

COURSE SYLLABUS
POLI 763: LEGISLATIVE PROCESS & BEHAVIOR

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Mondays 3:35 - 6:05pm
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COURSE OVERVIEW:

This course is a research seminar on the U.S. Congress. As such, we will be reading contemporary scholarly work – along with some “classics” – on the electoral and institutional arenas of congressional behavior and organization. Some of the topics to be covered include: representation, elections, parties, committees, rules and procedures, roll-call voting, House-Senate comparisons and relations, and institutional development and organization. Successful students will demonstrate an understanding of the theoretical and empirical approaches to the study of Congress; apply and evaluate theories and evidence relating to legislative politics; actively participate in class discussion; identify unresolved questions in the existing literature; and produce an original piece of scholarly research that contributes to our knowledge of congressional politics.

COURSE MATERIALS:

The readings for the course will be drawn from the list of assigned books that appear below along with a number of scholarly articles. On occasion, we will also be reading unpublished work and chapters from edited volumes. Required books are available for purchase at the university bookstore as well as other outlets. Unless indicated otherwise, the remaining assigned readings can be downloaded from: www.jstor.org. Readings not available on JSTOR may be accessed through blackboard: <https://blackboard.sc.edu/>. Please bear in mind that readings may be added or dropped and the syllabus and schedule may be altered at the discretion of the instructor.

Required Books:

Barry C. Burden, *Personal Roots of Representation* (Princeton 2007)

Gary W. Cox and Mathew D. McCubbins, *Setting the Agenda: Responsible Party Government in the U.S. House of Representatives* (Cambridge 2005)

Chris Den Hartog and Nathan W. Monroe, *Agenda Setting in the U.S. Senate: Costly Consideration and Majority Party Advantage* (Cambridge 2011)

Richard L. Hall, *Participation in Congress* (Yale 1996)

Gregory Koger, *Filibustering: A Political History of Obstruction in the House and Senate* (Chicago 2010)

Frances E. Lee, *Beyond Ideology: Politics, Principles, and Partisanship in the U.S. Senate* (Chicago 2009)

David Mayhew, *Congress: The Electoral Connection* (Yale 1974)

Recommended Books:

Walter J. Oleszek, *Congressional Procedures and the Policy Process*, 8th ed. (CQ Press 2011)

* Good reference for the legislative rules and processes of the House and Senate.

Gary C. Jacobson, *The Politics of Congressional Elections*, 7th ed. (Pearson/Longman 2009)

* Good reference and overview of the literature on congressional elections.

COURSE EXPECTATIONS AND EVALUATION:

Because this is a research seminar and not a lecture-oriented course, the success of the class depends heavily on the full participation of each student. Broadly speaking, students are expected to do all the required reading prior to each scheduled meeting and to participate actively in class discussion. Additionally, one or more students will be assigned the task of leading discussion each week, and are strongly encouraged to read beyond the requirements (each week lists a series of recommended readings that are a good starting point). It would be a very good idea to identify potential research topics early in the semester and then sign up to lead discussion on the appropriate week(s) in order to delve further into the literature on that topic.

Course grades are comprised of three components:

1. Since this is a seminar in which students are expected to be active participants, the extent and quality of engagement in class discussion, including leading discussion on the days corresponding to submission of a critical review, will make up a significant share of the course grade (20%). Let me emphasize that you will not earn higher than a B+ in this course unless you are a frequent, well-prepared, and thoughtful participant in class discussion. This means you should be prepared to lead discussion on any article when called upon to do so, even if it is not your "assigned" week.
2. Students will write at least two (and possibly more, depending on final enrollment) critical reviews of the literature assigned for the week. These reviews need not be excessively long (5-7 pages is probably adequate), but they should concisely synthesize the theory, methods, and findings of, as well as—and most importantly, and at greater length—critique the literature for that particular week. More effort and attention should be focused on analysis and criticism and comparatively less on summarization; the best reviews will go beyond the required readings for the week. In addition to the critical reviews, students may be asked to submit smaller written assignments and/or brief reactions to the readings. This written work will contribute 40% of the final course grade.
3. The capstone of the course, making up the remaining 40% of the grade, will be an original research paper. The paper should be written following the *APSA Style Manual*, and will be judged according to the same criteria applied to a paper presented at a professional conference or submitted to a journal. Thus, it must address a theoretical question related to Congress, relate that question to the existing literature, develop a theoretical answer, and provide evidence in support of the conclusion(s) drawn. Over the course of the semester, we will devote time inside and outside of class to discussing progress, challenges, etc., with respect to students' projects. Toward that end, a brief research proposal (identifying the question, key literature, theoretical contribution, and method of analysis) is due Monday, February 20. An annotated bibliography covering the relevant literature is due Monday, March 19. The final paper is due by 5pm on Friday, April 27. While these represent the formal deadlines relating to the research paper, students are strongly encouraged to consult informally with me throughout the semester regarding the development of their papers.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY, ACCESSIBILITY, ETC.:

Students are expected to practice the highest possible standards of academic integrity and to conduct themselves in a professional and civil manner in accord with the Honor Code and other commitments of the Carolina Community (<http://www.sa.sc.edu/carolinacommunity/>). Deviation from the Honor Code may result in referral to the Office of Academic Integrity and a failing grade. Violations of the Honor Code include, but are not limited to, improper (or omitted) citation of sources, appropriation of another's work, and any other form of academic misrepresentation. Some helpful resources on citations are available through the library: <http://www.sc.edu/library/styleresources.html>.

Any student with a documented disability should contact the Office of Student Disability Services at 777-6142, and then follow up with me to make arrangements for appropriate accommodations.

OFFICE HOURS:

Fridays from 2:00 to 3:00pm and by appointment.

COURSE SCHEDULE:

* Indicates the material is available on Blackboard. Most articles and recommended material can be accessed through JSTOR or checked out under the library's normal loan policy. Required books are available at the reserve desk.

January 9: Introduction to Course; Congress Primer

Oleszek, Walter J. 2011. *Congressional Procedures and the Policy Process*, 8th ed. Washington, DC: CQ Press. (Recommended)

Jacobson, Gary C. 2009. *The Politics of Congressional Elections*, 7th ed. New York: Pearson/Longman. (Recommended)

January 16: NO CLASS [MLK, Jr. Service Day]

January 23: Theoretical Foundations; Congress & the New Institutionalism

* Stewart, Charles, III, 2001. *Analyzing Congress*. New York: W.W. Norton. (Excerpt)

* Shepsle, Kenneth A. 1989. "Studying Institutions: Some Lessons from the Rational Choice Approach." *Journal of Theoretical Politics* 1: 131-147.

Mayhew, David. 1974. *Congress: The Electoral Connection*. New Haven: Yale University Press.

Recommended:

* Aldrich, John. 1994. "Rational Choice Theory and the Study of American Politics." In Dodd and Jillson, eds., *The Dynamics of American Politics: Approaches and Interpretations*. Boulder, CO: Westview Press (pgs. 208-233).

Fiorina, Morris P. 1977. *Congress: Keystone of the Washington Establishment*. New Haven: Yale University Press.

* Fiorina, Morris P. 2001. "Keystone Reconsidered." In Dodd and Oppenheimer, eds., *Congress Reconsidered*, 7th ed. Washington, DC: CQ Press (Ch. 7).

Moe, Terry M. 1990. "Political Institutions: The Neglected Side of the Story." *Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization* 6: 213-253.

January 30: Theories of Legislative Organization I—Distributive & Majoritarian

Shepsle, Kenneth A., and Barry R. Weingast. 1994. "Positive Theories of Congressional Institutions." *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 19: 149-179.

Shepsle, Kenneth A., and Barry R. Weingast. 1987. "The Institutional Foundations of Committee Power." *American Political Science Review* 81: 85-105.

Weingast, Barry R., and William Marshall. 1988. "The Industrial Organization of Congress; or, Why Legislatures, Like Firms, Are Not Organized as Markets." *Journal of Political Economy* 96: 132-163.

Adler, E. Scott, and John S. Lapinski. 1997. "Demand-Side Theory and Congressional Committee Composition: A Constituency Characteristics Approach." *American Journal of Political Science* 41: 895-918.

* Krehbiel, Keith. 1991. *Information and Legislative Organization*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press. (Excerpt)

Schickler, Eric. 2000. "Institutional Change in the House of Representatives, 1867-1998: A Test of Partisan and Ideological Power Balance Models." *American Political Science Review* 94: 269-288.

Recommended:

* Krehbiel, Keith. 1989. "A Rationale for Restrictive Rules." In Fiorina and Rohde, eds., *Home Style and Washington Work*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press.

Adler, E. Scott. 2000. "Constituency Characteristics and the 'Guardian' Model of Appropriations Subcommittees, 1959-1998." *American Journal of Political Science* 44: 104-114.

Shepsle, Kenneth A., Robert P. Van Houweling, Samuel J. Abrams, and Peter C. Hanson. 2009. "The Senate Electoral Cycle and Bicameral Appropriations Politics." *American Journal of Political Science* 53: 343-359.

February 6: Theories of Legislative Organization II—Partisan

Cox, Gary W. and Mathew D. McCubbins. 2005. *Setting the Agenda: Responsible Party Government in the U.S. House of Representative*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Finocchiaro, Charles J., and David W. Rohde. 2008. "War for the Floor: Partisan Theory and Agenda Control in the U.S. House of Representatives." *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 33: 35-61.

Recommended:

Rohde, David W. 1991. *Parties and Leaders in the Postreform House*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Cox, Gary W., and Matthew D. McCubbins. 1993. *Legislative Leviathan: Party Government in the House*. Berkeley: University of California Press.

Aldrich, John H., and David W. Rohde. 2000b. "The Republican Revolution and the House Appropriations Committee." *Journal of Politics* 62: 1-33.

* Aldrich, John H. and David W. Rohde. 2001. "The Logic of Conditional Party Government: Revisiting the Electoral Connection." In *Congress Reconsidered*, 7th ed., Lawrence C. Dodd and Bruce I. Oppenheimer, eds. Washington, DC: CQ Press.

* Aldrich, John H. and David W. Rohde. 2000a. "The Consequences of Party Organization in the House: The Role of the Majority and Minority Parties in Conditional Party Government." In *Polarized Politics: Congress and the President in a Partisan Era*, Jon R. Bond and Richard Fleisher, eds. Washington, DC: CQ Press.

Hurwitz, Mark S., Roger J. Moiles, and David W. Rohde. 2001. "Distributive and Partisan Issues in Agriculture Policy in the 104th House." *American Political Science Review* 95: 911-922.

Volden, Craig, and Elizabeth Bergman. 2006. "How Strong Should Our Party Be? Party Member Preferences over Party Cohesion." *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 31: 71-104.

February 13: Theories of Legislative Organization III—Critiques & Assessments

Krehbiel, Keith. 1999a. "Paradoxes of Parties in Congress." *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 24: 31-64.

Krehbiel, Keith. 2000. "Party Discipline and Measures of Partisanship." *American Journal of Political Science* 44: 212-227.

* Krehbiel, Keith. 1998. *Pivotal Politics: A Theory of U.S. Lawmaking*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. (Chapters 1-2)

* Smith, Steven S. 2007. *Party Influence in Congress*. New York: Cambridge University Press. (Excerpt)

Clinton, Joshua D. 2007. "Lawmaking and Roll Calls." *Journal of Politics* 69: 457-469.

Richman, Jesse. 2011. "Parties, Pivots, and Policy: The Status Quo Test." *American Political Science Review* 105: 151-165.

Recommended:

Krehbiel, Keith. 1993. "Where's the Party?" *British Journal of Political Science* 23: 235-266.

Krehbiel, Keith. 2007. "Partisan Roll Rates in a Nonpartisan Legislature." *Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization* 23: 1-23.

Schickler, Eric and Andrew Rich. 1997. "Controlling the Floor: Parties as Procedural Coalitions in the House." *American Journal of Political Science* 41: 1340-1375.

Cox, Gary W. and Mathew McCubbins. 1997. "Toward a Theory of Legislative Rules Changes: Assessing Schickler and Rich's Evidence." *American Journal of Political Science* 41: 1376-1386.

Binder, Sarah A., Eric D. Lawrence, and Forrest Maltzman. 1999. "Uncovering the Hidden Effect of Party." *Journal of Politics* 61: 815-831.

February 20: Senate I—Parties, Agendas, and Coalition Formation

*** Paper Proposal Due**

Gailmard, Sean, and Jeffery A. Jenkins. 2007. "Negative Agenda Control in the Senate and House: Fingerprints of Majority Party Power." *Journal of Politics* 69: 689-700.

Den Hartog, Chris, and Nathan W. Monroe. 2011. *Agenda Setting in the U.S. Senate: Costly Consideration and Majority Party Advantage*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

Recommended:

Lee, Frances E., and Bruce I. Oppenheimer. 1999. *Sizing up the Senate: The Unequal Consequences of Equal Representation*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Schiller, Wendy J. 2000. *Partners and Rivals: Representation in U.S. Senate Delegations*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

Lee, Frances E. 2000. "Senate Representation and Coalition Building in Distributive Politics." *American Political Science Review* 94: 59-72.

Theriault, Sean M., and David W. Rohde. 2011. "The Gingrich Senators and Party Polarization in the U.S. Senate." *Journal of Politics* 73: 1011-1024.

Madonna, Anthony J. 2011. "Winning Coalition Formation in the U.S. Senate: The Effects of Legislative Decision Rules and Agenda Change." *American Journal of Political Science* 55: 276-288.

February 27: Senate II—Procedural Politics and the Filibuster

Koger, Gregory. 2010. *Filibustering: A Political History of Obstruction in the House and Senate*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Wawro, Gregory J., and Eric Schickler. 2004. "Where's the Pivot? Obstruction and Lawmaking in the Pre-cloture Senate." *American Journal of Political Science* 48: 758-774.

Recommended:

Sinclair, Barbara. 1989. *The Transformation of the U.S. Senate*. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press.

Evans, C. Lawrence. 1991. *Leadership in Committee*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press.

Crook, Sarah Brandes, and John R. Hibbing. 1997. "A Not-so-distant Mirror: the 17th Amendment and Congressional Change." *American Political Science Review* 91: 845-853.

Binder, Sarah A., and Steven S. Smith. 1998. "Political Goals and Procedural Choice in the Senate." *Journal of Politics*: 398-416.

Wawro, Gregory J. and Eric Schickler. 2006. *Filibuster: Obstruction and Lawmaking in the U.S. Senate*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

March 5: NO CLASS [Spring Break]

March 12: Polarization

Lee, Frances E. 2009. *Beyond Ideology: Politics, Principles, and Partisanship in the U.S. Senate*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Garand, James C. 2010. "Income Inequality, Party Polarization, and Roll-Call Voting in the U.S. Senate." *Journal of Politics* 72: 1109-1128.

Recommended:

Layman, Geoffrey C., and Thomas M. Carsey. 2002. "Party Polarization and 'Conflict Extension' in the American Electorate." *American Journal of Political Science* 46: 786-802.

McCarty, Nolan, Keith T. Poole, and Howard Rosenthal. 2006. *Polarized America: The Dance of Ideology and Unequal Riches*. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press.

Mann, Thomas E. 2006. "Polarizing the House of Representatives: How Much Does Gerrymandering Matter?" In *Red and Blue Nation, Volume One: Characteristics and Causes of America's Polarized Politics*, Pietro S. Nivola and David W. Brady, eds. Stanford, CA, and Washington, DC: Stanford University Press/Brookings Institution Press.

Carson, Jamie L., Michael H. Crespin, Charles J. Finocchiaro, and David W. Rohde. 2007. "Redistricting and Party Polarization in the U.S. House of Representatives." *American Politics Research* 35: 878-904.

Theriault, Sean M. 2008. *Party Polarization in Congress*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

March 19: Institutional Development & Congressional History

*** Annotated Bibliography Due**

Polsby, Nelson W. 1968. "The Institutionalization of the U.S. House of Representatives." *American Political Science Review* 62: 148-168.

Jonathan N. Katz, Brian R. Sala. 1996. "Careerism, Committee Assignments, and the Electoral Connection." *American Political Science Review* 90: 21-33.

* Jenkins, Jeffery A., and Charles Stewart III. 2012. *Fighting for the Speakership: The House and the Rise of Party Government*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, forthcoming.

Recommended:

* Shepsle, Kenneth A. 1989. "The Changing Textbook Congress." In Chubb and Peterson, eds., *Can the Government Govern?* Washington, DC: The Brookings Institution (pg. 238-66).

* Aldrich, John H., and Kenneth A. Shepsle. 2000. "Explaining Institutional Change: Soaking, Poking, and Modeling in the U.S. Congress." In Bianco, ed., *Congress on Display, Congress at Work*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press (pg. 23-45).

Stewart, Charles, III. 1992. "Committee Hierarchies in the Modernizing House, 1875-1947." *American Journal of Political Science* 36: 835-856.

Stewart, Charles, III. 1988. "Budget Reform as Strategic Legislative Action: An Exploration." *Journal of Politics* 50: 292-321.

Binder, Sarah A. 1996. "The Partisan Basis of Procedural Choice: Allocating Parliamentary Rights in the House, 1789-1990." *American Political Science Review* 90: 8-20.

Dion, Douglas. 1997. *Turning the Legislative Thumbscrew: Minority Rights and Procedural Change in Legislative Politics*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press.

Jillson, Calvin C., and Rick K. Wilson. 1987. "A Social Choice Model of Politics: Insights into the Demise of the U. S. Continental Congress." *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 12: 5-32.

Gamm, Gerald, and Kenneth Shepsle. 1989. "Emergence of Legislative Institutions: Standing Committees in the House and Senate, 1810-1825." *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 14: 39-66.

Jenkins, Jeffery A. 1998. "Property Rights and the Emergence of Standing Committee Dominance in the Nineteenth-Century House." *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 23: 493-519.

Bianco, William T., David B. Spence, and John D. Wilkerson. 1996. "The Electoral Connection in the Early Congress: The Case of the Compensation Act of 1816." *American Journal of Political Science* 40: 145-171.

Carson, Jamie L., Jeffery A. Jenkins, David W. Rohde, and Mark A. Souva. 2001. "The Impact of National Tides and District-Level Effects on Electoral Outcomes: The U.S. Congressional Elections of 1862-63." *American Journal of Political Science* 45: 887-898.

Theriault, Sean M. 2003. "Patronage, the Pendleton Act, and the Power of the People." *Journal of Politics* 65: 50-68.

Bernhard, William, and Brian R. Sala. 2006. "The Remaking of an American Senate: The 17th Amendment and Ideological Responsiveness." *Journal of Politics* 68: 345-357.

Strahan, Randall. 2007. *Leading Representatives: The Agency of Leaders in the Politics of the U.S. House*. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press.

March 26: Committees

Smith, Steven S. 1986. "The Central Concepts in Fenno's Committee Studies." *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 11: 5-18.

Hall, Richard L. 1996. *Participation in Congress*. New Haven: Yale University Press.

Baumgartner, Frank R., Bryan D. Jones, and Michael C. MacLeod. 2000. "The Evolution of Legislative Jurisdictions." *Journal of Politics* 62: 321-349.

Recommended:

Fenno, Richard F. 1973. *Congressmen in Committees*. Boston: Little, Brown.

Shepsle, Kenneth A. 1978. *The Giant Jigsaw Puzzle: Democratic Committee Assignments in the Modern House*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Hall, Richard L., and Bernard Grofman. 1990. "The Committee Assignment Process and the Conditional Nature of Committee Bias." *American Political Science Review* 84: 1149-1166.

Jones, Bryan D., Frank R. Baumgartner, and Jeffery C. Talbert. 1993. "The Destruction of Issue Monopolies in Congress." *American Political Science Review* 87: 657-71.

King, David C. 1994. "The Nature of Congressional Committee Jurisdictions." *American Political Science Review* 88: 48-62.

April 2: Roll Call Voting & Ideology

Clinton, Joshua, Simon Jackman, and Douglas Rivers. 2004. "The Statistical Analysis of Roll Call Data." *American Political Science Review* 98: 355-370.

Stratmann, Thomas. 2000. "Congressional Voting Over Legislative Careers: Shifting Positions and Changing Constraints." *American Political Science Review* 94: 665-676.

Snyder, James M., Jr., and Timothy Groseclose. 2000. "Estimating Party Influence in Congressional Roll-Call Voting." *American Journal of Political Science* 44: 193-211.

McCarty, Nolan, Keith T. Poole, and Howard Rosenthal. 2001. "The Hunt for Party Discipline in Congress." *American Political Science Review* 95: 673-687.

Espino, Rodolfo, and David T. Canon. 2009. "Vote Switching in the U.S. House." *Journal of Politics* 71: 324-338.

Groseclose, Tim, and Jeffrey Milyo. 2010. "Sincere Versus Sophisticated Voting in Congress: Theory and Evidence." *Journal of Politics* 72: 60-73.

Crespin, Michael H., and David W. Rohde. 2010. "Dimensions, Issues, and Bills: Appropriations Voting on the House Floor." *Journal of Politics* 72: 976-989.

Recommended:

Kingdon, John W. 1989. *Congressmen's Voting Decisions*, 3rd ed. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press.

Poole, Keith T., and Howard Rosenthal. 1997. *Congress: A Political-Economic History of Roll-Call Voting*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Krehbiel, Keith. 1995. "Cosponsors and Wafflers from A to Z." *American Journal of Political Science* 39: 906-923.

Jenkins, Jeffery A. 2000. "Examining the Robustness of Ideological Voting: Evidence from the Confederate House of Representatives." *American Journal of Political Science* 44: 811-822.

King, David C., and Richard L. Zeckhauser. 2003. "Congressional Vote Options." *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 28: 387-411.

Poole, Keith T. 2007. "Changing Minds? Not in Congress!" *Public Choice* 131: 435-451.

April 9: Congressional Elections I—Candidates, Voters, and Party Elites

Rohde, David W. 1979. "Risk-Bearing and Progressive Ambition: The Case of Members of the United States House of Representatives." *American Journal of Political Science* 23: 1-26.

Jacobson, Gary C. 1989. "Strategic Politicians and the Dynamics of U.S. House Elections, 1946-86." *American Political Science Review* 83: 773-793.

Ansolabehere, Stephen D., James M. Snyder, Jr., and Charles Stewart, III. 2001. "Candidate Positioning in U.S. House Elections." *American Journal of Political Science* 45: 136-159.

Carson, Jamie L., Erik J. Engstrom, and Jason M. Roberts. 2007. "Candidate Quality, the Personal Vote, and the Incumbency Advantage in Congress." *American Political Science Review* 101: 289-301.

Stone, Walter J., and Elizabeth N. Simas. 2010. "Candidate Valence and Ideological Positions in U.S. House Elections." *American Journal of Political Science* 54: 371-388.

Druckman, James N., Martin J. Kifer, and Michael Parkin. 2009. "Campaign Communications in U.S. Congressional Elections." *American Political Science Review* 103: 343-366.

Recommended:

Mann, Thomas E. and Raymond E. Wolfinger. 1980. "Candidates and Parties in Congressional Elections." *American Political Science Review* 74: 617-632.

* Carmines, Edward G., and James A. Stimson. 1986. "The Politics and Policy of Race in Congress." In Wright, et al., eds., *Congress and Policy Change*. New York: Agathon (pg. 70-93).

Jacobson, Gary C., and Samuel Kernell. 1983. *Strategy and Choice in Congressional Elections*, 2nd ed. New Haven, CT: Yale University Press.

Banks, Jeffery S., and Rod Kiewiet. 1989. "Explaining Patterns of Candidate Competition in Congressional Elections." *American Journal of Political Science* 33: 997-1015.

Abramowitz, Alan I., and Jeffrey A. Segal. 1992. *Senate Elections*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press.

Stone, Walter J., and L. Sandy Maisel. 2003. "The Not So Simple Calculus of Winning: Potential U.S. House Candidates' Nomination and General Election Prospects." *Journal of Politics* 65: 951-977.

Maestas, Cherie D., Sarah A. Fulton, L. Sandy Maisel, and Walter J. Stone. 2006. "When to Risk It? Institutions, Ambitions, and the Decision to Run for the U.S. House." *American Political Science Review* 100: 195-208.

Sulkin, Tracy. 2009. "Campaign Appeals and Legislative Action." *Journal of Politics* 71: 1093-1108.

April 16: Congressional Elections II—Districting & Money

Gerber, Alan. 1998. "Estimating the Effect of Campaign Spending on Senate Election Outcomes Using Instrumental Variables." *American Political Science Review* 92: 401-411.

Esterling, Kevin M. 2007. "Buying Expertise: Campaign Contributions and Attention to Policy Analysis in Congressional Committees." *American Political Science Review* 101: 93-109.

Gimpel, James G., Frances E. Lee, and Shanna Pearson-Merkowitz. 2008. "The Check Is in the Mail: Interdistrict Funding Flows in Congressional Elections." *American Journal of Political Science* 52: 373-394.

Ansolabehere, Stephen D., James M. Snyder, Jr., and Charles Stewart, III. 2000. "Old Voters, New Voters, and the Personal Vote: Using Redistricting to Measure the Incumbency Advantage." *American Journal of Political Science* 44: 17-34.

Engstrom, Erik J. 2006. "Stacking the States, Stacking the House: The Partisan Consequences of Redistricting in the 19th Century." *American Political Science Review* 100: 419-427.

McCarty, Nolan, Keith T. Poole, and Howard Rosenthal. 2009. "Does Gerrymandering Cause Polarization?" *American Journal of Political Science* 53: 666-680.

Levendusky, Matthew S., Jeremy C. Pope, and Simon D. Jackman. 2008. "Measuring District-Level Partisanship with Implications for the Analysis of U.S. Elections." *Journal of Politics* 70: 736-753.

Recommended:

Cox, Gary W., and Jonathan Katz. 2002. *Elbridge Gerry's Salamander*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

Desposato, Scott W., and John R. Petrocik. 2003. "The Variable Incumbency Advantage: New Voters, Redistricting, and the Personal Vote." *American Journal of Political Science* 47: 18-32.

Abramowitz, Alan I., Brad Alexander, and Matthew Gunning. 2007. "Incumbency, Redistricting, and the Decline of Competition in U.S. House Elections." *Journal of Politics* 68: 75-88.

Erikson, Robert S., and Thomas R. Palfrey. 1998. "Campaign Spending and Incumbency: An Alternative Simultaneous Equations Approach." *Journal of Politics*: 355-373.

Goodliffe, Jay. 2001. "The Effect of War Chests on Challenger Entry in U.S. House Elections." *American Journal of Political Science* 45: 830-844.

Hetherington, Marc J., Bruce Larson, and Suzanne Globetti. 2003. "The Redistricting Cycle and Strategic Candidate Decisions in U.S. House Races." *Journal of Politics* 65: 1221-1234.

April 23: Congressional Elections III—Representation and Accountability

Burden, Barry C. 2007. *Personal Roots of Representation*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.

Carson, Jamie L., Gregory Koger, Matthew J. Lebo, and Everett Young. 2010. "The Electoral Costs of Party Loyalty in Congress." *American Journal of Political Science* 54: 598-616.

Ansolabehere, Stephen, and Philip Edward Jones. 2010. "Constituents' Responses to Congressional Roll-Call Voting." *American Journal of Political Science* 54: 583-597.

Bafumi, Joseph, and Michael C. Herron. 2010. "Leapfrog Representation and Extremism: A Study of American Voters and Their Members in Congress." *American Political Science Review* 104: 519-542.

Recommended:

Miller, Warren E. and Donald E. Stokes. 1963. "Constituency Influence in Congress." *American Political Science Review* 57: 45-56.

Fenno, Richard. 1977. "U.S. House Members in Their Constituencies." *American Political Science Review* 71: 883-916.

Erikson, Robert S. 1978. "Constituency Opinion and Congressional Behavior: A Reexamination of the Miller-Stokes Representation Data." *American Journal of Political Science* 22: 511-535.

Cain, Bruce E., John A. Ferejohn, Morris P. Fiorina. 1987. *The Personal Vote: Constituency Service and Electoral Independence*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press.

Bianco, William T. 1994. *Trust: Representatives and Constituents*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press.

Bishin, Benjamin G. 2000. "Constituency Influence in Congress: Does Subconstituency Matter?" *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 25: 389-415.

Whitby, Kenny J. 1997. *The Color of Representation*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press.

Cameron, Charles, David Epstein, and Sharyn O'Halloran. 1996. "Do Majority-Minority Districts Maximize Substantive Black Representation in Congress?" *American Political Science Review* 90: 794-812.

Lublin, David. 1999. "Racial Redistricting and African-American Representation: A Critique of 'Do Majority-Minority Districts Maximize Substantive Black Representation in Congress?'" *American Political Science Review* 93: 183-186.

Campbell, James E. 1991. "The Presidential Surge and Midterm Decline in Congressional Elections, 1868-1988." *Journal of Politics* 53: 477-487.

Canes-Wrone, Brandace, David W. Brady, and John F. Cogan. 2002. "Out of Step, Out of Office: Electoral Accountability and House Members' Voting." *American Political Science Review* 96: 127-140.

Jones, David R., and Monika L. McDermott. 2004. "The Responsible Party Government Model in House and Senate Elections." *American Journal of Political Science* 48: 1-12.

* **April 27: Final Paper Due, 5pm**

FURTHER READING ~ OTHER SELECTED TOPICS

Congress and Interbranch Relations

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