

- Syllabus for Proposed Political Science Colloquium -
Race, Gender and American Political Development

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Course Description

In 2008, a White woman and an African American man are each running a serious campaign for the U.S. presidency. Accordingly this historic presidential campaign provides a fitting background for this course. This course explores the development and evolution of the American political system through the lens of Race and Gender. The course will seek to answer the following questions: What is an institution? When and how do institutions change? How do the categories of "race" or "gender" shape politics and political institutions? How can historical approaches to American politics as well as the analytical lens provided by race and gender help us to understand some of the current dilemmas now facing the American political system?

Course Requirements

An overview of the readings for the week will be covered at the beginning of each class. The rest of the class time will focus on answering the questions for the week, as well as the broader questions and themes that are our focus for the semester. Please keep in mind that these questions are a start, not an end, to our discussion. Students share a responsibility in ensuring that class time is used productively. You must prepare for class by reading the assignments and thinking about the issues and questions they raise before coming to class. The last 2 sessions of the class will be spent in individual presentation of research findings, and class discussion of those findings.

Research Paper

A research paper will be required for this class. Instructions for the research paper are attached to the end of the syllabus. Summary due dates:

Research proposal	February 20
Draft Paper	April 16
Final Paper	May 7

Grading

Class Participation	20%
Two short written assignments @15%	30%
Final Paper	<u>50%</u> (10% proposal; 20% draft; 20% final paper)
Total	100%

Required Books

- Kristi Anderson, *After Suffrage: Women in Partisan and Electoral Politics before the New Deal* (University of Chicago, 1996)
- Paul Frymer, *Uneasy Alliances: Race and Party Competition in America* (Princeton University Press, 1999)
- Cynthia Harrison, *On Account of Sex: The Politics of Women's Issues, 1945-1968* (University of California Press, 1989)
- Linda K. Kerber, *No Constitutional Right to Be Ladies: Women and the Obligations of Citizenship*. New York: Hill and Wang, 1998, pp. xix-xxiv and 1-46.
- Kevin J. McMahon, *Reconsidering Roosevelt on Race: How the Presidency Paved the Road to Brown* (University of Chicago Press)
- Sylvie Murray, *The Progressive Housewife: Community Activism in Suburban Queens, 1945-1965* (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2003).
- Paul Pierson, *Politics in Time: History, Institutions, and Social Analysis* (Princeton University Press).
- Richard Valelly, *The Two Reconstructions: The Struggle for Black Enfranchisement* (University of Chicago Press)

Course Schedule

Overview of American Political Development

January 30

Paul Pierson, *Politics in Time: History, Institutions, and Social Analysis*

Robert C. Lieberman, "Ideas, Institutions, and Political Order: Explaining Political Change," *American Political Science Review* (Dec. 2002): 697-712. Read first half or article.

Considering Race and Gender

February 6

Desmond King and Rogers Smith, "Racial Orders in American Political Development," *American Political Science Review* 99 (2005): 75-92.

Gretchen Ritter, "Gender as a Category of Analysis in American Political Development" manuscript

Ange-Marie Hancock, "When Multiplication Doesn't Equal Quick Addition: Examining Intersectionality as a Research Paradigm," *Perspectives on Politics* 5(2007): 63-79.

Optional

Rosalind Rosenberg, "The Conjunction of Race and Gender" *Journal of Women's History* 14 (2002): 68-73.

Assignment Due: Brief definition of "race and "gender" – 2 pages, maximum

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February 13

Robin Einhorn, "Slavery and the Politics of Taxation in the Early United States," *Studies in American Political Development* 14 (2000):197-225.

Earl M. Maltz, "Slavery, Federalism, and the Structure of the Constitution" *American Journal of Legal History* 36 (1992): 466-498.

Optional

Karen Orren, "A War Between Officer's': The Enforcement of Slavery in the Northern United States, of the Republic for Which It Stands Before the Civil War" *Studies in American Political Development* 12 (2):343-382.

Race and Party

February 20

Richard Vaelely, *The Two Reconstructions: The Struggle for Black Enfranchisement*Paul Frymer, *Uneasy Alliances: Race and Party Competition in America***Race and Political Institutions**

February 27

Kevin J. McMahon, *Reconsidering Roosevelt on Race: How the Presidency Paved the Road to Brown*

Alvin B. Tillery, "Foreign Policy Activism and Power in the House of Representatives: Black

Members of Congress and South Africa 1968–1986," *Studies in American Political Development*, (April 2006): 88-103.**Race and Bureaucracy**

March 5

Desmond King, "The Racial Bureaucracy: African Americans and the Federal Government in the Era of Segregated Race Relations," *Governance* 12 (4), 345–377.Robert C. Lieberman, "Ideas, Institutions, and Political Order: Explaining Political Change," *American Political Science Review*. Read second half.OptionalDesmond King, *Separate and Unequal: African Americans and the US Federal Government*. Revised Edition (New York: Oxford University Press).Assignment Due: Short writing assignment #2**Gender and Early American Political Development**

March 12

Paula Baker, "The Domestication of Politics: Women and American Political Society, 1780-1920," *American Historical Review* (June 1984): 620-647Linda K. Kerber, *No Constitutional Right to Be Ladies: Women and the Obligations of Citizenship***Gender and Party**

March 26

Kristi Anderson, *After Suffrage: Women in Partisan and Electoral Politics before the New Deal***Gender and Public Policy**

April 2

Linda Gordon, "Black and White Visions of Welfare: Women's Welfare Activism, 1890-1945" *Journal of American History* (September 1991): 559-590.Camilla Stivers, "Settlement Women and Bureau Men: Constructing a Usable Past for Public Administration," *Public Administration Review* (Nov. - Dec. 1995): 522-529.**Gender and the Second Wave**

April 9

Cynthia Harrison, *On Account of Sex: The Politics of Women's Issues, 1945-1968* (University of California Press, 1989)**Gender and the Second Wave (cont'd)**

April 16

Sylvie Murray, *The Progressive Housewife: Community Activism in Suburban Queens, 1945-1965* (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2003).Optional

Ruth Rosen, *The World Split Open: How the Modern Women's Movement Changed America* (Penguin, 1996).

Student research presentations

April 23

Final class: Race and Gender Reconsidered

April 30