



Kinder Institute on Constitutional Democracy

University of Missouri

HIST 4900/POL SC 4900: Beltway History and Politics: American Constitutional Democracy in Theory and Practice

Kinder Scholars program in Washington, D.C. • Summer 2018

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Beltway History and Politics Course Information and Materials:

All course information and materials, including this syllabus, will be posted on Canvas. Each student is responsible for checking Canvas regularly for course updates, reading assignments, and announcements. Be sure your Canvas page is set to Eastern Time Zone (log into Canvas, click Settings in the left-hand side bar, then select Eastern Time Zone). Readings will be posted on Canvas under “Pages” at least 1 week prior to the class for which they are assigned.

Reminders and updates to field trip departure times, locations, and logistics may be posted on Canvas and on GroupMe. Please contact Jordan Pellerito prior to the first day of class to sign up for GroupMe text, if you have not done so already.

Please read this syllabus in its entirety for important information about the course.

Course Overview:

This course will be taught in Washington, D.C. by faculty affiliated with the University of Missouri Kinder Institute on Constitutional Democracy. The course will meet for seminars on Thursday evenings, from 7:00-9:00 p.m., at the Lobby Level Seminar Room in WISH-Woodley Park, and on Friday during the day, at historic sites around the Washington, D.C. area.

This course is an experiential overview of American political history for students in the Kinder Scholars program. Students will experience how American constitutional democracy was developed and implemented right here on the Potomac, and as much as possible in the actual places where the events occurred. Emphasis will be placed on interplay between constitutional theory and actual political experience throughout history and the tensions and institutional changes that emerged as Americans and their government coped with cataclysmic social changes, unparalleled economic development, and fearsome international challenges.

Course Expectations & Evaluation Criteria:

Weekly Seminar Meeting:

First and foremost, the Kinder Scholars program is academically driven, and all participants must enroll in and complete all coursework for HIS/POL SC 4900: Beltway History. Taught by Kinder Institute faculty in a seminar setting, the course is designed to engage students in an in-depth

examination of the philosophical foundations and historical development of American constitutional democracy from the colonial age through the present day. To that end, Kinder Scholars are expected to thoughtfully complete the assigned readings prior to each week's seminar and to actively participate in each week's discussion.

Weekly Reflective Summary Papers:

Prior to each week's seminar, you are expected to prepare a short, one to two page paper (using Times New roman, 12 point font, double spacing) summarizing and reflecting upon the major themes of the week's reading assignment. At the end of your paper, please include a numbered list of 3 questions about the readings that you would like to see addressed or discussed in that week's seminar. You will submit your Weekly Reflective Summary on Canvas no later than 11:00 p.m. on Tuesday prior to Thursday's seminar. For example, the assignment for Thursday, June 15th, is due on Canvas no later than 11:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 12th. Your Weekly Reflective Summary will be provided to the seminar professor prior to that week's seminar.

Weekly Field Trips:

Weekly field trips are designed to enhance students' studies by allowing them to learn about constitutional history and political development in places where it actually unfolded. Field trips take place on Fridays and participation is mandatory. Be certain to check the syllabus for field trip departure times and locations. We strongly recommend that you arrive at the departure location 10-15 minutes prior to the departure time. Field trips will depart on time and failure to participate due to late arrival will be counted as an absence.

Grading Criteria:

Attendance/Participation in Weekly Seminars and Field Trips:	50%
Weekly Summary Papers:	50%

An Important Note About Attendance:

Attendance and active engagement in the course seminars and field trips are **mandatory**. If you have a situation that causes you to be absent, you may miss **one class** and **one field trip** without penalty. This means **only one absence of class and only one absence from a field trip are permitted without losing points**. Please note that an absence from class does not excuse you from completing the Weekly Reflective Summary for that class session.

Grades will be assigned as follows:

- 97-100 = A+
- 94-100 = A
- 90-93 = A-
- 87-89 = B+
- 84-86 = B
- 80-83 = B-
- 77-79 = C+
- 74-76 = C
- 70-73 = C-
- 67-69 = D+
- 64-66 = D
- 60-63 = D-
- 0-59 = F

Academic Policies

Disabilities

If you anticipate barriers related to the format or requirements of this course, if you have emergency medical information to share with us, or if you need to make arrangements in case the building must be evacuated, please let us know as soon as possible. If disability related accommodations are necessary (for example, a note taker, extended time on exams, captioning), please register with the Office of Disability Services (<http://disabilityservices.missouri.edu>), S5 Memorial Union, 882-4696. For other MU resources for students with disabilities, click on "Disability Resources" on the MU homepage.

Intellectual Pluralism

The University of Missouri community welcomes intellectual diversity and respects student rights. Students who have questions concerning the quality of instruction in this class may address concerns to the Dean or Director of the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities (osrr.missouri.edu). All students will have the opportunity to submit an anonymous evaluation of the instructor(s) at the end of this course.

Academic Inquiry, Course Discussions, and Privacy

University of Missouri System Executive Order No. 38 lays out principles regarding the sanctity of classroom discussions at the university. The policy is described fully in Section 200.015 of the Collected Rules and Regulations. In this class, students may not make audio or video recordings of course activity, except students permitted to record as an accommodation under Section 240.040 of the Collected Rules. All other students who record and/or distribute audio or video recordings of class activity are subject to discipline in accordance with provisions of Section 200.020 of the Collected Rules and Regulations of the University of Missouri pertaining to student conduct matters.

Those students who are permitted to record are not permitted to redistribute audio or video recordings of statements or comments from the course to individuals who are not students in the course without the express permission of the faculty member and of any students who are recorded. Students found to have violated this policy are subject to discipline in accordance with provisions of Section 200.020 of the Collected Rules and Regulations of the University of Missouri pertaining to student conduct matters.

Course Schedule

The Summer 2018 Course Schedule is included below.

As a reminder, we strongly recommend that you arrive at the departure location for each field trip 10-15 minutes prior to the departure time. Field trips will depart on time and failure to participate due to late arrival will be counted as an absence.

Anticipated return times have been provided for each field trip. Please note that the return times are only approximations; field trips may return later than anticipated.

Kinder Scholars Course Schedule 2018

Mark Your Calendars:

Seminar Dates:

With the exception of Week Six, all seminar sessions will be held on Thursday evenings from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the WISH Seminar Room, located on the Lobby Level of WISH-Woodley Park. The Week Six seminar will be held at the International Center for Jefferson Studies at Monticello on Friday, July 13th. Therefore, there will be no class meeting on Thursday, July 12th.

Weekly Summary Due Dates:

All Weekly Reflective Summaries will be due on Canvas by 11:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, with the exception of Week One. During Week One, Weekly Reflective Summaries are due on Canvas by 11:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 6th.

Field Trip Dates and Departure Times:

With the exception of Week One, all field trips will be held on Fridays. Field trips will depart at the time and location indicated on the course schedule, below. In lieu of a field trip during Week One, Scholars will attend an Opening Reception at LiLLiES, from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday evening, June 5th. Since the Opening Reception takes the place of the field trip for Week One, attendance is required.

Course Schedule:

Week One: Tuesday and Thursday, June 5th and 7th

Instructors: Dr. Carli Conklin, Law and Dr. Justin Dyer, Political Science

Topic: Introduction to HIST/POL SC 4900 Beltway History & Politics

Assignment: Weekly Reflective Summaries are due on Canvas by 11:00 p.m. on Weds., June 6th

Field Trip: Opening Reception from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 6th at LiLLiES Restaurant and Bar. Dress is business casual.

LiLLiES is located at 2915 Connecticut Ave NW, Washington, DC 20008

<http://www.lilliesrestaurant.com> LiLLiES is approximately a 5 minute walk north on Connecticut Avenue from WISH. Please plan to meet in the WISH Lobby at 6:20 p.m. on Tuesday evening to walk down to LiLLiES.

Week Two: Thursday and Friday, June 14th and 15th

Instructor: Dr. Jennifer Selin, Political Science

Topic: Executive Agencies

Assignment: Weekly Reflective Summaries are due on Canvas by 11:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 12th

Field Trip: Tour of the CIA

The Tour Bus will depart from WISH on Friday at 11:15 a.m. and will return to WISH by ~5:30 p.m.

The CIA Tour will run from 12:30-4:30 p.m. Please be sure to eat an early lunch prior to boarding the tour bus for the CIA Tour.

You MUST bring your Driver's License or Passport with you to show at the CIA Entrance Gate. You must also be able to provide your Social Security Number at check in, so be sure to write it down and bring it with you. If you cannot provide your ID or Social Security Number, you will be denied admission. Denial of admission for the above reasons will count as an unexcused absence. The CIA has a gift shop, so be sure to bring cash or a credit card if you think you might be interested in making a purchase.

Week Three: Thursday and Friday, June 21st and 22nd

Instructor: Dr. Devin Fergus, History and Black Studies

Topic: Economic Equality

Assignment: Weekly Reflective Summaries are due on Canvas by 11:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 19th

Field Trip: Frederick Douglass House and Busboys and Poets Cafe

Tour Bus will depart from WISH on Friday at 9:00 a.m. for the Frederick Douglass House Tour.

At 12:45 p.m., following the Frederick Douglass House tour, the tour bus will drop students off for lunch at Busboys and Poets Café,

<http://www.busboysandpoets.com/about/14th-v>, which is located at 2021 14th St., NW, on the historic U Street Corridor: <https://washington.org/visit-dc/u-streets-unique-history-washington-dc>

Students will take the Metro back to WISH following lunch. The closest Metro station is the U Street/African American Civil War Memorial/Cardozo Station, which is on the Yellow and Green Lines. It is a five minute walk from Busboys and Poets Café to the U Street Metro Station.

Course Schedule, continued:

Week Four: Thursday and Friday, June 28th and 29th

Instructor: Dr. Jeff Pasley, History

Topic: George Washington and the Ideological Origins of the American Superhero

Assignment: Weekly Reflective Summaries are due on Canvas by 11:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 26th

Field Trip: Mt. Vernon <http://www.mountvernon.org>

Tour Bus will depart from WISH on Friday at noon and return to WISH by ~ 9:00 p.m.

The Mt. Vernon Tour will include four smaller tours: the Enslaved People of Mt. Vernon tour, the Mansion tour, a Sightseeing Cruise on the Potomac, and a tour of the Distillery & Gristmill. Please bring cash or a credit card to use to purchase lunch at the Mt. Vernon Café Court. Dinner will be provided for the group in Old Town Alexandria, VA following the Mt. Vernon tour.

This tour will include considerable walking and time outdoors. Be sure to wear comfortable shoes, comfortable clothing, and sunscreen. You may want to bring a light jacket for dinner in Old Town Alexandria following the Tour.

Week Five: Thursday and Friday, July 5th and 6th

Instructor: Dr. Jay Dow, Political Science

Topic: Electing the First Congress

Assignment: Weekly Reflective Summaries are due on Canvas by 11:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 3rd

Field Trip: Annapolis, MD (including the United States Naval Academy, a Harbour Tour, and the Maryland State House)

Tour Bus will depart from WISH on Friday at 8:30 a.m. and return by ~6:00 p.m.

This tour will include considerable walking and time outdoors. Be sure to wear comfortable shoes, comfortable clothing, and sunscreen.

Week Six: Thursday and Friday, July 12th and 13th

Instructor: Dr. Christa Dierksheide, History

Topic: Slavery and Empire at Jefferson's Monticello

Assignment: Weekly Reflective Summaries are due on Canvas by 11:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 10th

Field Trip: Monticello (Charlottesville, VA)

Tour Bus will depart from WISH on Friday at 8:30 a.m. and return by ~9:00 p.m.

Lunch will be provided at Monticello. For dinner, the Tour Bus will stop at the Hollymead Town Center shopping center, which has a variety of fast food options. Please bring cash or a credit card to pay for your dinner.

Course Schedule, continued:

Week Seven: Thursday and Friday, July 19th and 20th

Instructor: Dr. Jay Sexton, History

Topic: The Civil War in Global Context

Assignment: Weekly Reflective Summaries are due on Canvas by 11:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 17th

Field Trip: Antietam Battlefield (Antietam, MD)

Tour Bus will depart from WISH on Friday at 10:00 a.m. and return by ~9:00 p.m. Please bring a non-smelly sack lunch with bottled (not canned) water, juice, or soda for lunch, which you will be eating on the Tour Bus. You will depart and reboard the Tour Bus at various points on the Antietam Battlefield; please wear comfortable walking shoes, casual summer clothes, and sunscreen. You may want to bring a light jacket in case the AC on the Tour Bus is cold.

We may schedule a group dinner with Dr. Sexton following the Antietam Tour. Further details will be provided.

Week Eight: Thursday and Friday, July 26th and 27th

Instructor: Dr. Marvin Overby, Political Science

Topic: The Civil War: Reconstruction and Redemption

Assignment: Weekly Reflective Summaries are due on Canvas by 11:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 24th

Field Trip: Library of Congress

Dr. Overby will be a Kluge Fellow at the Library of Congress for the Fall 2018 semester and has arranged for a special tour for the Kinder Scholars. On Friday morning, you will take the Metro from Woodley Park to the Capitol South Metro stop, which is on the Blue/Orange/Silver Line. The Library of Congress is a 2 block walk from the Capitol South Metro Station. Further details, including departure time, information on meals, and expected arrival back at WISH, will be provided in advance of this field trip.