

Political Science 102C
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AMERICAN POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT

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Grades for 102C will be awarded as the sum of the in-class midterm (35%), May 1; the final exam, June 14, 7:00-9:59 PM, (50%), and class participation, 15%. For class participation, students are required to hand in written questions on course readings, the day the reading is scheduled for discussion, for one class before the midterm and one class after the midterm. Questions should display students' reading of assigned texts.

Paul Frymer, *Uneasy Alliances*, is at the Bookstore. All other required readings are in the reader for sale at Soft Reserves (also on reserve at SSH Library), or are on the web.

Professor Bridges has office hours in SSB 394, Tuesday 4:00-6:00 PM

The website for 102C is <http://weber.ucsd.edu/~abridges>

April 3 Introduction: What is APD?

April 5 The US invents Mass Political Parties

Amy Bridges, "Rethinking the Origins of Machine Politics," in John Mollenkopf et. al., *Power, Culture, and Place* Reader

April 10 The Turnout Puzzle Gary Jacobson

Rosenstone and Hansen, *Mobilization, Participation, and Democracy in America*, Chapter 1, Chapter 6 to page 196, Chapter 7 Reader

April 12 Gilded Age Political Parties

Clifton K. Yearly, *The Money Machines*, Chapters 4, 5 Reader
Robert Marcus, *Grand Old Party*, Chapters 1, 8 Reader

April 17 Gilded Age Political Economy, or How Did We Get so Rich?

Richard Bense, *The Political Economy of American Industrialization, 1877-1900*, Preface and Introduction, Reader

April 19 Another Perspective on Gilded Age Political Economy

Paul Goodwyn, *The Populist Moment*, pp. 20-35, 74-93 Reader
Henry M. Littlefield, "The Wizard of Oz: Parable of Populism", *American Quarterly*, XVI #1, Spring 1964 pp. 47-58 Reader
Omaha Platform: <http://geocities.com/progpop/omaha.htm>
Platform of the People's Party, 1896:
<http://projects.vassar.edu/1896/peoplesplatform.html>

April 24 How Race Mattered

Paul Frymer, *Uneasy Alliances*, Chapters 1, 3

April 26 How Presidential Politics Drives Policy

Scott James and Brian Lawson, "The Political Economy of Voting Rights Enforcement in the gilded Age: Electoral College Competition, Partisan Commitment, and the Federal Election Law" *American Political Science Review* 93 #1: 115-131 Reader

May 1 Midterm

May 3 The New Deal Coalition
TBA

May 8 Roosevelt's Welfare State
Robert C. Lieberman *Shifting the Color Line*, Chapter 3 Reader

May 10 LBJ's Welfare State
Jacob Hacker, "The Historical Logic of National Health Insurance...."
Studies in American Political Development 12 #1 (Spring 1998),
excerpts pp 57-80, 105-130 Reader

May 15 Bipartisan Welfare State
Christopher Howard, *The Hidden Welfare State*, Chapter 1 Reader

May 17 How Did We Get So Rich?
Fred Block, "Economy Stability and Military Strength: The Paradoxes of
the 1950 Rearmament Decision" *Politics & Society* 10 #1 (1980): 35-56 Reader

May 22 What Happened to the New Deal Coalition
Earl Black and Merle Black, *The Rise of Southern Republicanism*, Chapter 2
LBJ's "Remarks ... at the Signing of the Voting Rights Act, 8/6/65"
www.liblib.utexas.edu/johnson/archives.hom//speeches.hom/650806.asp

May 24 How Race Mattered
Paul Frymer, *Uneasy Alliances*, Chapters 4, 5, 6

June 5 Democratic Error & Republican Opportunity
Edsall and Edsall, *Chain Reaction* Chapter 1 Reader

June 7 How the Parties abandoned the Median Voter
E. J. Dionne, *Why Americans Hate Politics* Selection TBA, Reader
Frymer, *Uneasy Alliances*, Chapter 7