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DESCRIPTION

This seminar is designed to provide an overview of the key ideas and purposes that have shaped the American political experiment and to introduce students to major sources of American political thought from the colonial period to the present. Using an approach that is at once chronological and topical, we will also study methodological issues in light of the possibility (or impossibility) of a distinctly American political theory.

Chronologically the seminar is divided into three phases. We begin by reviewing the classical and Christian intellectual traditions transplanted by the European settlers. Special attention will be given to distinctly American contributions to the growth of institutional liberty. Next, we examine the development and broadening of this new political tradition as a practical response to the demands of nation-building, sectional rivalries, the Civil War, immigration, industrialization, the rise of great fortunes, social and racial conflict, foreign wars and economic crises. Here we will emphasize the contributions of individual thinkers and schools of thought. The seminar concludes by considering some of the challenges Americans face as they strive to realize their ideal of "one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

REQUIREMENTS

1. Each student is responsible for assigned readings and should keep a looseleaf notebook for class materials.
2. Participation is an essential part of class. Reading assignments must be completed before the class meets.
3. Attendance is required. One week's absence may be excused for good cause. Each week's absence after the first will result in the loss of half a grade.
4. Students will be tested on their knowledge of reading and discussion material through three essay and identification exams (60%).
5. The remainder of the grade will be determined by three writing assignments.
 - A 4-6 page report on the intellectual background of American political thought from one of the following books: Barr, Burgess, Evans [8-17], Fischer [pp. 3-205, 783-898]; Kirk [1-8], Lippmann, Lutz, Reichley [1-5], Schlossberg, Voegelin, or Weaver (10%). DUE: February 12.
 - A 4-6 page bibliographic essay on a selected American political thinker based on a careful examination of at least one major work and a brief review of several other works (10%). DUE: March 5.
 - A 6-8 page original paper on a topic approved in advance (20%). It will be presented and critiqued in the manner of a formal academic conference. DUE: April 9. This paper may be consolidated with the bibliographic essay if the two are clearly related.
6. Good general sources of primary materials include The Annals of America (originally published in 1968) and the Evans Collection (up to 1800).

7. My surgery is scheduled for Friday, February 20th. Although it is possible I will be able to return for classes during the first week of May, I do not expect to be able to resume a full schedule until after Spring Break. Please continue the reading and pursue your research projects in my absence.

READING LIST

Textbooks

Boorstin, Daniel. The Genius of American Politics [B]
Levy, Michael B. Political Thought in America [L]
Lutz, Donald. A Preface to American Political Theory [P]

Reserve Desk

Barr, Stringfellow. Voices That Endured
Grimes, Alan Pendleton. American Political Thought [G]
Hall, Verna. Christian History of the Constitution, vol. 1 [H]
Kirk, Russell. The Portable Conservative Reader [K]
Mason, Alpheus Thomas. Free Government in the Making [M]

Stacks

Burgess, John W. Recent Changes in American Constitutional Theory
Evans, M. Stanton. The Theme Is Freedom
Fischer, David Hackett. Albion's Seed
Kirk, Russell. The Roots of American Order
Lippmann, Walter. Essays in the Public Philosophy
Lutz, Donald S. The Origins of American Constitutionalism
Reichley, A. James. Religion in American Public Life
Schlossberg, Herbert. Idols for Destruction
Voegelin, Eric. The New Science of Politics
Weaver, Richard M. Ideas Have Consequences

SCHEDULE

FIRST WEEK: INTRODUCTION (January 15-20)

B. 1; P. 1; Bruce Shelley, The Gospel and the American Dream, chs. 3-4.
Background: G. 1; R. J. Rushdoony, "The Importance of the Law," Institutes of Biblical Law, pp. 1-14.

SECOND WEEK: PURITANISM (January 22-27)

L. 1 [pp. 1-37]; B. 2; P. 2; John Cotton [M 2: 3]; Fundamental Orders of Connecticut [H. pp. 253-61]. Background: G. 2.

THIRD WEEK: ENGLISH REVOLUTIONARY THOUGHT (January 29-February 3)

L. 1 [pp. 38-47]; P. 5; Algernon Sidney [H. pp. 126-30]; John Locke and James Harrington [M. 1: 3-4]; Petition of Right and English Bill of Rights [H. pp. 42-47]. Background: G. 3

FOURTH WEEK: AMERICAN WAR FOR INDEPENDENCE (February 5-10)

L. 2; B. 3; James Otis, John Dickinson, James Wilson [M. 3: 3-5]. Background: G. 4; Gary Amos, "Government by the Consent of the Governed."

FIFTH WEEK: AMERICAN CONSTITUTIONALISM (February 12-17)

L. 3 [pp. 93-137]; P. 4. Background: G. 5; Ellis Sandoz, "Reflections on Spiritual Aspects of the American Founding;" Carl J. Richard.

REPORT DUE: February 12

SIXTH WEEK: FEDERALISTS AND ANTI-FEDERALISTS (February 19-24)

L. 3 [pp. 138-64]; P. 3; James Wilson [M. 6: 4]; John Adams, Fisher Ames [K. 2: pp. 51-66, 84-112]. Background: G. 6-7.

FIRST EXAM: February 26

SEVENTH WEEK: THE EARLY REPUBLIC (March 3-5)

L. 4 [except pp. 216-71, 306-17]; Joseph Story [M. 10: 1]; John Randolph, James Fenimore Cooper, Orestes Brownson [K. 4, 5, 7]. Background: G. 8; Samuel Blumenfeld.

BIBLIOGRAPHIC ESSAY DUE: March 5

EIGHTH WEEK: SPRING BREAK (March 10-12)

NINTH WEEK: REFORM AND SLAVERY (March 17-19)

L. 4 [pp. 232-71]; William Lloyd Garrison, William Ellery Channing, George Fitzhugh, William Harper [M. 13: 1-2, 5-6]; Thomas Macaulay, [K. 6: pp. 214-18]. Background: G. 9-11.

TENTH WEEK: SECTIONALISM AND NATIONALISM (March 24-26)

L. 4 [pp. 216-31, 306-17]; B. 4; John Taylor, Hugh Legare, John C. Calhoun,

Francis Lieber, Salmon P. Chase [M. 14: 1-2, 4-5, 7]. Background: G. 12.

ELEVENTH WEEK: THE GILDED AGE (March 31-April 2)

L. 5; Lester Ward, Walter Rauschenbusch [M. 15: 2, 6]; E. L. Godkin [K. 9]; Zach. Montgomery, "Political Poison; Justice Stephen Field's dissent in Juilliard v. Greenman. Background: G. 13-14.

SECOND EXAM: April 7

TWELFTH WEEK: THE PROGRESSIVE ERA (April 9-14)

L. 6 [pp. 391-435]; B. 5; Theodore Roosevelt, Brooks Adams, Walter Lippmann [M. 16: 2, 6, 9]; Irving Babbitt [K. 12]; J. Gresham Machen, "Shall We Have a Federal Department of Education?" Background: G. 15-17.

THIRTEENTH WEEK: THE IDEOLOGICAL SPECTRUM (April 16-21)

L. 6 [pp. 436-490]; B. 6. Background: G. 18-19.

PAPER DUE: April 16

FOURTEENTH WEEK: WINDOW ON THE WORLD AND WRAP-UP (April 23-30)

L. 7; P. 6; Portland Declaration

PRESENTATIONS

FINAL EXAM: Tuesday, May 5, 8:30 AM

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