected to closely read the material before class and come prepared to discuss it. The success of this course depends on the active participation of all class members. Thus, attendance at all class meetings is a natural expectation of the course.

Each student will be responsible for leading at least one of the class discussions. (The exact number of presentations will depend on the course enrollment.) In 10-15 minutes, discussion leaders should offer a brief overview of the material for the week, with a particular focus on

distinguishing competing theories, insights, and empirical approaches while also synthesizing the material's contributions to knowledge. These presentations should identify a set of questions that will motivate the discussion that follows.

Students will also submit short response papers to the assigned readings. Students are required to submit papers for **six** of the thirteen weeks of readings. These papers should be 3-4 pages in length (typed and double-spaced), but absolutely no longer. Hard copies are due in class each week. No e-mailed or late papers will be accepted. These papers should a) identify a specific research question related to the week's readings and b) properly situate this research question by situating it within existing literature. These response papers should resemble the literature review section found in a journal publication.

Finally, each student will take a final exam that is modeled after a comprehensive exam. On the final day of class, I will distribute six questions, of which students will choose three to answer. Each answer should be approximately 5-8 double-spaced, typewritten pages, and students will have 48 hours to e-mail back their completed exam. *Please make arrangements now to clear your schedule so that you have sufficient time to complete the exam.*

The final exam will count 30 percent of your total grade, response papers will count 30 percent of your total grade, and the other two components (participation and discussion-leading) will each count 20 percent.

**READINGS.** The books listed below are assigned reading for the course. *I strongly encourage you to purchase all the books on the syllabus as it is a good way to begin building your library.* Copies of individual chapters from books not on this list will be available through electronic reserves. We will also read a number of journal articles, which you can access electronically through the university library's website. Book chapters and some articles are available through e-reserves (<http://ares.wustl.edu>).

For most weeks, a supplementary list of optional readings is provided. These readings are not required for the course. Depending on your personal research interests, however, these readings may be extremely helpful for thinking about the topics that interest you. They also may be helpful to students writing response papers, as these additional readings may help construct a more comprehensive and thoughtful literature review. They also may be helpful for the purposes of extending the class discussion.

Assigned Books:

- Cameron, Charles M. 2000. *Veto Bargaining: Presidents and the Politics of Negative Power*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Carpenter, Daniel P. 2001. *The Forging of Bureaucratic Autonomy*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.
- Cox, Gary, and Mathew McCubbins. 2005. *Setting the Agenda*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Dahl, Robert. 1961. *Who Governs?* New Haven: Yale University Press.
- Dawson, Michael C. 1994. *Behind the Mule*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.
- Downs, Anthony. 1957. *An Economic Theory of Democracy*. New York: Harper & Row.
- Gailmard, Sean, and John W. Patty. 2012. *Learning While Governing*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
- Green, Donald P., Bradley Palmquist, and Eric Schickler. 2002. *Partisan Hearts and Minds*. New Haven: Yale University Press.
- Howell, William G. 2003. *Power Without Persuasion*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.
- Howell, William G., Saul P. Jackman, and Jon C. Rogowski. 2013. *The Wartime President: Executive Influence and the Nationalizing Politics of Threat*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press
- Krehbiel, Keith. 1998. *Pivotal Politics: A Theory of U.S. Lawmaking*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
- Oliver, J. Eric. 2012. *Local Elections and the Politics of Small Scale Democracy*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.
- Olson, Mancur. 1965. *The Logic of Collective Action*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Sears, David O., Jim Sidanius, and Lawrence Bobo. 2000. *Racialized Politics: Debates About Racism in America*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
- Segal, Jeffrey, and Harold Spaeth. 2002. *The Supreme Court and the Attitudinal Model Revisited*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Sinclair, Betsy. 2012. *The Social Citizen*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
- Smith, Steven S. 2007. *Party Influence in Congress*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Zaller, John. 1992. *The Nature and Origins of Mass Opinion*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

## COURSE OUTLINE

### Week 1. (August 27)

### Introduction

No readings

### Week 2. (September 3)

### Theories of and Approaches to Studying Politics

Almond, Gabriel. 1996. "Political Science: The History of the Discipline." In *A New Handbook of Political Science*. Eds. Robert E. Goodin and Hans-Dieter Klingemann. New York: Oxford University Press.

#### *A. Spatial Models*

Hinich, Melvin J., and Michael C. Munger. 1997. "Analytical Politics." New York: Cambridge University Press. Chapters 1 & 2.

#### *B. Rational Choice Institutionalism*

Riker, William. H. 1990. "Political Science and Rational Choice." In *Perspectives on Positive Political Economy*. ed. James E. Alt and Kenneth A. Shepsle. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Weingast, Barry R. 2002. "Rational-Choice Institutionalism." In *Political Science: State of the Discipline* Eds. Ira Katznelson and Helen V. Milner. New York: W.W. Norton and Co.

#### *C. Non-Rational Choice Institutionalism*

Pierson, Paul, and Theda Skocpol. 2002. "Historical Institutionalism in Contemporary Political Science." In *Political Science: State of the Discipline*, eds. Ira Katznelson and Helen V. Milner. New York: W.W. Norton and Co.

Smith, Rogers M. 1996. "Science, Non-Science and Politics." In *The Historic Turn in Human Science*, ed. Terrence J. McDonald. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press.

#### *D. Organizational Theory and Principal Agent Models*

Allison, Graham T. "Conceptual Models and the Cuban Missile Crisis." *American Political Science Review* 63: 689-718.

Miller, Gary J. 2005. "The Political Evolution of Principal-Agent Models." *Annual Review of Political Science* 8:203-225.

#### *E. Political Psychology*

Chong, Dennis, and James N. Druckman. 2007. "Framing Theory." *Annual Review of Political Science* 10:103-126.

McGuire, William J. 1993. "The Poly-Psy Relationship: Three Phases of a Long Affair." In *Explorations in Political Psychology*. Ed. Shanto Iyengar and William J. McGuire. Durham, NC: Duke University Press.

*F. Network Analysis*

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

Ward, Michael D., Katherine Stovel, and Audrey Sacks. 2011. "Network Analysis and Political Science." *Annual Review of Political Science* 14: 245-264.

**Week 3. (September 10)**

**Ideology and Public Opinion**

Achen, Chris. 1975. "Mass Political Attitudes and the Survey Response." *American Political Science Review* 69: 1218-1231.

Campbell, Angus, Philip Converse, Warren Miller, and Donald Stokes. 1960. *The American Voter*. New York: Wiley. Chapter 9.

Converse, Philip E. 1964. "The Nature of Belief Systems in Mass Public." In *Ideology and Discontent*, ed. David Apter. Free Press of Glencoe.

Druckman, James N. 2004. "Political Preference Formation: Competition, Deliberation, and the (Ir)relevance of Framing Effects," *American Political Science Review* 98: 671-686.

Feldman, Stanley. 1988. "Structure and Consistency in Public Opinion: The Role of Core Beliefs and Values." *American Journal of Political Science* 32: 416-440.

Zaller, John. 1992. *The Nature and Origins of Mass Opinion*. New York: Cambridge University Press. Chapters 1-5.

*Optional:*

Ansola-behere, Stephen, Jonathan Rodden, and James M. Snyder, Jr. 2008. "The Strength of Issues: Using Multiple Measures to Gauge Preference Stability, Ideological Constraint, and Issue Voting." *American Political Science Review* 102: 215-232.

Baldassarri, Delia, and Andrew Gelman. 2008. "Partisans without Constraint: Political Polarization and Trends in American Public Opinion." *American Journal of Sociology* 114: 408-46.

Druckman, James D., Erik Peterson, and Rune Slothuus. 2013. "How Elite Partisan Polarization Affects Public Opinion Formation." *American Political Science Review* 107: 57-79.

Lee, Taeku. 2002. *Mobilizing Public Opinion*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. Introduction & Chapter 1.

**Week 4. (September 17)****Elections and Vote Choice**

- Ansolabehere, Stephen, James Snyder, and Charles Stewart. 2001. "Candidate Positioning in U.S. House Elections." *American Journal of Political Science* 45:136-159.
- Bartels, Larry M. 1996. "Uninformed Votes: Information Effects in Presidential Elections." *American Journal of Political Science* 40: 194-230.
- Downs, Anthony. 1957. *An Economic Theory of Democracy*. New York: Harper & Row. Chapters 1, 3, 7, 8, 14.
- Groseclose, Timothy. 2001. "A Model of Candidate Location When One Candidate Has a Valence Advantage." *American Journal of Political Science* 45: 862-886.
- Lupia, Arthur. 1994. "Shortcuts Versus Encyclopedias: Information and Voting Behavior in California Insurance Reform Elections." *American Political Science Review* 88: 63-76.

*Optional:*

- Althaus, Scott L. 1998. "Information Effects in Collective Preferences." *American Political Science Review* 92: 545-558.
- Carmines, Edward G., and James A. Stimson 1980. "The Two Faces of Issue Voting." *American Political Science Review* 74: 78-91.
- Fox, Justin, and Kenneth Shotts. 2009. "Delegates or Trustees? A Theory of Political Accountability." *Journal of Politics* 71: 1225-1237.

**Week 5. (September 24)****Participation**

- Aldrich, John H. 1993. "Rational Choice and Turnout." *American Journal of Political Science* 37: 246-278.
- Brady, Henry E., Sidney Verba, and Kay Lehman Schlozman. 1995. "Beyond SES: A Resource Model of Political Participation." *American Political Science Review* 89: 271-294.
- Feddersen, Timothy J. and Wolfgang Pesendorfer. 1999. "Abstention in Elections with Asymmetric Information and Diverse Preferences." *American Political Science Review* 93:381-398.
- Gerber, Alan S, and Donald P. Green 2000. "The Effects of Canvassing, Telephone Calls, and Direct Mail on Voter Turnout: A Field Experiment." *American Political Science Review* 94: 653-663.
- Rosenstone, Stephen, and John Mark Hansen. 1993. *Mobilization, Participation, and Democracy in America*. New York: Macmillan. Chapters 1 & 2.
- Sinclair, Betsy. 2012. *The Social Citizen*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. Chapters 1-3, 6.

*Optional:*

Fowler, James H., Laura A. Baker, and Christopher T. Dawes. 2008. "Genetic Variation in Political Participation." *American Political Science Review* 102: 233-248.

Lassen, David D. 2005. "The Effect of Information on Voter Turnout: Evidence from a Natural Experiment." *American Journal of Political Science* 49: 103-118.

MacDonald Michael, P., and Samuel L. Popkin. 2001. "The Myth of the Vanishing Voter." *American Political Science Review* 95: 963-974.

## **Week 6. (October 1)**

## **Race and Class**

Bartels, Larry. 2008. *Unequal Democracy: The Political Economy of the New Gilded Age*. Princeton: Princeton University Press. Chapters 1, 3, 5.

Cohen, Cathy J. 1999. *Boundaries of Blackness*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. Chapters 1 & 2.

Dawson, Michael C. 1994. *Behind the Mule*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

Gilens, Martin. 1996. "'Race Coding' and White Opposition to Welfare." *American Political Science Review* 90: 593-604.

Kim, Claire Jean. 1999. "The Racial Triangulation of Asian Americans." *Politics and Society* 27: 105-138.

Sears, David O., Carl P. Hensler, and Leslie K. Speer. 1979. "Whites' Opposition to Busing: Self-Interest or Symbolic Politics?" *American Political Science Review* 73: 369-384.

Sears, David O., Jim Sidanius, and Lawrence Bobo. 2000. *Racialized Politics: Debates About Racism in America*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. Chapters 1-3, 5, 8, 10-12.

*Optional:*

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

Kinder, Donald R., and Lynn M. Sanders. 1996. *Divided by Color*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Sniderman, Paul M., and Thomas L. Piazza. 1993. *The Scar of Race*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press.

Uhlener, Carole J. 1989. "Rational Turnout: The Neglected Role of Groups." *American Journal of Political Science* 33: 390-422.

**Week 7. (October 8)****Interest Groups**

- Hall, Richard and Frank Wayman. 1990. "Buying Time: Moneyed Interest and the Mobilization of Bias in Congressional Committees." *American Political Science Review* 84: 797-820.
- Kollman, Ken. 1997. "Inviting Friends to Lobby: Interest Groups, Ideological Bias, and Congressional Committees." *American Journal of Political Science* 41: 519-544.
- Olson, Mancur. 1965. *The Logic of Collective Action*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press. Chapters 1, 2, 5, 6.
- Salisbury, Robert H. 1969. "An Exchange Theory of Interest Groups." *Midwest Journal of Political Science* 13:1-32.
- Walker, Jack. 1983. "The Origins and Maintenance of Interest Groups in America." *American Political Science Review* 77: 390-406.

*Optional:*

- Campbell, Andrea L. 2002. "Self-Interest, Social Security, and the Distinctive Participation Patterns of Senior Citizens." *American Political Science Review* 96: 565-74.
- Hall, Richard L., and Alan V. Deardorff. 2006. "Lobbying as Legislative Subsidy." *American Political Science Review* 100: 69-84.
- Hansen, John Mark. 1985. "The Political Economy of Group Membership." *American Political Science Review* 79: 79-96.
- Tichenor, Daniel J., and Richard A. Harris. 2005. "The Development of Interest Group Politics in America: Beyond the Conceits of Modern Times." *Annual Review of Political Science* 8: 251-270.

**Week 8. (October 15)****Parties**

- Aldrich, John H. 1995. *Why Parties? The Origin and Transformation of Party Politics in America*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. Chapters 1 & 2.
- American Political Science Association. 1950. "Towards a More Responsible Two-Party System: A Report of the Committee on Political Parties." *American Political Science Review* 44: 15-36.
- Bartels, Larry M. 2000. "Partisanship and Voting Behavior, 1952-1996." *American Journal of Political Science* 44: 35-50.
- Cohen, Marty, David Karol, Hans Noel, and John Zaller. 2008. *The Party Decides: Presidential Nominations Before and After Reform*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. Chapters 1-3.
- Green, Donald P., Bradley Palmquist, and Eric Schickler. 2002. *Partisan Hearts and Minds*. New Haven: Yale University Press. Chapters 1-4.



Krehbiel, Keith. 1993. "Where's the Party?" *British Journal of Political Science* 23: 235-266.  
Snyder, James M., and Michael M. Ting. 2002. "An Informational Rationale for Political Parties." *American Journal of Political Science* 46: 90-110.

*Optional:*

Gibson, James L., Cornelius P. Cotter, John F. Bibby, and Robert J. Huckshorn. 1985. "Whither the Local Parties?: A Cross-Sectional and Longitudinal Analysis of the Strength of Party Organizations." *American Journal of Political Science* 29: 139-160.

Hetherington, Mark J. 2001. "Resurgent Mass Partisanship: The Role of Elite Polarization." *American Political Science Review* 95: 619-631.

MacKuen, Michael B., Robert S. Erikson, and James A. Stimson. 1989. "Macropartisanship." *American Political Science Review* 83: 1125-1142.

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

**Week 9. (October 22)**

**Congress/Legislative Politics**

Cox, Gary, and Mathew McCubbins. 2005. *Setting the Agenda*. Chapters 1-3, 10-11. New York: Cambridge University Press.

Krehbiel, Keith. 1992. *Information and Legislative Organization*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press. Chapters 1-3.

Krehbiel, Keith. 1998. *Pivotal Politics: A Theory of U.S. Lawmaking*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. Chapters 1-5.

McCarty, Nolan, Keith Poole, and Howard Rosenthal. 2006. *Polarized America: The Dance of Ideology and Unequal Riches*. Cambridge: MIT Press. Chapters 1 & 2.

Schickler, Eric. 2000. "Institutional Change in the House of Representatives, 1867-1998: A Test of Partisan and Ideological Power Balance Models." *American Political Science Review* 94: 269-288.

Shepsle, Ken, and Barry Weingast. 1994. "Positive Theories of Congressional Institutions." *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 19: 149-179.

Smith, Steven S. 2007. *Party Influence in Congress*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

*Optional:*

Cox, Gary, and Mathew McCubbins. 1993. *Legislative Leviathan: Party Government in the House*. Berkeley: University of California Press. Chapters 4, 5, 7.

Dion, Douglas, and John D. Huber. 1996. "Procedural Choice and The House Committee on Rules." *Journal of Politics* 58: 25-53.

- Krehbiel, Keith. 1997. "Restrictive Rules Reconsidered." *American Journal of Political Science* 41: 919-944.
- Mayhew, David. 1974. *Congress: The Electoral Connection*. New Haven, CT: Yale University Press. Intro and Chapter 1.
- Mayhew, David. 2005. *Divided We Govern*. New Haven: Yale University Press. Chapters 1 & 2.
- Rohde, David. 1991. *Parties and Leaders in the Postreform House*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. Chapters 1 & 2.
- Schickler, Eric. 2001. *Disjointed Pluralism: Institutional Innovation and the Development of the U.S. Congress*. Princeton: Princeton University Press. Chapter 1.
- Snyder, James M. Jr., and Tim Groseclose. 2001. "Estimating Party Influence in Congressional Roll-Call Voting." *American Journal of Political Science* 44: 193-211.

### **Week 10. (October 29)**

### **Presidency/Executive Politics**

- Cameron, Charles M. 2000. *Veto Bargaining: Presidents and the Politics of Negative Power*. New York: Cambridge University Press. Chapters 1-6.
- Canes-Wrone, Brandice, and Kenneth W. Shotts. 2004. "The Conditional Nature of Presidential Responsiveness to Public Opinion." *American Journal of Political Science* 48: 690-706.
- Canes-Wrone, Brandice, Michael C. Herron, and Kenneth W. Shotts. 2001. "Leadership and Pandering: A Theory of Executive Policymaking," *American Journal of Political Science* 45: 532-50.
- Canes-Wrone, Brandice, William G. Howell, and David E. Lewis 2008. "Toward a Broader Understanding of Presidential Power: A Re-Evaluation of the Two Presidencies Thesis." *Journal of Politics* 70: 1-16.
- Howell, William G. 2003. *Power Without Persuasion*. Princeton: Princeton University Press. Chapters 1-4.
- Neustadt, Richard E. 1990. *Presidential Power and the Modern Presidents: The Politics of Leadership*. The New American Library. Chapters 1-3.
- Reeves, Andrew. 2011. "Political Disaster: Unilateral Powers, Electoral Incentives, and Presidential Disaster Declarations." *Journal of Politics* 73: 1142-1151.

### *Optional:*

- Kernell, Samuel. 1993. *Going Public*. Washington, D.C.: CQ Press. Chapters 1 & 2.
- McCarty, Nolan. 2000. "Presidential Pork: Executive Veto Power and Distributive Politics." *American Political Science Review* 94: 117-129.
- McCarty, Nolan and Timothy Groseclose. 2000. "The Politics of Blame: Bargaining before an Audience," *American Journal of Political Science*. 45: 100-119.

**Week 11. (November 5)****Courts/Judicial Politics\*\***

- Bailey, Michael, and Forrest Maltzman. 2008. "Does Legal Doctrine Matter: Unpacking Law and Policy Preferences on the U.S. Supreme Court." *American Political Science Review* 102: 369-384.
- Bergara, Mario, Barak Richman, and Pablo Spiller. 2003. "Modeling Supreme Court Strategic Decision Making: The Congressional Constraint." *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 28: 247-280.
- Black, Ryan C., and Ryan J. Owens. 2009. "Agenda Setting in the Supreme Court: The Collision of Policy and Jurisprudence." *Journal of Politics* 71: 1062-75.
- Epstein, Lee, and Jack Knight. 2000. "Field Essay: Toward a Strategic Revolution in Judicial Politics: A Look Back, A Look Ahead." *Political Research Quarterly* 53: 625-661.
- Gibson, James L. 2009. "'New Style' Judicial Campaigns and the Legitimacy of State High Courts." *Journal of Politics* 71: 1285-1304.
- Huber, Gregory A., and Sanford C. Gordon. 2004. "Accountability and Coercion: Is Justice Blind When It Runs for Office?" *American Journal of Political Science* 48: 247-263.
- Maltzman, Forrest, James F. Spriggs, II, and Paul J. Wahlbeck. 2000. *Crafting Law on the Supreme Court: The Collegial Game*. New York: Cambridge University Press. Chapters 1 & 5.
- Rosenberg, Gerald N. 2008. *The Hollow Hope*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. Chapter 1.
- Segal, Jeffrey, and Harold Spaeth. 2002. *The Supreme Court and the Attitudinal Model Revisited*. New York: Cambridge University Press. Chapters 1-3 and 8.

*Optional:*

- Bartels, Brandon L. 2009. "The Constraining Capacity of Legal Doctrine on the Supreme Court." *American Political Science Review* 103: 474-95.
- Clark, Tom S., and Benjamin Lauderdale. 2010. "Locating Supreme Court Opinions in Doctrine Space." *American Journal of Political Science*. 54: 871-90.
- Gordon, Sanford C., and Gregory A. Huber. 2007. "The Effect of Electoral Competitiveness on Incumbent Behavior." *Quarterly Journal of Political Science* 2: 107-138.
- Hansford, Thomas G., and James F. Spriggs, II. 2006. *The Politics of Precedent on the U.S. Supreme Court*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press. Chapters 2 & 4.
- Ura, Joseph Daniel. Forthcoming. "Backlash and Legitimation: Macro Political Responses to Supreme Court Decisions." *American Journal of Political Science*.

**Week 12. (November 12)****Bureaucratic Politics**

- Carpenter, Daniel P. 2002. "Groups, the Media, Agency Waiting Costs, and FDA Drug Approval." *American Journal of Political Science* 46: 490-505.
- Carpenter, Daniel P. 2001. *The Forging of Bureaucratic Autonomy*. Introduction, chapters 1 & 2, conclusion.
- Epstein, David, and Sharyn O'Halloran. 1994. "Administrative Procedures, Information, and Agency Discretion." *American Journal of Political Science* 38: 697-722.
- Gailmard, Sean, and John W. Patty. 2007. "Slackers and Zealots: Civil Service, Policy Discretion, and Bureaucratic Expertise." *American Journal of Political Science* 51: 873-889.
- Gailmard, Sean, and John W. Patty. 2012. *Learning While Governing*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. Chapters 2-3, 5-8.
- Howell, William and David E. Lewis. 2002. "Agencies by Presidential Design." *Journal of Politics* 64: 1095-1114.
- Moe, Terry M. 1984. "The New Economics of Organization." *American Journal of Political Science* 28:738-777.
- Wood, B. Dan, and Richard Waterman. 1991. "The Dynamics of Political Control of the Bureaucracy." *American Political Science Review* 85: 801-828.

*Optional:*

- Bendor, Jonathan and Adam Meirowitz. 2004. "Spatial Models of Delegation." *American Political Science Review* 98: 293-310.
- Epstein, David, and Sharyn O'Halloran. 1994. "Administrative Procedures, Information, and Agency Discretion." *American Journal of Political Science* 38: 697-722.
- Huber, John, Charles Shipan, and Pfahler. 2001. "Legislatures and Statutory Control of Bureaucracy." *American Journal of Political Science* 45: 330-345.
- Krause, George A. 1996. "The Institutional Dynamics of Policy Administration: Bureaucratic Influence over Securities Regulation." *American Journal of Political Science* 40: 1083-1121.
- McCubbins, Mathew D., Roger G. Noll, and Barry R. Weingast. 1987. "Administrative Procedures as Instruments of Political Control." *Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization* 3: 243-277.
- Olsen, Johan P. 2001. "Garbage Cans, New Institutionalism, and the Study of Politics." *American Political Science Review* 95: 191-198.
- Shipan, Charles R. 2004. "Regulatory Regimes, Agency Actions, and the Conditional Nature of Congressional Influence." *American Political Science Review* 98: 467-480.

**Week 13. (November 19)****Interbranch Relations and the Separation of Powers**

- Bailey, Michael, Brian Kamoie, and Forrest Maltzman. 2005. "Signals From the Tenth Justice: The Political Role of the Solicitor General in Supreme Court Decision Making." *American Journal of Political Science* 49: 72-85
- Canes-Wrone, Brandice, 2003, "Bureaucratic Decisions and the Composition of the Lower Courts." *American Journal of Political Science* 47: 205-214.
- Epstein, David, and Sharyn O'Halloran. 1996. "Divided Government and the Design of Administrative Procedures: A Formal Model and Empirical Test." *Journal of Politics* 58: 373-397.
- Howell, William G., Saul P. Jackman, and Jon C. Rogowski. 2013. *The Wartime President: Executive Influence and the Nationalizing Influence of Threat*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. Chapters 2-5.
- Martin, Andrew D. 2001. "Congressional Decision Making and the Separation of Powers." *American Political Science Review* 95: 361-378.
- McCubbins, Mathew D., and Thomas Schwartz. 1984. "Congressional Oversight Overlooked: Police Patrols versus Fire Alarms." *American Journal of Political Science* 28: 165-179.
- Rivers, Douglas and Nancy Rose. 1985. "Passing the President's Program: Public Opinion and Presidential Influence in Congress." *American Journal of Political Science* 29: 183-196.
- Whittington, Keith. 2005. "Interpose Your Friendly Hand': Political Supports for the Exercise of Judicial Review by the United States Supreme Court." *American Political Science Review* 99: 583-596.

**Week 14. (November 26)*****Happy Thanksgiving; no class*****Week 15. (December 3)****Federalism/State and Local Politics**

- Alt, James, Ethan Bueno de Mesquita, and Shanna Rose. 2011. "Disentangling Accountability and Competence in Elections: Evidence from U.S. Term Limits." *Journal of Politics* 73: 171-186.
- Berry, Christopher. 2008. "Piling on: Multilevel Government and the Fiscal Common-Pool." *American Journal of Political Science* 52: 802-820.
- Dahl, Robert. 1961. *Who Governs?* New Haven: Yale University Press. Chapters 1, 7, 8-15, 24.
- Gerber, Elisabeth R., and Daniel Hopkins. 2011. "When Mayors Matter: Estimating the Impact of Mayoral Partisanship on City Policy." *American Journal of Political Science* 55: 326-339.
- Lax, Jeffrey R., and Justin H. Phillips. 2012. "The Democratic Deficit in the States." *American Journal of Political Science* 56: 148-166.

- Oliver, J. Eric. 2001. *Democracy in Suburbia*. Princeton: Princeton University Press. Chapters 1 & 2, 8.
- Oliver, J. Eric. 2012. *Local Elections and the Politics of Small Scale Democracy*. Princeton: Princeton University Press. Chapters 1 & 5.
- Peterson, Paul. 1981. *City Limits*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. Chapters 1 & 2.
- Wright, Gerald C., and Brian F. Schaffner. 2002. "The Influence of Party: Evidence from the State Legislatures." *American Political Science Review* 96: 367-379.