

# **UCLA** 289B – Minority Political Behavior in the U.S. Ph.D. Seminar in Political Science, Spring 2015

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**Monday**  
**1:30 p.m. – 4:20 p.m.**  
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## **Course Description:**

This is a graduate seminar for students interested in how minority group identity influences political behavior. We will define minority group identity broadly, covering race, ethnicity, immigrant status, religion, gender, sexual orientation. While a majority of the existing scholarship has tended to focus on African American, Latino, Asian American, and White political participation, the course will not be limited to only these topics. We will take up the role of gender, sexuality, and religion as each impacts the political development, attitudes, and behavior in American politics.

This seminar will examine the history and contemporary role of minority groups in the U.S. political system. We will focus on political relationships between Whites, African Americans, Latinos, and Asian Americans as they relate to political participation, party affiliation, voting coalitions, and public opinion, in addition to other groups referenced above. For the first 200 years of its history, the United States passed laws to restrict the rights of racial and ethnic minorities to purposely keep them outside the political system. In recent years, there has been a growing trend by political parties and politicians to court minority voters and promote diversity. Why is this the case? Is this real outreach or symbolic politics? During this quarter we will take up this debate and explore the current state of racial and ethnic politics in the U.S.

## **Books / Articles:**

Each week there will be required readings from one or more of these books and scholarly journals. Readings should be done for the day they are assigned. Readings from journal articles will be accessible online via JSTOR, Google Scholar, or the course website. The complete, week-by-week reading list is posted on the course website.

- Dawson, Michael. 1994. *Behind the Mule*. Princeton University Press.
- Tate, Katherine. 2003. *Black Faces in the Mirror*. Princeton University Press.
- DeSipio, Louis. 1996. *Counting on the Latino Vote*. University of Virginia Press.
- Ramirez, Ricardo. 2013. *Mobilizing Opportunities*. University of Virginia Press.
- Wong, Janelle, et. al. 2011. *Asian American Political Participation*. Russell Sage Foundation.
- Jamal, Amaney and Nadine Naber. 2008 *Race and Arab Americans*. Syracuse University Press.

**Grading:**

Research outline (1 page)	Cr/NC
Research prospectus (5 pages)	Cr/NC
Research paper presentation	50 points
Research paper (20 pages +/-)	60 points

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TOTAL 100 points

**Course Outline:** *(subject to change)*

**Week 1      Mar 30                      First Day of Class**

**Week 2      Apr 6                              Early research on minority politics**

Harold F. Gosnell, 1934, "Political Meetings in the Chicago Black Belt" *American Political Science Review*, 28:2

Lawrence Sullivan. 1940, "The Negro Vote" *Atlantic Monthly*, Oct, pp477-484

Harold F. Gosnell, 1941, "The Negro Vote in Northern Cities," *National Municipal Review*. May, pp 264-278

Edward H. Litchfield, 1941. "A Case Study of Negro Political Behavior in Detroit." *Public Opinion Quarterly*. 5:2, pp267-274

Raymond E. Wolfinger, 1965. "The Development and Persistence of Ethnic Voting." *American Political Science Review*. 59:4 pp896-908

Ralph Guzman, 1971. "The Function of Anglo-American Racism in the Political Development of Chicanos" *California Historical Quarterly*. 50(3) pp321-337.

**Week 3      Apr 13                              Black Politics – 1**

1 page research outline due / discuss in class

Michael Dawson, *Behind the Mule*

Richard L. Allen; Michael C. Dawson; Ronald E. Brown. "A Schema-Based Approach to Modeling an African-American Racial Belief System." *The American Political Science Review*, Vol. 83, No. 2. (Jun., 1989), pp. 421-441.

Frederick Harris. "Something within: Religion as a mobilizer of African-American political activism" *Journal of Politics*. Vol 56, No. 1 (1994) pp. 42-68.

**Week 4      Apr 20                      Black Politics – 2**

Katherine Tate, *Black Faces*

Lawrence Bobo; Franklin D. Gilliam, Jr. "Race, Sociopolitical Participation, and Black Empowerment." *The American Political Science Review*, Vol. 84, No. 2. (Jun., 1990), pp. 377-393.

Katherine Tate. "Black Political Participation in the 1984 and 1988 Presidential Elections" *The American Political Science Review*, Vol. 85, No. 4. (Dec., 1991), pp. 1159-1176.

**Week 5      Apr 27                      Latino Politics – 1**

Louis DeSipio, *Counting on the Latino Vote*

Rodolfo O. de la Garza; Angelo Falcon; F. Chris Garcia. "Will The Real Americans Please Stand Up: Anglo and Mexican-American Support of Core American Political Values." *American Journal of Political Science*, Vol. 40, No. 2. (May, 1996), pp. 335-351.

Adrian D. Pantoja; Ricardo Ramirez; Gary M. Segura. "Citizens by Choice, Voters by Necessity: Patterns in Political Mobilization by Naturalized Latinos." *Political Research Quarterly*, Vol. 54, No. 4. (Dec., 2001), pp. 729-750.

**Week 6      May 4                              Latino Politics – 2**

Ricardo Ramírez, *Mobilizing Opportunities*

Gabriel Sanchez. 2006. "The Role of Group Consciousness in Latino Public Opinion." *Political Research Quarterly*. Vol. 59, No. 3, pp 435-446.

Barreto, Matt 2007. "Si Se Puede! Latino Candidates and the Mobilization of Latino Voters." *American Political Science Review*. 101 (August) 425-441.

**Week 7      May 11                              Asian American Politics**

5 page research outline due

Wong, Ramakrishnan, Lee and Junn, *Asian American Political Participation*

Junn, Jane and Natalie Masuoka. 2008. "Asian American Identity: Shared Racial Status and Political Context." *Perspectives on Politics*. Dec (4)

Lee, Taeku. 2008. "Race, Immigration and the Identity-to-Politics Link" *Annual Review of Political Science*. June (11)

**Week 8      May 18                      Arab and Muslim American Politics**

Jamal and Naber, *Race and Arab Americans*

Dana, Karam, Matt Barreto and Kassra Oskooii. 2011. "Mosques as American Institutions" *Religions*. 2 (4)

Dana, Karam et. al. "No Sharia, No Mosque: Orientalist Notions of Islam and Intolerance Towards Muslims in the United States." *Working paper* (posted online)

**Week 9      May 25                      LGBT & Sexuality Politics**

**NOTE: Memorial Day – need to reschedule**

Barth, Jay and Janine Parry. 2009. "2 > 1+1? The Impact of Contact with Gay and Lesbian Couples on Attitudes about Gays/Lesbians and Gay-Related Policies." *Politics & Policy*. 37, 31-50.

Herek, Gregory M. 2011. "Anti-Equality Marriage Amendments and Sexual Stigma." *Journal of Social Issues*. Vol 67, No. 2, 413-426.

Hillygus, Sunshine and Todd Shields. 2005. "Moral Issues and Voter Decision Making in the 2004 Presidential Election." *PS: Political Science and Politics*. 38, 201-209.

**Week 10      June 1                      Final presentations – First Half**  
15 minute presentations + Q&A

**Finals      June 8                      Final presentations – Second Half**  
Final paper due Friday, June 12 by 5:00pm