

**The University of California, Irvine**  
**Political Science 61A/ Chicano/Latino Studies 64**  
***Race and Ethnicity in Political Science***  
**Winter Quarter 2010**  
**SSTR 103 11-12:20 T,TH**

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***Course Description:***

In this course, we examine the impact of race and ethnicity in American politics.

***Books:***

McClain, Paula and Joseph Stewart, Jr. 2009. *Can We All Get Along? Racial and Ethnic Minorities in American Politics*, 5d. Boulder, CO: Westview Press.

Wilkins, David E. 2002. *American Indian Politics and the American Political System*, 2d. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, Inc.

Reimers, David M. 1992. *Still the Golden Door: The Third World Comes to America*, 2d. New York: Columbia University Press.

Selections from the CQ Researcher. 2009. *Issues in Race, Ethnicity, and Gender*, 4d. Washington, DC: CQ Press.

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***Course Overview:***

Discussion sections will begin the second week of class. Every Thursday discussion questions will assigned as well as distributed. Discussion questions are the generally the basis of the exams in this course.

The two take-home examinations are each 25%; the final examination constitutes 50% of your grade. Take-home exams are due at the beginning of class. Make up examinations require my permission.

In general, no drop cards will be signed after the 5<sup>th</sup> week.

## Readings

### WEEK 1

January 5,7—America's Racial Dilemma & Citizenship

#### **READINGS:**

Can We All Get Along? 4d, Chapter 1, Paula D. McClain and Joseph Stewart Jr., pp. 1-27.

### WEEK 2

January 12, 14—Minority Groups and Voting Rights

Can We All Get Along? 4d, Chapter 2, Paula D. McClain and Joseph Stewart Jr., pp. 29-63.

Film Presentation: *Mendez vs Westminster*

### WEEK 3

January 19, 21—Minorities and the Public Policymaking Process

#### **READINGS:**

Can We All Get Along? 4d, Chapters 3 and 4, Paula D. McClain and Joseph Stewart Jr., pp. 65-123.

Film Presentation: *Of Civil Wrongs and Rights: The Fred Korematsu Story*

### WEEK 4

January 26, 28— Federal Indian Policy

**READINGS:** American Indian Politics and the American Political System, 2d, Chapter 4, David E. Wilkins., pp. 109-124.

Film Presentation: *The Way West* (The American Indian War), Part 1.

### **1<sup>ST</sup> Midterm: Distributed January 28th, due in class, February 2nd**

### WEEK 5

February 2, 4— American Indians Politics

**READINGS:** American Indian Politics and the American Political System, 2d, Chapter 2, David E. Wilkins., pp. 45-66.

### WEEK 6

February 9, 11— Contemporary Issues for American Indians

#### **READINGS:**

Issues in Race and Ethnicity, Selections from the CQ Researcher, Chapter 12, “American Indians,” pp. 267-288.

Film Presentation: *Indian Casinos: What’s Next?*

#### WEEK 7

February 16— Contemporary Issues for American Blacks and Latinos

**NO CLASS FEBRUARY 18<sup>TH</sup>**

#### **READINGS:**

Issues in Race and Ethnicity, 3d, Selections from the CQ Researcher, Chapter 5, “Black Colleges,” pp. 105-128, and Chapter 10, “Latinos’ Future,” pp. 223-244.

#### **2<sup>ND</sup> Midterm: Distributed February 16th and due in class February 23rd**

#### WEEK 8

February 23, 25—Affirmative Action and Voting Rights Disputes

#### **READINGS:**

Issues in Race and Ethnicity, 3d, Selections from the CQ Researcher, Chapter 1, “Affirmative Action,” pp. 1-22, and Chapter 3, “Redistricting Disputes,” pp. 55-78.

#### WEEK 9

March 2, 4— U.S. Residency Problems and Federal Policy

#### **READINGS:**

Still the Golden Door, The Third World Comes to America, 2d, Chapters 3 and 7, David M. Reimers., pp. 65-123 and 207-252.

#### WEEK 10

March 9, 11—Contemporary Political Issues in Race and Ethnicity

#### **READINGS:**

Still the Golden Door, The Third World Comes to America, 2d, Chapter 9, David M. Reimers., pp 253-264.

Issues in Race and Ethnicity, 3d, Selections from the CQ Researcher, Chapter 9, “Illegal Immigration,” pp. 195-222.

#### **Final Exam: Distributed March 11th**

**Course evaluations weeks 9-10**

**Final Exam Due: Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> by 12:30 p.m.**  
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