

POLI 7981—SEMINAR IN CLASSICAL AND MEDIEVAL POLITICAL THEORY

Spring Semester 2014, Stubbs 210, Tues, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

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Course description: This seminar addresses in a selective way key theoretical underpinnings of Western political order from antiquity with emphasis on the rise of modern republican constitutionalism and individualism. Emphasis will be placed on: the noetic and pneumatic differentiations and conflicts shaping the vast subject matter; their institutionalization; the emergence of Modernity, both radical and conservative. Each student will be required to submit & present six (6) papers (grouped as Team A*, B**) = 60% and complete a final paper (40%)--which may or may not be a take-home exam. A 10% penalty on the term average will be assessed for each un-excused class absence.

Reading Schedule 2014

Jan. 21: Intro.: C. S. Lewis, *The Abolition of Man*; Eric Voegelin, *Science, Politics & Gnosticism*

Jan. 28: Cicero, *On the Commonwealth**

Feb. 4: Cont'd**

Feb. 11: Sandoz, ed., *Roots of Liberty: Magna Carta, Ancient Constitution, and the Anglo-American Tradition of Rule of Law**

Feb. 18: Jean Bodin, *On Sovereignty***

Feb. 25: Richard Hooker, *Of the Laws of Ecclesiastical Polity (pref & I)** (VIII**)

Mar. 4: >> *Mardi Gras*—no class

Mar. 11: John Bunyan, *Pilgrim's Progress**

Mar. 18: Bunyan cont'd: *Grace Abounding***

Mar. 25: Algernon Sidney, *Discourses Concerning Government (pp. 1-316)**

Apr. 1: Cont'd (pp. 319-578**)

Apr. 8: Colin Morris, *The Discovery of the Individual 1050-1200**

Apr. 15: >>> *Spring Break*—no class

Apr. 22: Sandoz, *Give Me Liberty***

Apr. 29: Concluding discussion
Last class

May 6: Final paper due by noon

BOOKS FOR POLI 7981

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(Class meets 9:00-Noon, Tuesdays, 210 Stubbs Hall)

- Bodin, Jean. *On Sovereignty*, ed. & trans. Julian H. Franklin
Cambridge Texts in the History of Political Thought
Cambridge UP, 1992
ISBN 0521349923 paperback
- Bunyan, John. *Pilgrim's Progress & Grace Abounding*. Eds. Thornton & Varenne
Vintage Books Classics; Random House, Inc. NY 2004
ISBN 9780375725685 paperback
- Cicero, *On the Commonwealth and On the Laws*. Trans. & ed. J. E. G. Zetzel.
Cambridge Texts in the History of Political Thought
Cambridge UP, 1999
ISBN 0521459591 paperback
- Hooker, Richard. *Of the Laws of Ecclesiastical Polity*. Ed. A. S. McGrade
Cambridge Texts in the History of Political Thought
Cambridge U. P., 1989
ISBN 0521379083 paperback
- Lewis, C. S. *The Abolition of Man*.
Lits@iapublishing.com, 2010
Las Vegas, Nevada
ISBN 9781609421472 paperback
- Morris, Colin. *The Discovery of the Individual, 1050-1200*
University of Toronto Press, 1972 (rpr. 2012)
ISBN 0802066658 paperback
- Sidney, Algernon. *Discourses Concerning Government. Rev. Edn.*
Ed. Thoms G. West
Liberty Fund, Indianapolis, 1996
ISBN 9780865971424 paperback
- Sandoz, Ellis. *Give Me Liberty: Studies in Constitutionalism and Politics*
St. Augustine Press, 2013
South Bend, IN
ISBN 9781587313103 paperback
- Sandoz, Ellis, ed. *The Roots of Liberty: Magna Carta, Ancient Constitution, & the
Anglo-American Tradition of Rule of Law*. Amagi Books
Liberty Fund, 1993
Liberty Fund, Indianapolis
ISBN 9780865977099 paperback
- Voegelin, Eric. *Science, Politics and Gnosticism*. Ed. & intro. Ellis Sandoz
ISI Books
Wilmington, DE 2004

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