Political Science 103A
California Politics

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Lecture: M/W 2-4:50pm, PCYNH 121
Final: Friday, July 29, 3-6pm

Required Reading

› The three texts are available for purchase at the bookstore: William Fulton’s *The Reluctant Metropolis* (Johns Hopkins, 2001), Gerald Lubenow’s *Governing California, Second Edition* (Institute of Governmental Studies Press, 2006), and Frederick Douzet, Thad Kousser, and Kenneth Miller, *The New Political Geography of California* (Berkeley Public Policy Press, 2008). I will also post online a copy of the “What’s Next California” participants guide.

› The course webpage, located at [http://weber.ucsd.edu/~tkousser/PS103A.htm](http://weber.ucsd.edu/~tkousser/PS103A.htm), will contain information such as lecture slides, course announcements, and study guides.

Course Assignments

› 25% Midterm (Wednesday, July 13th, in class)
› 30% Paper (due Monday, July 25th, beginning of class)
› 35% Final: Constitutional Reform Debate, Friday, July 29th, 3-6pm)
› 10% Class Attendance and Participation

Class Meetings: Each meeting will consist of a lecture and discussion, then a break, then another lecture and discussion. Every student needs to be prepared to discuss the readings assigned for that day, and have something to say about the subjects that we are studying. The lecture outlines on the course website include discussion questions.

Assignments: There will be an in-class midterm on Wednesday, July 13th, as well as a final debate on constitutional reform on Friday, July 29th. The midterm will be closed book, and composed of identifications, short answers, and an essay. For the paper, due on Monday, July 25, you will write a policy analysis of a specific piece of California legislation in 5-7 pages (I’ll hand out more detailed instructions later). The paper will be graded on both substance and style. Each student must do his or her own work, adhering to university regulations prohibiting plagiarism and cheating.

Grade Changes and Extensions: All requests for grade changes must be made in writing, to me, within a week of receiving the graded assignment. Requests must be typed and double spaced, and review of a grade by the other grader or by me may result in either a higher or lower grade. There are no regrades for the final. Extensions on assignments and make-up exams
will only be granted in cases of documented illness or family medical emergencies. Please contact me as soon as possible if you need to request one.

**Part I. Political Institutions in Flux**

   a. “What’s Next California” participants guide, pages 5-12.


**NO CLASS ON MONDAY, JULY 4th!**


   c. J. Morgan Kousser, “Redistricting,” in *Governing California*.

5. Wednesday, July 13, Midterm, 90 minutes.

**Part II. The Geopolitics of Diversity**


   b. “What’s Next California” participants guide, pages 47-54.

   b. William Fulton, “The Politics of Extinction,” in *The Reluctant Metropolis*