Govt 100.05 Freshman Writing Seminar: "Southern Politics"  Fall 07

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* Indicates reading on blackboard reserve; the Grantham, McAdam, Shafer/Johnson, and Wirt books may be purchased at
the Campus Store (or on-line). They will also on reserve at Uris.

Week 1 Outlines and Themes: Sectionalism, Racism, Populism, Economics
(Political alternatives to racism…that were submerged)

*Byron E. Shafer and Richard Johnson, The End of Southern Exceptionalism, 1-21
* Lawrence Goodwyn, The Populist Moment, 3-35;
Writing Pointers handout (Read carefully and often!)
(Due Sunday: 1-2 page essay on southern political threads)

Week 2 Southern Progressivism

*Anne Firor Scott, "A Progressive Wind from the South", JSW 29 (Feb, )
*Elizabeth Sanders, Roots of Reform, 148-77
(Due Monday: 3- page essay on race and class)

Week 3 Depression: The South as "The Nation's #1 Economic Problem"… and New Deal partner

Dewey Grantham, The South in Modern America, 116-69
* James Agee and Walker Evans, Let Us Now Praise Famous Men, 105-10 and photo page.
* Mary Poole, The Segregated Origins of Social Security, 30-53
(Due Mon.: : Five page essay on southern statism)

Week 4 On the Verge of the Second Reconstruction: The Postwar South and Apartheid

* V.O. Key, Southern Politics, 3-18, 502-8, 556-60, 578-81, 668-75
Doug McAdam, Political Process and The Development of Black Insurgence, 73-106

Weeks 5-6 The Civil Rights Movement: The Second Reconstruction

Doug McAdam, Political Process and the Development of Black Insurgency, 119-60
* Glenn T. Eskew, But for Birmingham, 155-92
Shafer/Johnson, End of Southern Exceptionalism, 51-9 (Folsom film possible here)
*Jason Sokol, There Goes My Everything (Review + Excerpt)
(Due Friday: Five- page paper on civil rights movement (get topic approved)
Week 7  Sunbelt, Gunbelt: The Economic Transformation of the South

Grantham, *The South in Modern America*, 170-78, 259-80
Shafer/Johnson, *The End of Southern Exceptionalism*, 22-50
(Due Friday: 2-3 pp paper on economic and political change)

Wks. 8-9  Southern Republicans: The Realignment

* Robert Dallek, *Flawed Giant*, 111-21
Grantham, *South in Modern America*, 281-89
Shafer/Johnson, *End of southern Exceptionalism*, 92-133
* Dan T. Carter, *From George Wallace to Newt Gingrich*, 55-68
* Nicole C. Rae and Colton c. Campbell, eds., *New Majority or Old Minority?*, 2-15, 53, 144-50, 160-70
* *Almanac of American Politics*, state, Senate, and 2 HR Reps (Read sections on two southern states)
(Due Friday: 5-page paper on party realignment/ southern Republicanism)

Week 10  Southern Democrats: Who’s Left (and How “left”?)

* Nicole Rae, *Southern Democrats*, 96-110, 84, 113-17
* S. P. Berard, *Southern Democrats in the U.S. House of Representatives*, xi-7, 14, 139-49
* Earl Black and Merle Black, *The Vital South*, 355-62
* James M. Glaser, *Race, Campaign Politics and Realignment in the South*, 43-79

(Due Friday: 2-page paper on Southern Democratic strategies)

Wks. 11-12  A Distinctive Southern Political Culture?
Grantham, *South in Modern America*, 311-42

(Due Friday: 3-5pp paper on southern political culture)

Week 13  The Bottom Line: How Much Has Changed?

Frederick Wirt, *We Ain't What We Was*, 59-85, 216-42

Week 14  Reprisal and Reflection
(Due by Monday after last class: research paper on approved topic using syllabus and some outside readings)