

Political Science 7915
Seminar in State Politics and Policy Making
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Course Description

This course covers a wide variety of topics in the study of state politics. Because our primary goal is to obtain a sense of the major theoretical and methodological issues in the sub-field, the readings are quite selective and should not be construed as a comprehensive list of the most important literature in the field. While the list contains a wide assortment of studies that vary in terms of their approach and method, they are in large measure recent publications. The topics are divided into three broad sections. The first examines the various socioeconomic and political contexts in which state governments operate. Attention is given to variation in political party structure, interest group strength, and election practices. The second part focuses on the institutions in which policy is created and implemented. The organizations and processes associated with the legislative, executive, and judicial branches are examined in depth. Finally, the third section looks closely at various policy areas. We will spend time examining the problems or conditions identified as requiring government action, look at what governments have done to solve particular problems, and consider whether or not these efforts have had their intended effects.

Course Requirements

Class Participation

A large portion of the final course grade is determined by seminar participation. It is therefore imperative that students complete the assigned readings and take time to reflect upon them in a critical manner prior to class. Participation grades are determined by the quality of informed commentary contributed during our discussions.

Weekly Assignments

Students will be expected to submit a one-page paper at 6 different times over the course of the semester. The paper should be divided into three sections that address the following questions: (1) What are the major theoretical questions posed in the week's readings and why are these questions important? (2) What are some of the major theoretical findings from this week's readings? (3) Given these findings, what important questions remain to be addressed and how might scholars go about answering them? This last section is very important and I am expecting to see specific suggestions for future research and how such research might enhance our theoretical understanding of the topic. Please note: This one page assignment should not be longer than one page (assuming single spacing, 10-point font, and 1-inch margins). These assignments are due to me via e-mail (or in my box in the department office) by noon on class day. Note that students writing on an "Extra Reading Option" should not also write a weekly assignment for that week. These assignments will count toward your participation grade.

Article and Book Summaries

On the schedule there are several groups of readings with the label, "Extra Reading Option". In consultation with the instructor, students may sign up in advance to complete summaries of these readings. Each student is expected to complete two sets of these over the course of the semester. These summaries should be no more than 1½ single-spaced pages per article and no more than 4 pages for each book (assuming single spacing, 10-point font, and 1-inch margins). Each summary should contain sections indicating the question, theoretical context, data and methods, findings, authors' conclusions, and your own comments. The section for your own comments is a very important part because here I want you to indicate how the research relates to other findings/themes of the week's readings that everyone completed. One copy of the completed summaries should be provided to me (via e-mail or in my box in the department office) by noon on class day. In addition, copies should be distributed to fellow students at the beginning of class. At

an appropriate point in the seminar discussion, the student responsible for the extra articles will be asked to provide a brief (6-7 minute) presentation of these readings and how they relate to the material completed by the rest of the class.

Research Project

A two-part research project is required of all students. For the project, students should pose a research question, create a research design, collect and analyze relevant data, and report the empirical results. Students should begin work on this project soon after the semester is underway and consult frequently with the instructor about topics, relevant literature, and data acquisition. There are several deadlines throughout the semester, but two major deadlines are Friday, October 29 (4:00 p.m.) and Friday, December 3 (4:00 p.m.). The first part of the project counts for two-thirds of the total project grade and consists of posing a research question and creating the research design. The second part counts for one-third of the grade and involves collecting and analyzing relevant data and reporting the results. In addition, students will make a short presentation to the class concerning the research design and results on December 2. Details concerning this project will be provided on a separate handout.

Final Examination

The final exam is a comprehensive exam that allows students to bring together the material covered in the course. It is a take-home, open-book exam and you may take as much time as you need to complete it. The only requirement is that you do not consult anyone once the exam has been distributed. The completed exam (hard copy) is due on Friday December 10th by 4:00 p.m.

Evaluations

Grades for the course are based on a student's performance in four areas:

Class Participation / Weekly Assignments Summaries	25%
Article and Book Summaries	10%
Research Project	30%
Final Examination	35%
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TOTAL	100%

Letter grades will be determined as follows: A = 90-100 percent, B = 80-89 percent, C = 70-79 percent, D = 60-69 percent, and F = below 60 percent.

Reading Materials

The books listed below are available for purchase in the bookstore.

- Berry, William D., and Mitchell S. Sanders. 2000. *Understanding Multivariate Research: A Primer for Beginning Social Scientists*, Boulder, CO: Westview Press.
- Gray, Virginia, and Russell Hanson. 2008. *Politics in the American States: A Comparative Analysis* (9th edition), Washington, DC: Congressional Quarterly Press.
- Kurtz, Karl T., Bruce Cain, and Richard G. Niemi. 2007. *Institutional Change in American Politics*, Ann Arbor: The University of Michigan Press.

All of the articles that are required readings are available electronically though the LSU Libraries main page under the heading "ejournals". There you type in the title of the journal (e.g., *Journal of Politics*, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, etc.) and from that point options are provided for retrieving the electronic version of the article (e.g., JSTOR). I strongly encourage you to print the articles and bring them to class. Very often we will reference particular aspects of the articles (especially the tables) and it is important to have a copy of the article in front of you. Note that only the articles indicated with a solid bullet point (●) are required reading for each week. The hollow bullet points (○) denote additional reading in each topic area that are recommended.

General Policies

Plagiarism is a serious offense. Use of another's words, ideas, or data without giving proper credit will not be tolerated. Care should be made to properly cite sources where appropriate. If you have questions about what constitutes plagiarism, please consult me. I reserve the right to investigate when I suspect that you are not doing your own work. All violations of this policy are turned over to the Dean of Students for adjudication.

Due dates for assignments are indicated on the syllabus and research project handout. Penalties for handing in work late will be assessed based upon the circumstances, but will generally involve a loss of points. In other words, be certain that I receive your written work when it is due. If circumstances arise that prevent you from meeting a deadline, please let me know as soon as possible.

For students who have special needs or require accommodations through Disability Services, please advise me of your situation so arrangements can be made.

Course Schedule

August 26: Introduction of Course

September 2: Studying State Politics and Policymaking in a Federal System

- Berry, William D., and Mitchell S. Sanders. 2000. *Understanding Multivariate Research: A Primer for Beginning Social Scientists*, Boulder, CO: Westview Press.
- Gray, Virginia. 2008. "The Socioeconomic and Political Context of States," in *Politics in the American States*, 9th edition, eds. Gray and Hanson, Washington, D.C.: Congressional Quarterly Press.
- Jewell, Malcolm E. 1982. "The Neglected World of State Politics," *Journal of Politics* 44: 638-657.
- Brace, Paul, and Aubrey Jewett. 1995. "The State of State Politics Research," *Political Research Quarterly* 48: 643-681.
- Hanson, Russell L. 2008. "Intergovernmental Relations," in *Politics in the American States*, 9th edition, eds. Gray and Hanson, Washington, D.C.: Congressional Quarterly Press.
- Nathan, Richard P. 2006. "There Will Always Be a New Federalism," *Journal of Public Administration* 16: 499-510.
- Soss, Joe, Sanford F. Schram, Thomas P. Vartanian, and Erin O'Brien. 2001. "Setting the Terms of Relief: Explaining State Policy Choices in the Devolution Revolution," *American Journal of Political Science*, 45:378-395.
- Fellowes, Matthew C., 2004. "Politics and the New American Welfare States," *American Journal of Political Science*, 48: 362-373.
- Nicholson-Crotty, Sean. 2008. "Fiscal Federalism and Tax Effort in the U.S. States," *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* 8: 109-126.

Extra Reading Option 1.1

- ❖ Allen, Mahalley D., Carrie Pettus, and Donald P. Haider-Markel. 2004. "Making the National Local: Specifying the Conditions for National Government Influence on State Policymaking," *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* 4: 318-344.
- ❖ Volden, Craig. 2006. "States as Policy Laboratories: Emulating Success in the Children's Health Insurance Program," *American Journal of Political Science* 50: 294-312.
- ❖ Shipan, Charles R., and Craig Volden. 2006. "Bottom-Up Federalism: The Diffusion of Antismoking Policies from U.S. Cities to States," *American Journal of Political Science* 50: 825-43.

Extra Reading Option 1.2

- ❖ Peterson, Paul. 1995. *The Price of Federalism*, Washington, DC: Brookings Institution.

Additional Reading

- Tucker, Harvey J., and Eric B. Herzik. 1986. "The Persisting Problem of Region in American State Policy Research," *Social Science Quarterly*, 67: 84-97.
- Nice, David C. 1987. "Federalism: The Setting of Intergovernmental Relations," in *Federalism: The Politics of Intergovernmental Relations*, New York: St. Martin's Press.
- Bowman, Ann O., and Richard C. Kearney. 1988. "Dimensions of State Government Capability," *Western Political Quarterly* 41: 341-362.
- Dilger, Robert Jay. 2000. "A Study of American Federalism at the Turn of the Century," *State and Local Government Review* 32: 98-107.
- Schneider, Sandra K. and William G. Jacoby. 2003. "Public Attitudes toward the Policy Responsibilities of the National and State Governments: Evidence from South Carolina," *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* 3: 246-69.
- Smith, Kevin B., J. Scott Granberg-Rademacker. 2003. "Data Gathering Made Easy: TPR Data Bulletins," *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* 3: 84-89.
- Volden, Craig. 2005. "Intergovernmental Political Competition in American Federalism," *American Journal of Political Science* 49: 327-342.
- Lieberman, Robert C., and Greg M. Shaw. 2000. "Looking Inward, Looking Outward: The Politics of State Welfare Innovation under Devolution," *Political Research Quarterly* 53: 215-240.
- Zimmerman et al. 2005. "Symposium on Preemption," *PS: Political Science and Politics*, 38: 359-378.
- Easterling, Kevin M. 2008. "Does the Federal Government Learn from the States? Medicaid and the Limits of Expertise in the Intergovernmental Lobby," *Publius: The Journal of Federalism* 39: 1-21.
- Álvarez-Díaz, Ángel, Lucas González and Benjamin Radcliff. 2010. "The Politics of Happiness: On the Political Determinants of Quality of Life in the American States," *Journal of Politics* 72: 894-905.

September 9: Political Culture, Ideology, and Public Opinion

- Wright, Gerald C., Robert S. Erikson, and John P. McIver. 1987. "Public Opinion and Policy Liberalism in the American States," *American Journal of Political Science* 31: 980-1001.
- Berry, William D., Evan J. Ringquist, Richard C. Fording, and Russell L. Hanson. 1998. "Measuring Citizen and Government Ideology in the American States," *American Journal of Political Science* 42: 337-348.
- Brace, Paul; Kellie Sims-Butler, Kevin Arceneaux, and Martin Johnson. 2002. "Public Opinion in the American States: New Perspectives Using National Survey Data," *American Journal of Political Science* 46: 173-189.
- Lax, Jeffrey R., and Justin H. Phillips. 2009. "How Should We Estimate Public Opinion in the States," *American Journal of Political Science*, 53: 107-121.
- Knack, Stephen. 2002. "Social Capital and the Quality of Government: Evidence from the States," *American Journal of Political Science*, 46: 772-785.

- Boylan, Richard T., Cheryl X. Long. 2003. "Measuring Public Corruption in the American States: A Survey of State House Reporters," *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* 3: 420-38.
- Kelleher, Christine A., and Jennifer Wolak. 2009. "Explaining Public Confidence in the Branches of State Government," *Political Research Quarterly* 60: 707-21.

Extra Reading Option 2.1

- ❖ Erickson, Robert S., Gerald Wright, and John P. McIver. 1993. *Statehouse Democracy: Public Opinion and Policy in the American States*, New York: Cambridge University Press.

Extra Reading Option 2.2

- ❖ Cohen, Jeffrey E. 2006. *Public Opinion in State Politics*. Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press.

Extra Reading Option 2.3

- ❖ Berry, William D., Evan J. Ringquist, Richard C. Fording, and Russell L. Hanson. 2007. "The Measurement and Stability of State Citizen Ideology," *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* 7: 111-32.
- ❖ Brace, Paul, Kevin Arceneaux, Martin Johnson, and Stacy G. Ulbig. 2007. "Reply to 'The Measurement and Stability of State Citizen Ideology'," *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* 7: 133-40.
- ❖ Berry, William D., Evan J. Ringquist, Richard C. Fording, and Russell L. Hanson. 2007. "A Rejoinder: The Measurement and Stability of State Citizen Ideology," *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* 7: 160-66.
- ❖ Berry, William D., Richard C. Fording, Evan J. Ringquist, , Russell L. Hanson, and Carl E. Klarner. 2010. "Measuring Citizen and Government Ideology in the U.S. States: A Re-Appraisal," *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* 10: 117-135.

Extra Reading Option 2.4

- ❖ Norrander, Barbara. 2007. "Comment: Choosing Among Indicators of State Public Opinion," *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* 7: 152-59.
- ❖ Erikson, Robert S., Gerald C. Wright, and John P. McIver. 2007. "Measuring the Public's Ideological Preferences in the 50 States: Survey Responses Versus Roll Call Data," *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* 7: 141-51.
- ❖ Carsey, Thomas M., and Jeffrey J. Harden. 2010. "New Measures of Partisanship, Ideology, and Policy Mood in the American States," *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* 10: 136-156.

Extra Reading Option 2.5

- ❖ Miller, D. Y. 1991. "The Impact of Political Culture on Patterns of State and Local Government," *The Journal of Federalism* 21: 703-21.
- ❖ Lieske, Joel. 1993. "Regional Sub-Cultures of the United States," *Journal of Politics* 55: 888-913.
- ❖ Koven, S. G., and C. Mausolf. 2002. "The Influence of Political Culture on State Budgets: Another Look at Elazar's Formulation," *American Review of Public Administration*, 32: 66-77.

Additional Reading

- Sharkansky, Ira. 1969. "The Utility of Elazar's Political Culture," *Polity* 2: 66-83.
- Johnson, Charles A. 1976. "Political Culture in American States: Elazar's Formulation Examined," *American Journal of Political Science* 20: 491-509.
- Elazar, Daniel J. 1984. *American Federalism: A View from the States*, 3rd ed., New York: Harper and Row.
- Fitzpatrick, Jody L., and Rodney E. Hero. 1988. "Political Culture and Political Characteristics of the American States: A Consideration of Some Old and New Questions," *Western Political Quarterly* 41: 145-53.
- Hanson, Russell L. 1992. "The Political Acculturation of Migrants in the American States," *Western Political Quarterly* 45: 355-84.
- Nice, David C. 1994. *Policy Innovation in State Government*, Ames: Iowa State University Press.
- Hero, Rodney E., and Caroline J. Tolbert. 1996. "A Racial/Ethnic Diversity Interpretation of Politics and Policy in the State of the U.S." *American Journal of Political Science* 40: 851-871.

- Preuhs, Robert R. 1999. "State Policy Components of Interstate Migration in the United States," *Political Research Quarterly* 52: 527-47.
- Valentino, Nicholas A., David O. Sears. 2005. "Old Times There Are Not Forgotten: Race and Partisan Realignment in the Contemporary South," *American Journal of Political Science* 49: 672-688.
- Uslaner, Eric M, and Mitchell Brown. 2005. "Inequality, Trust, and Civic Engagement," *American Politics Research*, 33: 868-94.

September 16: Political Parties and Elections

- Holbrook, Thomas M., and Raymond J. La Raja. 2008. "Parties and Elections," in *Politics in the American States*, 9th edition, eds. Gray and Hanson, Washington, D.C.: Congressional Quarterly Press.
- Gibson, James L., Cornelius P. Cotter, John F. Bibby, and Robert J. Huckshorn. 1983. "Assessing Party Organizational Strength." *American Journal of Political Science* 27: 193-222.
- Holbrook, Thomas M., and Emily Van Dunk. 1993. "Electoral Competition in the American States," *American Political Science Review* 87: 955-962.
- Dwyre, Diana, and Jeffrey Stonecash. 1992. "Where's the Party? Changing State Party Organizations," *American Politics Quarterly* 20: 326-344.
- Bowler, Shaun, and Todd Donovan. 2008. "The Initiative Process," in *Politics in the American States*, 9th edition, eds. Gray and Hanson, Washington, D.C.: Congressional Quarterly Press.
- Berry, William D., Michael B. Berkman, and Stuart Schneiderman. 2000. "Legislative Professionalism and Incumbent Reelection: The Development of Institutional Boundaries," *American Political Science Review*, 94, 4: 859-74.
- Hogan, Robert E. 2004. "Challenger Emergence, Incumbent Success, and Electoral Accountability in State Legislative Elections," *Journal of Politics* 66: 1283-1303.
- Lupia, Arthur. 1994. "Shortcuts Versus Encyclopedias: Information and Voting Behavior in California Insurance Reform Elections," *American Political Science Review* 88: 63-76.

Extra Reading Option 3.1

- ❖ Van Dunk, Emily. 1997. "Challenger Quality in State Legislative Elections," *Political Research Quarterly*, 50: 793-807.
- ❖ Hogan, Robert E. 2001. "Campaign War Chests and Challenger Emergence in State Legislative Elections," *Political Research Quarterly*, 54: 815-30.
- ❖ Maestas, Cherie D., L. Sandy Maisel, and Walter J. Stone. 2005. "National Party Efforts to Recruit State Legislators to Run for the U.S. House," *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, 30: 277-300.

Extra Reading Option 3.2

- ❖ Atkeson, Lonna Rae, and Randall W. Partin. 1995. "Economic and Referendum Voting: A Comparison of Gubernatorial and Senatorial Elections," *American Political Science Review* 89: 99-107.
- ❖ King, James D. 2001. "Incumbent Popularity and Vote Choice in Gubernatorial Elections," *Journal of Politics* 63: 585-597.
- ❖ Bardwell, Kedron. 2002. "Money and Challenger Emergence in Gubernatorial Primaries," *Political Research Quarterly* 55: 653-667.

Extra Reading Option 3.3

- ❖ Malbin, Michael J., and Thomas L. Gais. 1998. *The Day After Reform: Sobering Campaign Finance Lessons from the American States*, New York: Rockefeller Institute Press.

Extra Reading Option 3.4

- ❖ Donnay, Patrick D., and Graham P. Ramsden. 1995. "Public Financing of Legislative Elections: Lessons from Minnesota," *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, 20: 351-64.
- ❖ Mayer, Kenneth R., and John M. Wood. 1995. "The Impact of Public Financing on Electoral Competitiveness: Evidence from Wisconsin, 1964-1990," *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, 20: 69-88.
- ❖ Francia, Peter L., and Paul S. Herrnsen. 2003. "The Impact of Public Finance Laws on Fundraising in State Legislative Elections," *American Politics Research*, 31: 520-539.
- ❖ Eom, Kihong, and Donald A. Gross. 2006. "Contribution Limits and Disparity in Contributions between Gubernatorial Candidates," *Political Research Quarterly* 59: 99-110.

Extra Reading Option 3.5

- ❖ Gerber, Elisabeth R. 1999. *The Populist Paradox: Interest Group Influence and the Promise of Direct Legislation*, New Jersey: Princeton University Press.

Extra Reading Option 3.6

- ❖ Clark, John A., and Charles L. Prysby. 2004. *Southern Political Activists: Patterns of Conflict and Change, 1991-2001*, Lexington: University of Kentucky Press.

Extra Reading Option 3.7

- ❖ Barrilleaux, Charles, Thomas Holbrook, and Laura Langer. 2002. "Electoral Competition, Legislative Balance, and American State Welfare Policy," *American Journal of Political Science* 46: 415-27.
- ❖ Erikson, Robert S., Gerald C. Wright, and John P. McIver. 1989. "Political Parties, Public Opinion, and State Policy in the U.S.," *American Political Science Review* 83: 729-750.
- ❖ Hill, Kim Quaille and Jan E. Leighley. 1996. "Political Parties and Class Mobilization in Contemporary United States Elections," *American Journal of Political Science* 40: 787-804.

Extra Reading Option 3.8

- ❖ Boehmke, Frederick J., and Daniel C. Bowen. 2010. "Direct Democracy and Individual Interest Group Membership," *Journal of Politics* 72: 659-671.
- ❖ Nicholson, Stephen P. 2003. "The Political Environment and Ballot Proposition Awareness," *American Journal of Political Science*, 47: 403-410.
- ❖ Smith, Daniel A., and Dustin Fridkin. 2008. "Delegating Direct Democracy: Interparty Legislative Competition and the Adoption of the Initiative in the American States," *American Political Science Review* 102: 333-50.

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- Patterson, Samuel C. and Gregory A. Caldeira. 1984. "The Etiology of Partisan Competition," *American Political Science Review* 78: 691-707.
- Cotter, Cornelius, James Gibson, John Bibby, and Robert Huckshorn. 1984. *Party Organizations in American Politics*, Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press.
- Chubb, John E. 1988. "Institutions, the Economy, and the Dynamics of State Elections," *American Political Science Review* 82: 133-54.
- Stonecash, Jeffrey M. 1988. "Working at the Margins: Campaign Finance and Party Strategy in New York Assembly Elections," *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 13: 477-94.
- Squire, Peverill. 1988. "Career Opportunities and Membership Stability in Legislatures," *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, 13:65-81.
- Hill, Kim Quaille, Jan E. Leighley, and Angela Hinton-Andersson. 1995. "Lower-Class Mobilization and Policy Linkage in the U.S. States," *American Journal of Political Science* 39: 75-86.
- Leyden, Kevin M., and Stephen A. Borrelli. 1995. "The Effect of State Economic Conditions on Gubernatorial Elections: Does a Unified Government Make A Difference?" *Political Research Quarterly* 48: 275-290.

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- Adams, Greg D. 1996. "Legislative Effects of Single-Member vs. Multi-Member Districts," *American Journal of Political Science* 40: 129-144.
- Gierzynski, Anthony, and David Breaux. 1996. "Legislative Elections and the Importance of Money," *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 21: 337-58.
- Aistrup, Joseph A. 1996. *The Southern Strategy Revisited: Republican Top-Down Advancement in the South*, Lexington: The University of Kentucky Press.
- Smith, Mark A. 1997. "The Nature of Party Governance: Connecting Conceptualization and Measurement," *American Journal of Political Science* 41: 1042-1956.
- Van Dunk, Emily, and Ronald E. Weber. 1997. "Constituency-Level Competition in the U.S. States, 1968-1988: A Pooled Analysis," *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 22: 141-159.
- Thompson, Joel A., and Gary F. Moncrief. 1998. *Campaign Finance in State Legislative Elections*, Washington, DC: Congressional Quarterly Press.
- Hadley, Charles D., and Lewis Bowman. 1998. *Party Activists in Southern Politics*, Knoxville: University of Tennessee Press.
- Moncrief, Gary F. 1999. "Recruitment and Retention in U.S. Legislatures," *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, 24: 173-207.
- Carey, John M., Richard G. Niemi, and Lynda W. Powell. 2000. "Incumbency and the Probability of Reelection in State Legislative Elections," *Journal of Politics*, 62: 671-700.
- Carsey, Thomas M. 2000. *Campaign Dynamics: The Race for Governor*, Ann Arbor: The University of Michigan Press.
- Burden, Barry, and Steven Greene. 2000. "Party Attachments and State Election Laws," *Political Research Quarterly* 53: 63-76.
- Lublin, David, and D. Stephen Voss. 2000. "Racial Redistricting and Realignment in Southern State Legislatures," *American Journal of Political Science*, 44: 792-810.
- Jewett, Aubrey W. 2001. "Partisan Change in Southern Legislatures, 1946-95," *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 26: 457-486.
- Jewell, Malcolm E., and Sarah M. Morehouse. 2001. *Political Parties and Elections in American States*, 4th ed., Washington, DC: Congressional Quarterly Press.
- Smith, Mark A. 2001. "The Contingent Effects of Ballot Initiatives and Candidate Races on Turnout," *American Journal of Political Science*, 45: 700-706.
- Moncrief, Gary F., Peverill Squire, and Malcolm E. Jewell. 2001. *Who Runs for the Legislature?* New Jersey: Prentice Hall Press.
- Jackson, Robert A. 2002. "Gubernatorial and Senatorial Campaign Mobilization of Voters," *Political Research Quarterly*, 55: 825-844.
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- Partin, Randall. 2002. "Assessing the Impact of Campaign Spending in Governors' Races," *Political Research Quarterly* 55: 213-233.
- Sanbonmatsu, Kira. 2002. "Political Parties and the Recruitment of Women to State Legislatures," *Journal of Politics*, 64: 791-809.
- Hogan, Robert E. 2002. "Candidate Perceptions of Political Party Campaign Activity in State Legislative Elections" *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* 2: 66-85.
- Bonneau, Chris W., and Melinda Gann Hall. 2003. "Predicting Challengers in State Supreme Court Elections: Context and the Politics of Institutional Design," *Political Research Quarterly* 56: 337-349.
- Roh, Jongho, and Donald P. Haider-Markel. 2003. "All Politics is Not Local: National Forces in State Abortion Initiatives," *Social Science Quarterly* 84: 15-31.
- Abbe, Owen G., and Paul S. Herrnsen. 2003. "Campaign Professionalism in State Legislative Elections," *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* 3: 223-45.
- Nicholson, Stephen P. 2003. "The Political Environment and Ballot Proposition Awareness," *American Journal of Political Science*, 47: 403-410.
- Tolbert, Caroline J., Ramona S. McNeal, and Daniel A. Smith. 2003. "Enhancing Civic Engagement: The Effect of Direct Democracy on Political Participation and Knowledge," *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* 3: 23-24.

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- Ceaser, James W., and Robert P. Saldin. 2005. "A New Measure of Party Strength," *Political Research Quarterly* 58: 245-256.
- Snbonmatsu, Kira. 2006. "The Legislative Party and Candidate Recruitment in the American States," *Party Politics* 12: 233-56.
- Carsey, Thomas M., John C. Green, Richard Herrera, Geoffrey C. Layman. 2006. "State Party Context and Norms among Delegates to the 2000 National Party Conventions," *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* 6: 247-71.
- Meinke, Scott R., Jeffrey K. Staton, and Steven T. Wuhs. 2006. "State Delegate Selection Rules for Presidential Nominations, 1972-2000," *Journal of Politics* 68: 180-93.
- Lem, Steve B., and Conor M. Dowling. 2006. "Picking Their Spots: Minor Party Candidates in Gubernatorial Elections," *Political Research Quarterly* 59: 471-80.
- Witko, Christopher. 2007. "Explaining Increases in the Stringency of State Campaign Finance Regulation, 1993-2002," *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* 7: 369-93.
- Maestas, Cherie D., Sarah 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.
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- Tolbert, et al. 2008. "Symposium: 2008 and Beyond: The Future of Election Reform in the States" (9 articles by various authors, pp. 631-686) *PS: Political Science and Politics*, October.
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- Brown, Adam R., and Gary C. Jacobson. 2008. "Party Performance, and Strategic Politicians: The Dynamics of Elections for Senator and Governor in 2006," *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* 8: 384-409.
- Segura, Gary M., and Luis R. Fraga. 2008. "Race and the Recall: Racial and Ethnic Polarization in the California Recall Election," *American Journal of Political Science* 52: 421-435.
- Shigeo Hirano, James M. Snyder, Jr. 2009. "Using Multimember District Elections to Estimate the Sources of the Incumbency Advantage," *American Journal of Political Science* 53: 292-306.
- Primo, David M., and James M. Snyder, Jr. 2010. "Party Strength, the Personal Vote, and Government Spending," *American Journal of Political Science* 54: 354-70.

September 23: Interest Groups

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