

Political Science 119A: Gender and Public Policy, Spring 2007

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Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:30-10:50am, SSB 106

Texts: Course Materials will be available at the bookstore (*Abortion Under Attack: Women on the Challenges Facing Choice*, ed. Krista Jacob) and through the library's Electronic Reserves program. From the UCSD Libraries Home Page, click on "Course Reserves," then on "All Course Reserves (Print and Electronic)" and use the index to find this course. (If you want to use E-Reserves from a computer off-campus, you will need to set-up use of the UCSD Proxy Server, according to the instructions found at: <http://libraries.ucsd.edu/proxy>)

Your Grade:

Midterm: 30%

Final: 30%

Research Paper (includes meeting with me by Thursday of week 5): 30%

Informed Participation, Including Presentation of Your Research: 10%

Please review the UCSD policy on academic dishonesty (<http://www-senate.ucsd.edu/manual/Appendices/app2.htm>). Any cheating or plagiarism will result in no credit for the assignment/exam in question, and you will be referred to your dean for disciplinary action.

Please bring bluebooks for the *midterm and final exams*. No make-ups will be given without appropriate documentation.

The *research paper* must examine a narrow topic within one of the following two broad issue areas: **Gender and Economics/Finance or Gender and Health. It may not concern reproductive rights or same-sex marriage.** It should be approximately 7 double-spaced pages long (12 pt., 1 in. margins), and is due Thursday, June 8th. As part of your paper grade, you must meet with me by the end of week 5 to discuss your topic.

Informed participation means that you have read assigned materials for each class, and are engaged in *thoughtful discussion* of them.

I expect you to **treat your colleagues with respect in all classroom discussion**. Please turn off all cell-phones or any other noise-making/distracting object in your possession.

T 4/3 Introduction

R 4/5 Feminism and Political Theory

Virginia Held "Feminism and Political Theory" *Blackwell Guide to Social and Political Philosophy*, p. 154-176)

T 4/10 Gender and Political Theory

The Republic of Plato, Book V (Trans. Allan Bloom, p.127-161)
Susan Moller Okin, "Philosopher Queens and Private Wives: Plato on Women and the Family" (*Feminist Interpretations and Political Theory*, p.11-31)

R 4/12 Gender and Political Theory

Aristotle *Politics*: Book I, ch.1-7, 12-13; Book II, ch.1-4, Book III, ch.1-5 (Trans. Carnes Lord, p. 35-44, 52-54, 55-59, 86-94)
Arlene Saxonhouse, "Aristotle: Defective Males, Hierarchy and the Limits of Politics" (*Feminist Interpretations and Political Theory*, p.32-52)

T 4/17 Gender and Political Theory

Carole Pateman, "Genesis, Fathers and the Political Liberty of Sons" (*The Sexual Contract*, p. 77-115)

R 4/19 Reproductive Rights in Theory

Rosalind Petchesky "The Body as Property: A Feminist Re-Vision" (*Conceiving the New World Order: The Global Politics of Reproduction*, p. 387-406)
Wendy Brown, "Reproductive Freedom and the Right to Privacy: A Paradox for Feminists" (*Families, Politics, and Public Policy: A Feminist Dialogue on Women and the State*, p.322-338)

T 4/24 Reproductive Rights: Past & Present

Film: *Jane: An Abortion Service*
Alan Guttmacher Institute, Lessons From Before Roe: Will Past Be Prologue?
Issues In Brief 2003, #5
readings from: *Abortion Under Attack: Women on the Challenges Facing Choice*

R 4/26 Reproductive Rights: Cases and Consequences

Roe v. Wade (excerpted in Weisberg, *Applications of Feminist Legal Theory to Women's Lives*, p. 953-961)
readings from: *Abortion Under Attack: Women on the Challenges Facing Choice*

T 5/1 Reproductive Rights: Past and Future Challenges

Brodie, Janet Farrell, "Mifepristone in the Context of American Abortion History" *Women & Politics* v.24, 3 (2002) p. 101-119
readings from: *Abortion Under Attack: Women on the Challenges Facing Choice*

R 5/3 Reproductive Rights: Past and Future Challenges

M.L. Palley & T. Kohler, "Hospital Mergers: The Future of Women's Reproductive Healthcare Services" *Women & Politics* v.25, 1-2 (2003) p. 149-178

T 5/8 Midterm

R 5/10 Tentative: Library Class – Research Tools and Resources

- T 5/15 Same-Sex Marriage: Living an Ethos?
Mark Blasius, "An Ethos of Lesbian and Gay Existence," *Sexual Identities, Queer Politics*, 143-177
- R 5/17 Same-Sex Marriage: Political Identities
Lisa Duggan, "Queering the State," *Sex Wars*, 179-193
Alison Beck, "Taking the Long View: Reflections on the Road to Marriage Equality" *Berkeley Journal of Gender, Law and Justice* 2005, Vol. 20, p50-55
- T 5/22 Same -Sex Marriage: Judicial Openings?
William N. Eskridge and Nan D. Hunter, *Sexuality, Gender and the Law*:
excerpt from: *Bowers v. Hardwick*
excerpt from: *Lawrence v. Texas*
excerpt from: *Baker v. Vermont*
Jon Kyl, "Judicial Activism Forces Same-Sex Marriage on the Nation," *Defense of Marriage: Does it Need Defending?*, 71-77
- R 5/24 Same -Sex Marriage: Constitutional Issues
Evan Gerstmann, "Same-Sex Marriage and the Fundamental Right to Marry," *Same-Sex Marriage and the Constitution*, 85-111
Linda Silberman, "Same-Sex Marriage: Refining the Conflict of Laws Analysis," *University of Pennsylvania Law Review* 2005, v.153, 2195-2214
- T 5/29 Same-Sex Marriage: Privacy's Theoretical Promise?
Morris B. Kaplan, "Intimacy and Equality: The Question of Lesbian and Gay Marriage," *Playing With Fire: Queer Politics, Queer Theories*, ed. Shane Phelan, 201-230
- R 5/31 Freedom, Political and Sexual
Patrick Califia, "Gay Marriage," *Speaking Sex to Power: The Politics of Queer Sex*, 33-40
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- T 6/5 POLICY PAPER PRESENTATIONS
- R 6/7 POLICY PAPER PRESENTATIONS and ALL POLICY PAPERS DUE
- W 6/13 FINAL EXAM, 8-11am