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THE SUPREME COURT AND PUBLIC POLICY

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OFFICE HOURS: MON. 2-3 P.M.
TUES. 1-2 P.M.

Readings:	Lucas A. Powe, Jr.	The Supreme Court and the American Elite (Harvard)
	Lucas A. Powe, Jr.	The Warren Court and American Politics (Harvard)
	Mark Tushnet	A Court Divided (Oxford)
(TAs):	Joe Rubio	Office Hours: 1-2 p.m. each Thursday—Tom Clark Lounge—Townes Hall
	Sarah Jackson	Office Hours: 1-2 p.m. each Thursday—Tom Clark Lounge—Townes Hall
	Chris Jones	Office Hours: 1-2 p.m. each Thursday—Tom Clark Lounge—Townes Hall
	Carly Baruh	Office Hours: Monday 9:30-11 a.m.; Wednesday 11-12:30 p.m.—Batts 1.118

****All lectures, *except* where indicated will be in the Law School Auditorium (see below)**

****EXCEPT:**	**Jan. 20, 2012 @ 1:00 p.m.; Room MEZ 1.306** **Feb. 17, 2012 @ 1:00 p.m.; Room MEZ 1.306** **Apr. 13, 2012 @ 1:00 p.m.; Room MEZ 1.306**
Discussion Sections:	**#38730—Joe Rubio—CBA 4.326** **#38735—Sarah Jackson—JES A307A** **#38740—Chris Jones—PAR 203** **#38745—Carly Baruh—WAG 201**

While the assignments have readings of appropriate material, the books can profitably be read cover to cover at any time. The goal of the course is to understand the Supreme Court in relation to American politics. Grades will be based on the 3 exams and attendance will not be considered.

January 18	Brown I	WC 21-49; AE 239-44
January 20	Brown II	WC 50-74
January 23	Massive Resistance	WC 157-78; AE 244-47
January 25	Civil Rights in the 1960s	WC 217-38, 272-302; AE 248-54
January 27	Discussion	
January 30	The Communists	WC 75-102, 127-58; AE 230-39
February 1	Pornography	WC 113-19, 336-57; AE 258
February 3	Discussion	
February 6	Criminal Procedure	WC 379-411; AE 263-68
February 8	Religion and Contraception	WC 182-93, 358-78; AE 260-61
February 10	Discussion	
February 13	First Exam—30%	
February 15	Reapportionment	WC 199-205, 239-71; AE 261-63
February 17	The Demise of the Warren Court	WC 465-81
February 20	Bussing	AE 268-70
February 22	Abortion	AE 274-80
February 24	Discussion	
February 27	Capital Punishment	WC 430-36; AE 293-96 Tushnet 175-76, 239-41
February 29	ERA	Tushnet 104-29
March 2	Discussion	

March 5	Watergate	AE 280-82
March 7	Affirmative Action	AE 289-92
March 19	Religion in the 1980s	AE 296-99
March 21	Bork	AE 284-85
March 23	Discussion	
March 26	Abortion	Tushnet 204-22; AE 307-11
March 28	Bussing	Tushnet 97-100, 223-26
March 30	Discussion	
April 2	Affirmative Action	Tushnet 226-39, 324-26
April 4	Gay Rights	Tushnet 156-79; AE 320-24
April 6	Discussion	
April 9	Exam—50%	
April 11	The New Federalism	Tushnet 249-78; AE 316-20
April 13	Election Law	AE 343-44
April 16	Bush v. Gore	Tushnet 152-53, 341-42; AE 336-39
April 18	Race in the New Country	AE 344-45
April 20	Discussion	
April 23	Roberts and Alito	AE 341-45
April 25	Capital Punishment	AE 329-33

April 27	Discussion	
April 30	The War on Terror	AE 345-50
May 2	Exam—20%	

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