

Presidential Politics in America

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9:00am – 4:30pm

Outline

Day 1

INSTITUTIONS

- **Studying the American Political System**
- **Political Parties in 2016 America**
- **Nominating the Candidates: A Long and Complicated Process**

ISSUES

- **Social Policy Issues in Contemporary America**
- **Foreign Policy and National Security**
- **The Economy and the 2016 Elections**

Day 2

FORECASTS

- **July: Hot in Cleveland, Cooler in Philadelphia**
- **November: Do Campaigns Matter?**
- **December: “It Ain’t Over ‘til It’s Over”**

CONSEQUENCES

- **Elections and Mandates**
- **Forming a New Administration**
- **... And a New Congress**



Recommended Reading List

(find these readings on course reserve*: <http://reserves.concordia.ca/>)

Joseph A. Pika, John A. Maltese and Andrew Rudalevige. *The Politics of the Presidency* (9th edition). Thousand Oaks CA: Sage/CQ Press, 2016

Paul R. Abramson, John H. Aldrich, Brad T. Gomez and David W. Rohde. *Change and Continuity in the 2012 and 2014 Elections*. Thousand Oaks CA: Sage/CQ Press, 2015

United States Election Primer. Routledge FreeBooks, 2016, Chapters 2, 4, 6

William Crotty. "Party Origins and Evolution in the United States" in Richard S. Katz and William Crotty (eds.) *Handbook of Party Politics*. London: Sage, 2006, pp. 25-33.

Sidney M. Milkis, Jesse H. Rhodes and Emily J. Charnock. "What Happened to Post Partisanship? Barack Obama and the New American Party System." *Perspectives on Politics* (March 2012), pp. 57-76

Kathleen Bawn et al. "A Theory of Political Parties: Groups, Policy Demands and Nominations in American Politics." *Perspectives on Politics* (September 2012), pp. 571-597

Jacob S. Hacker. "The Road to Somewhere: Why Health Reform Happened." *Perspectives on Politics* (September 2010), pp. 861-876

Leslie McCall and Lane Kenworthy. "America's Social Policy Preferences in the Era of Rising Inequality." *Perspectives on Politics* (September 2009), pp. 459-484

John Gerard Ruggie. "The Past as Prologue: Interests, Identity and American Foreign Policy." *International Security* 21 (1997), pp. 89-125

M. Stephen Weatherford. "Comparing Presidents' Economic Policy Leadership." *Perspectives on Politics* (September 2009), pp. 537-560

Joseph Uscinski. "Smith (and Jones) Go to Washington: Democracy and Vice-Presidential Selection." *PS* (January, 2012), pp. 58-66

Lawrence LeDuc and Richard G. Niemi. "Voting Behavior: Choice and Context" in Lawrence LeDuc, Richard G. Niemi and Pippa Norris (eds.) *Comparing Democracies 4: Elections and Voting in a Changing World*. London: Sage, 2014, pp. 133-149

Costas Panagopoulos. "Campaign Context and Preference Dynamics in U.S. Presidential Elections." *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties* 22 (2012), pp. 123-137

James E. Campbell et al. "Forecasting the 2012 American National Elections." *PS* (October 2012), pp. 610-613

D. Sunshine Hillygus and Michael Henderson. "Political Issues and the Dynamics of Vote Choice in 2008." *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties* 20 (2010), pp. 241-269

*If you are registered for non-credit and are unable to locate the readings, please contact us at wssr@concordia.ca

Supplementary Reading List

Michael Nelson (ed.) *The Presidency and the Political System* (10th edition). Thousand Oaks CA: Sage/CQ Press, 2013, Chapters 6, 7, 13-16

Michael Nelson (ed.) *The Elections of 2012*. Thousand Oaks CA: Sage/CQ Press, 2014, Chapters 1-4, 7-8

Bert A. Rockman, Andrew Rudalevige and Colin Campbell (eds.) *The Obama Presidency: Appraisals and Prospects*. Thousand Oaks CA: Sage/CQ Press, 2012, Chapters 2, 5, 9, 12-14

Lori M. Poloni and Michael R. Wolf. *American Difference: American Politics from a Comparative Perspective*. Thousand Oaks CA: Sage/CQ Press, 2016

Harold D. Clarke, Allan Kornberg and Thomas J. Scotto. *Making Political Choices: Canada and the United States*. University of Toronto Press, 2009, Chapters 1, 4, 5, 9