

Duke University

Department of Political Science
PolSci 316.01 Racial and Ethnic Minorities in American Politics
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Objective

This course is a graduate-level introduction to the politics of the United States' four principal racial minority groups. The importance of race and ethnicity in American politics, and the politics (historical, legal, attitudinal and behavioral) of blacks, Latinos, American Indians and Asian Americans are explored. The course will describe and analyze how the structures of the American political system and its present operation seriously disadvantage blacks, Latinos, Asian Americans and American Indians as they attempt to gain the full benefits of American society. Other aspects of the black, Latino, Asian and Indian peoples experience will be discussed to give a more balanced perspective of black, Latino, Asian and Indian peoples participation in the American political arena.

Required Texts

Paula D. McClain and Joseph Stewart, Jr. "*Can We All Get Along?*" *Racial and Ethnic Minorities in American Politics*, 4th edition. Boulder: Westview Press, 2006.

Gordon H. Change, *Asian Americans and Politics*. Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2001.

Michael C. Dawson, *Behind the Mule: Race and Class in African-American Politics*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1994.

_____, *Black Visions: The Roots of Contemporary African-American Political Ideologies*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2001.

Katherine Tate, *Black Faces in the Mirror*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2003.

David E. Wilkins, *American Indian Politics and the American Political System*, 2nd edition. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 2006.

John A. Garcia, *Latino Politics in America: Community, Culture, and Interests*. Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield, 2003.

Lien, Pei-te, M. Margaret Conway, and Janelle Wong, *The Politics of Asian Americans: Diversity and Community*. New York: Routledge, 2004.

Sonenshein, Raphael J., *Politics in Black and White: Race and Power in Los Angeles*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1993.

Claire Jean Kim, *Bitter Fruit: The Politics of Black-Korean Conflict in New York City*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 2000.

Karen Kaufmann, *The Urban Voter: Group Conflict and Mayoral Voting Behavior in American Cities*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 2004.

Numerous journal articles will also be read. Some of the articles will be in .pdf files on the class webpage. Others will be on electronic reserve. The library will not digitize articles that are available through online data bases, such as JSTOR.

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Course Requirements

1. Complete all required reading assignments for each class meeting and do any additional appropriate optional readings.
2. Make active contributions to inquiries and discussions.
3. Prepare for **two** of the modules a written 16-18 page, exclusive of title page and bibliography, “concept paper” in which major ideas are synthesized and critically analyzed. These papers will be due on the dates indicated in the module outlines. *Inadequately prepared papers will be returned for reformulation and rewriting*. Module papers will be graded and returned for revisions if not up to the highest standards of scholarly research and writing. **Papers will be graded on the following standards:**

- ❖ Use of language and writing;
- ❖ Organization of paper and format of essay;
- ❖ Consistency and use of logic;
- ❖ Use of literature;
- ❖ Conceptual formulation;
- ❖ Substantive value;
- ❖ Originality of research;
- ❖ Depth of scholarship

Papers are to be submitted through the Drop Box portal in BlackBoard. Make sure that you “send” the paper once you have uploaded the paper. It will take a little time to get use to, but once you learn the system, it works nicely. The program, however, does not notify me when you drop the paper in or when I reload it after grading.

4. Participate in the creation of small “learning teams” to assume responsibility for assigned

sessions. The task of each team will be to:

- a. Develop a list of questions to help focus class discussion. Copies of discussion questions are to be distributed at the beginning of the appropriate class sessions.
 - b. Structure and lead class sessions to deal with the topics. Approaches may include, but are not limited to, the following: lecture, questions and answer sessions, debates, presentation and discussion of papers, and so forth.
5. Take a final examination. Final examination: Friday, December 15, 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 6. Duke University is governed by an Honor Code which all students sign upon admission. I expect the Code to be observed. As such, the pledge along with your signature must appear on all written work, including exams. No work will be accepted that is not pledged.

Grading

Concept Papers	50%
Final Examination	40%
Class Presentations	10%

Class Format

After the introductory meeting, the seminar will be organized into four modules. Each module will consist of readings, discussion, student presentations, concept papers and review sessions.

Module One

Examines the development of the fields of black, Latinos, Asian American, and American Indian politics in political science. Theoretical frameworks used for examining racial minority politics, the political history of the groups, and the effect of socioeconomic resources on political participation will be explored. Paper for Module One due September 18.

Module Two

Examines political attitudes and political behaviors of blacks, Latinos, Asian American, and American Indians in American politics. Political ideology, partisan identification, linked fate, and other aspects of political attitudes and voting behavior are examined. Paper for Module Two due October 23.

Module Three

Issues of representation from elected officials to majority minority districts to the question of what representation means and what it means to be represented are explored. Paper for Module Three due November 13.

Module Four

The patterns of interminority relationships within urban politics are examined. Theories of coalition and competition politics among blacks, Latinos and Asian Americans are explored. Paper for Module Four is due December 4.

Course Calendar**ER=Electronic Reserve****BB=BlackBoard****JSTOR=Archive data base available through the library or other online data base**

August 28 Introduction

September 4, & 11 Module One:
Development of the Fields, Theories of Minority Politics,
Political history of groups, and Effect of Socioeconomic Resources
(Paper for Module One due September 18)

McClain and Stewart, Preface and Chapters 1 & 2, Timelines for all groups

Garcia, Chapters 1, 2, 3 and 4

Paula D. McClain and John A. Garcia, "Expanding Disciplinary Boundaries: Black, Latino, and Racial Minority Group Politics in Political Science." In Ada W. Finifter, *Political Science: The State of the Discipline, II*. Washington, D.C.: American Political Science Association, 1993. (BB)

Milton D. Morris, "Approaches to the Study of Black Politics." Chapter 2 in Milton D. Morris, *The Politics of Black America*. New York: Harper & Row, 1975. (BB)

Suzuki, Bob H. "Education and the Socialization of Asian Americans: A Revisionist Analysis of the 'Model Minority Thesis.'" *Amerasia* 4:2 (1977). (ER)

Rodney Hero, "Theoretical Perspectives and Latino Politics," Chapter 2 in Rodney Hero, *Latinos and the U. S. Political System: Two Tiered Pluralism*. Temple University Press, 1992. (ER)

Rodney Hero, "Latinos and the Political System: Two-Tiered Pluralism," Chapter 11 in Rodney Hero, *Latinos and the U. S. Political System: Two Tiered Pluralism*. Temple University Press, 1992. (ER)

Chang, Chapters 1 & 2.

Estrada, et. al, "Chicanos in the United States: A History of Exploitation and Resistance" (ER)

Rodriguez, "Colonial Relationships: Migration and History." (ER)

Torres, "From Exiles to Minorities: The Politics of Cuban Americans." (ER)

Fong, "The History of Asians in America." (ER)

Wilkins, Note on Terminology, Introduction, Chapters 1, 2, 4 & 9.

Sept. 18, 25, & Oct. 2 Module Two:
Attitudes and Political Participation
(Paper for Module Two due October 23)

McClain and Stewart, Chapters 3

Garcia, Chapter 4, 5, 6 & 7

Chang, Chaps. 3-11, 13 & 14.

Dawson, *Behind the Mule and Black Visions*

Wilkins, Chapters 3, 4, 5, 7 & 8.

- Lien, entire book.
- Richard D. Shingles, 1981. "Black Consciousness and Political Participation: The Missing Link." *American Political Science Review* 75:76-91.(JSTOR)
- Lawrence Bobo, and Franklin D. Gilliam, Jr. 1990. "Race, Sociopolitical Participation, and Black Empowerment," *American Political Science Review* 84:377-393. (JSTOR)
- Katherine Tate. 1991. "Black Political Participation in the 1984 and 1988 Presidential Elections," *American Political Science Review* 85:1159-1176. (JSTOR)
- Rodolfo O. de la Garza, Angelo Falcon, F. Chris Garcia. 1996. "Will the Real Americans Stand Up: Anglo and Mexican-American Support of Core American Political Values." 1996. *American Journal of Political Science* 40:335-51. (JSTOR)
- John A. Garcia. 1997. "Political Participation: Resources and Involvement among Latinos in the American Political System." In F. Chris Garcia (editor), *Pursuing Power: Latinos and the Political System*. South Bend, IN: University of Notre Dame Press, 1997. (ER)
- Lisa J. Montoya. 1996. "Latino Gender Differences in Public Opinion: Results From the Latino National Political Survey." *Hispanic Journal of Behavioral Sciences* 18:255-276. (ER)
- Atiya Kai Stokes. 2003. "Latino Group Consciousness and Political Participation." *American Politics Research* 31 (July):361-378 (BB)
- Gabriel R. Sanchez, "The Role of Group Consciousness in Political Participation Among Latinos in the United States." *American Politics Research* 34,4 (July 2006):427-450. (BB)
- Wendy K. Tam. 1995. "Asians– A Monolithic Voting Bloc?" *Political Behavior* 17:223-249. (ER)
- Bruce E. Cain, D. Roderick Kiewiet, and Carole J. Uhlaner. 1991. "The Acquisition of Partisanship by Latinos and Asian Americans." *American Journal of Political Science* 35:390-422. (JSTOR)

Fall break October 6-10

October 16 No Class (I will be at NSF for a meeting). This class will be made up on Monday, December 4.

Oct. 23, 30 Module Three:
& November 6 Representation
(Paper for Module Three due November 13)

McClain and Stewart, Chapter 4

Garcia, Chapter 10

Katherine Tate, *Black Faces in the Mirror* (entire book)

Michael P. McDonald, "2001: A Redistricting Odyssey." *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* 4,4 (Winter 2004):369-370 (BB)

Michael P. McDonald, "A Comparative Analysis of Redistricting Institutions in the United States, 2001-02." *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* 4,4 (Winter

- 2004):371-395. (BB)
- Jason Barabas and Jennifer Jerit, "Redistricting Principles and Racial Representation." *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* 4,4 (Winter 2004):415-435. (BB)
- Pamela S. Karlan, "The Fire Next Time: Reapportionment after the 2000 Census." *Stanford Law Review* 50,3 (February 1998):731-763. (BB)
- David Lublin and D. Stephen Voss, "The Partisan Impact of Voting Rights Law: A Reply to Pamela S. Karlan." *Stanford Law Review* 50,3 (February 1998):765-777. (BB)
- Lani Guinier, "Groups, Representation, and Race Conscious Districting." In Lani Guinier, *The Tyranny of the Majority*. New York: The Free Press, 1994. (ER)
- Claudine Gay, "Spirals of Trust? The Effect of Descriptive Representation on the Relationship between Citizens and Their Government." *American Journal of Political Science* 46,4 (October 2002):717-732. (JSTOR)
- Zoltan L. Hajnal, "White Residents, Black Incumbents, and a Declining Racial Divide." *American Political Science Review* 95,3 (September 2003):603-617 (JSTOR)
- Kenneth W. Shotts, "Does Racial Redistricting Cause Conservative Policy Outcomes? Policy Preferences of Southern Representatives in the 1980s and 1990s." *Journal of Politics* 65,1 (February 2003):216-226.
- Rodney E. Hero and Caroline J. Tolbert, "Latinos and Substantive Representation in the U. S. House of Representatives: Direct, Indirect, or Nonexistent?" 1995. *American Journal of Political Science* 39:640-652. (JSTOR)
- Brick Kerr and Will Miller, 1997. "Latino Representation, It's Direct and Indirect." *American Journal of Political Science* 41:1066-1071.(JSTOR)
- The National Commission on the Voting Rights Act, "Protecting Minority Voters: The Voting Rights Act at Work 1982-2005." Report available at: <http://votingrightsact.org/report/finalreport.pdf>
- Juan Cartagena, "Latinos and Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act: Beyond Black and White." *National Black Law Journal* 18,2 (2004/2005):201-223. (BB)
- Michael Jones-Correra, "Language Provisions under the Voting Rights Act: How Effective Are They?" *Social Science Quarterly* 86,3 (September 2005):549-564. (BB)

Nov. 13, 20
& Dec. 4.

Module Four:
Interminority Group Relations
(Paper for Module Four is due December 4)

McClain and Stewart, Chapter 5.

Garcia, Chapter 11

Chang, 15.

Raphael J. Sonenshein, *Politics in Black and White: Race and Power in Los Angeles*. Princeton University Press, 1993. (entire book)

Claire Jean Kim, *Bitter Fruit: The Politics of Black-Korean Conflict in New York City*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 2001. (entire book)

Karen Kaufmann, *The Urban Voter: Group Conflict and Mayoral Voting Behavior in American Cities*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 2004.

Meier, Kenneth J., Paula D. McClain, J. L. Polinard, and Robert D. Wrinkle. 2004. "Divided or Together? Conflict and Cooperation between African Americans and

- Latinos.” *Political Research Quarterly* 57 (September):399-409. (BB)
- Paula D. McClain and Albert K. Karnig. 1990. “Black and Hispanic Socioeconomic and Political Competition.” *American Political Science Review* 84:535-545. (JSTOR)
- Paula D. McClain. 1993. “The Changing Dynamics of Urban Politics: Black and Hispanic Municipal Employment– Is There Competition?” *Journal of Politics* 55:399-414. (JSTOR)
- Paula D. McClain and Steve C. Tauber. 1998. “Black and Latino Socioeconomic and Political Competition: Has a Decade Made a Difference?” *American Politics Quarterly* 26:237-252. (BB)
- Lawrence D. Bobo, and Devon Johnson. 2000. “Racial Attitudes in a Prismatic Metropolis: Mapping Identity, Stereotypes, Competition, and Views on Affirmative Action.” In *Prismatic Metropolis: Inequality in Los Angeles*, Lawrence D. Bobo, Melvin L. Oliver, James H. Johnson Jr., and Abel Valenzuela Jr. New York: Russell Sage Foundation. (ER)
- Brinck Kerr, Will Meyer, and Margaret Reid, “The Changing Face of Urban Bureaucracy: Is There Interethnic Conflict for Municipal Government Jobs?” *Urban Affairs Review* 35 (July 2000):770-793. (BB)
- Paula D. McClain et al. “Racial Distancing in a Southern City: Latino Immigrant Views of Black Americans.” *Journal of Politics* 68,3 (August 2006):571-584. (BB)
- Raphael J. Sonenshein and Mark H. Drayse. “Urban Electoral Coalitions in an Age of Immigration: Time and Place in the 2001 and 2005 Los Angeles Mayoral Primaries.” *Political Geography* 25 (2006):570-595 (BB)

December 15 Final examination, Friday, December 15, 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m..