

# American Reading List

(Revised 3/15/05)

## Democratic Theory

- Madison, Federalist 10, 51
- Dahl, Preface to Democratic Theory
- Schumpeter, Capitalism, Socialism, and Democracy (Introduction and part IV only)
- Machperson, Life and Times of Liberal Democracy
- Dahl, Democracy and its Critics
- Lindbloom, "The Market as Prison" Journal of Politics 1982
- Held, Models of Democracy 2<sup>nd</sup> edition (1997) (chapters 1-8)
- Riker, Liberalism Against Populism
- Downs, An Economic Theory of Democracy
- Lijphart, Patterns of Democracy

## Political Parties

- Downs, An Economic Theory of Democracy (1957), esp. chs. 2, 7-8
- Aldrich, Why Parties? The Origin and Transformation of Party Politics in America (1996)
- Carmines and Stimson, 1986 "On the Structure and Sequence of Issue Evolution" APSR 80:901-920
- Mayhew, Electoral Realignments: A Critique of an American Genre (2002)
- Erickson, MacKuen, and Stimson, The Macro Polity (2002), chs. 4 and 5
- Green, Palmquist, and Schickler, Partisan Hearts and Minds: Political Parties and the Social Identities of Voters (2002)
- Bartels, "Partisanship and Voting Behavior, 1952-1996," AJPS (2000)

## Interest Groups

- Baumgartner and Leech, Basic Interests: The Importance of Groups in Politics and Political Science (1998)
- E.E. Schattschneider, The Semi-Sovereign People (1960)
- Theodore Lowi, The End of Liberalism, Second Edition (1979)
- Mancur Olson, The Logic of Collective Action (1965)
- Scholzman and Tierney, Organized Interests and American Democracy (1986)

## Mass Behavior and Public Opinion

- Converse, Philip E. 1964. "The Nature of Belief Systems in Mass Publics." in Ideology and Discontent. ed. David Apter. NY: Free Press.
- Campbell et al. 1960. The American Voter (abbreviated edition). New York: Wiley.
- Zaller, John. 1992. The Nature and Origins of Mass Opinion. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Niemi, Richard, and Herbert F. Weisberg (eds). 1993. Controversies in Voting Behavior, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition. Washington: CQ Press.
- Niemi, Richard, and Herbert F. Weisberg (eds). 2001. Controversies in Voting Behavior, 4<sup>th</sup> ed. Washington: CQ Press.
- Jacobson, Gary C. 2001. The Politics of Congressional Elections. 5<sup>th</sup> ed. NY: Longman Press.

## General and Miscellaneous

Note: Students should also be familiar with current debates and articles within the leading journals (in particular, APSR, AJPS, JOP).

- Baumgartner, Frank R. and Bryan D. Jones. 1993. *Agendas and Instability in American Politics*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
- Bendor, Jonathan, Terry M. Moe, and Kenneth Shotts. 2001. "Recycling the Garbage Can: An Assessment of the Research Program." *American Political Science Review* 95:169-90.
- Chubb, John E. and Terry M. Moe. 1990. *Politics, Markets, and America's Schools*. Washington, DC: Brookings, chp. 1 (on new institutionalism only).
- Burns, Nancy, Kay Lehman Schlozman, and Sidney Verba. 2001. *The Private Roots of Public Action*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press.
- Delli Carpini, Michael and Scott Keeter. 1996. *What Americans Know about Politics and Why it Matters*. New Haven: Yale University Press.
- Esping-Andersen. 1990. *Three Worlds of Welfare Capitalism* (chp. 1-5)
- Green, Donald P., and Ian Shapiro. 1994. *Pathologies of Rational Choice Theory: A Critique of Applications in Political Science*. New Haven, CT: Yale University Press.
- Key, Southern *Politics in State and Nation* (1949).
- Lupia, Arthur, and Mathew McCubbins. 1998. *The Democratic Dilemma: Can Citizens Learn What They Need to Know?* New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Morone, James A. 1990. *The Democratic Wish: Popular Participation and the Limits of American Government*. New York: Basic Books.
- Pierson, Paul. 2000. Increasing Returns, Path Dependence, and the Study of Politics. *American Political Science Review* 94 (June): 251-268.
- Putnam, Robert. 2000. *Bowling Alone: The Collapse and Revival of American Community*. New York: Simon and Schuster.

## State/Urban

- Robert Dahl, *Who Governs*.
- Robert S. Erikson, Gerald C. Wright, and John P. McIver, *Statehouse Democracy: Public Opinion and Policy in the American States, 1993* (Cambridge University Press).
- Rodney E. Hero, *Faces of Inequality: Social Diversity in American Politics* (1998 Oxford University Press).
- John Pelissero, *Cities, Politics, and Policy: A Comparative Analysis* (2003, Congressional Quarterly Press).

## Congress

### Books

- Mayhew, David R. *Congress: The Electoral Connection* (1974).
- Fenno, Jr., Richard F. *Home Style: House Members in Their Districts* (1978).
- Mayhew, David R. *Divided We Govern: Party Control, Lawmaking, and Investigations, 1946-1990* (1991).
- Krehbiel, Keith *Information and Legislative Organization* (1991).
- Cox, Gary W. and Mathew D. McCubbins, *Legislative Leviathan: Party Government in the House* (1993).
- Poole, Keith T. and Howard Rosenthal, *Congress: A Political-Economic History of Roll Call Voting* (1997).
- Krehbiel, Keith *Pivotal Politics: A Theory of U.S. Lawmaking* (1998).

## Articles

- Polsby, Nelson W. "The Institutionalization of the U.S. House of Representatives," *The American Political Science Review*, Vol. 62, No. 1. (Mar., 1968), pp. 144-168.
- Hall, Richard L. and Frank W. Wayman, "Buying Time: Moneyed Interests and the Mobilization of Bias in Congressional Committees," *The American Political Science Review*, Vol. 84, No. 3. (Sep., 1990), pp. 797-820.
- Bartels, Larry M. "Constituency Opinion and Congressional Policy Making: The Reagan Defense Build Up," *The American Political Science Review*, Vol. 85, No. 2. (Jun., 1991), pp. 457-474.
- Austen-Smith, David and John R. Wright (and subsequent exchange with Baumgartner and Leech in *AJPS*), "Counteractive Lobbying," *American Journal of Political Science*, Vol. 38, No. 1. (Feb., 1994), pp. 25-44.
- Schickler, Eric and Andrew Rich (and subsequent exchange with Cox McCubbins), "Controlling the Floor: Parties as Procedural Coalitions in the House," *American Journal of Political Science*, Vol. 41, No. 4. (Oct., 1997), pp. 1340-1375.
- Snyder, Jr. James M and Tim Groseclose (and subsequent exchange with McCarty, Poole, and Rosenthal in *APSR*), "Estimating Party Influence in Congressional Roll-Call Voting," *American Journal of Political Science*, Vol. 44, No. 2. (Apr., 2000), pp. 193-211.

## Presidential Politics

- Jon Bond and Richard Fleisher, *The President in the Legislative Arena*
- Charles Cameron, *Veto Bargaining: Presidents and the Politics of Negative Power*
- James Ceaser, *Presidential Selection*
- William Howell, *Power Without Persuasion*
- Sidney Milkis, *The President and the Parties*
- Terry Moe, "The Politicized Presidency," in John Chubb and Paul Peterson, *The New Direction in American Politics*
- Richard Neustadt, *Presidential Power* (1991)
- Stephen Skowronek, *The Politics Presidents Make*
- Jeffrey Tulis, *The Rhetorical Presidency*

## **Race and Ethnicity**

- Donald Kinder and Lynn Sanders, *Divided By Color: Racial Politics and Democratic Ideals* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1996).
- Michael Dawson, *Behind the Mule: Race and Class in African American Politics* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1994).
- Paul Frymer, *Uneasy Alliances: Race and Party Competition in America* (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 1999).
- Katherine Tate, *Black Faces in the Mirror: African Americans and their Representatives in the U.S. Congress* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2003).
- Phillip Klinker and Rogers Smith, *The Unsteady March: The Rise and Decline of Racial Equality in America* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1999).

## **Public Law List**

The American Founding and the Constitution

- Martin Diamond, *The Founding of the Democratic Republic* (1981)

## **Judicial Review and Democracy**

- John Hart Ely, *Democracy and Distrust* (1980)
- Ronald Dworkin, *Taking Rights Seriously* (1977), chapter 5
- Alexander Bickel, *The Least Dangerous Branch*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. (1986)

## **Supreme Court as Institutional Actor**

- Louis Fischer and Neal Devins, *The Political Dynamics of Constitutional Law* (2001)
- Robert McCloskey and Sanford Levinson, *The American Supreme Court*, 4<sup>th</sup> ed. (2004)
- David O'Brien, *Storm Center: The Supreme Court in American Politics*, 5<sup>th</sup> ed. (2000)

## **Internal Politics of the Supreme Court**

- Walter Murphy, *Elements of Judicial Strategy*
- Jeffrey Segal and Harold Spaeth, *The Supreme Court and the Attitudinal Model Revisited* (2002)

## **Constitutional Interpretation**

- John Garvey, T. Alexander Aleinikoff, and Daniel Farber, *Modern Constitutional Theory: A Reader*, 5<sup>th</sup> ed. (2004)
- Michael Moore, "A Natural Law Theory of Interpretation," 58 *Southern California Law Review* 277 (1985).

## **Cases in American Constitutional Law**

- Marbury v. Madison (1803)
- McCulloch v. Maryland (1819)
- Gibbons v. Ogden (1824)
- Dred Scott v. Sandford (1856)
- The Slaughterhouse Cases (1873)
- Civil Rights Cases (1883)
- Plessy v. Ferguson (1896)
- Brown v. Board of Education (1954)
- Adamson v. California (1947)
- Lochner v. New York (1905)
- Griswold v. Connecticut (1965)
- Roe v. Wade (1973)
- Planned Parenthood v. Casey (1992)
- West Coast Hotel v. Parrish (1937)
- NLRB v. Jones & Laughlin Steel Corporation (1937)
- Wickard v. Filburn (1942)

- United States v. Lopez (1995)
- United States v. Morrison (2000)
- Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co. v. Sawyer (1952)
- Morrison v. Olson (1988)
- Ex Parte Milligan (1860)
- Ex Parte Quirin (1942)
- Hamdi (2004)
- Schenck v. United States (1919)
- Brandenburg v. Ohio (1969)
- New York Times v. Sullivan (1964)
- Everson v. Board of Education (1947)
- Lemon v. Kurtzman (1971)
- Sherbert v. Verner (1963)
- Employment Division v. Smith (1990)
- Boerne v. Flores (1997)