

POLITICAL SCIENCE 711: CITIZENSHIP IN THE U.S.

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This seminar is designed to provide students with an introduction to the empirical research literature on the politics of citizenship. Topics to be addressed include how citizenship is defined and changed by laws and public policies (particularly in regards to race, gender, and immigration status) as well as the historical debates surrounding the rights, responsibilities, and obligations that follow from membership in a political community. The focus will be primarily on the United States, although there will be some comparative cases as well.

Course Requirements & Grading:

You will be required to write a short reaction paper each week. They should be no longer than one typed, single-spaced page each, and should be reflections on or critiques of the assigned readings. The following is a list of different approaches you might take: juxtapose and comment on alternative explanations or approaches to a substantive topic; criticize the methodologies used and propose other strategies of research; criticize the conceptualization or measurement of a particular construct; analyze the implications of a set of findings; suggest new questions and hypotheses for research; or develop similarities or contrasts with themes covered in previous weeks. The papers do not need to cover all of the readings for a week, but they should contain an argument and not merely a summary or description of the readings.

These papers must be turned in to me no later than noon on the Tuesday before the scheduled Wednesday session. Please email them to me as attachments. These essays will serve as the starting point for group discussion.

In addition to these short essays, you will write a research paper on a topic of your choice (roughly 25 pages, typed and double-spaced; the topic is subject to approval). Students should submit a preliminary paper topic (or topics) by October 2. A final topic and bibliography are due by October 16. A literature review is due on November 6. The final paper is due on December 16.

Books Ordered:

Rogers Brubaker, *Citizenship and Nationhood in France and Germany*
Marianne Constable, *The Law of the Other*
Michael Jones-Correa, *Between Two Nations*
Suzanne Mettler, *Divided Citizens*
Eric Muller, *Free to Die for Their Country*
Judith Shklar, *American Citizenship*
Theda Skocpol, *Protecting Soldiers and Mothers*
Rogers Smith, *Civic Ideals*
Yasemin Soysal, *Limits of Citizenship*
Sidney Verba, Kay Schlozman, and Henry Brady, *Voice and Equality*

Class Schedule & Readings

Sept 4 **Introduction**

Sept 11: **Citizenship: Concept & Bounds**

Reading:

Brubaker, Rogers. 1992. *Citizenship and Nationhood in France and Germany*.
Cambridge: Harvard University Press.

Sept 18 **Migrants & Citizenship**

Reading:

Soysal, Yasemin Nuhoglu. 1994. *Limits of Citizenship: Migrants and Postnational Membership in Europe*.
Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Sept 25 **Citizenship as Standing**

Reading:

Shklar, Judith N. 1991. *American Citizenship: The Quest for Inclusion*. Cambridge: Harvard University
Press.

Oct 2 **Discussion of Paper Topics & Research Design**

Reading:

Smith, Rogers M. 1997. *Civic Ideals: Conflicting Visions of Citizenship in U.S. History*.
New Haven: Yale University Press.

Oct 9 **Civic Identity**

Reading:

Smith, Rogers M. 1997. *Civic Ideals: Conflicting Visions of Citizenship in U.S. History*.
New Haven: Yale University Press.

Oct 16 **Naturalization & Voting**

Reading:

Jones-Correa, Michael. 1998. *Between Two Nations: The Political Predicament of Latinos in New York
City*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press.

Oct 23 **Military Service**

Reading:

Muller, Eric L. 2001. *Free to Die for Their Country: The Story of the Japanese American Draft Resisters in
World War II*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Oct 30 **Jury Duty**

Reading:

Constable, Marianne. 1994. *The Law of the Other: The Mixed Jury and Changing Conceptions of Citizenship, Law, and Knowledge*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Nov 6 **Discussion of Research**

Reading:

Skocpol, Theda. 1992. *Protecting Soldiers and Mothers: The Political Origins of Social Policy in the United States*. Cambridge: Belknap Press of Harvard University Press.

Nov 13 **Citizenship & the Welfare State**

Reading:

Skocpol, Theda. 1992. *Protecting Soldiers and Mothers: The Political Origins of Social Policy in the United States*. Cambridge: Belknap Press of Harvard University Press.

Nov 20 **Citizenship & Gender**

Reading:

Mettler, Suzanne. 1998. *Dividing Citizens: Gender and Federalism in New Deal Public Policy*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press.

Nov 27

No class

Dec 4 **Civic Engagement**

Reading:

Verba, Sidney, Kay Lehman Schlozman, Henry E. Brady. 1995. *Voice and Equality: Civic Voluntarism in American Politics*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press.

Dec 11 **Class Presentations & Conclusion**