U.S. Constitutional History after 1865
HIUS 152B
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Required Text


Assignments

9/28 Introduction

10/1 The Constitution
   The U.S. Constitution, U&F A5-A13
   The Bill of Rights, U&F A13-A15

10/3 The Civil War Amendments
   13th, 14th and 15th Amendments, U&F A15-A17
   The Civil Rights Cases*

10/5 Race, Gender and Religion in the Gilded Age
   U&F 591-595
   Plessy v. Ferguson*
   Bradwell v. Illinois*
   Reynolds v. United States*

10/8 Populism, Progressivism and the Supreme Court
   U&F 595-612, 615-632, 635-639, 643-648
   Lochner v. New York*

10/10 The Constitution and World War I
   U&F 669-694, 723-727
   Abrams v. United States*
   Whitney v. California*

10/12 The New Deal and Economic Regulation
   U&F 737-738, 740-759, 761-770, 778-779

10/15 The New Deal and Preferred Rights
   U&F 787-803, 833-842
   U.S. v. Carolene Products*
   West Virginia State Board of Education v. Barnette*
10/17  The Warren Court and Racial Segregation  
     U&F 816-823, 851-870  
     Korematsu v. United States*  
     Brown v. Board of Education*  

10/19  The Civil Rights Movement  
     U&F 873-895, 937-938  

10/22  Test  

10/24  The Warren Court and Free Speech  
     U&F 897-906, 923-926  
     New York Times v. Sullivan*  

10/26  The Warren Court and Freedom of Religion  
     U&F 806-912  
     Everson v. Board of Education*  

10/29  The Warren Court and Criminal Defendants  
     U&F 912-917, 938-940  
     Miranda v. Arizona*  
     Gideon v. Wainwright*  

10/31  The Right of Privacy in the Warren and the Burger Courts  
     U&F 917-919, 996-999  
     Griswold v. Connecticut*  
     Roe v. Wade*  

11/2   The Burger Court and the Presidency  
     U&F 947-973  

11/5   The Burger Court and Equal Protection  
     U&F 977-994  

11/7   The Burger Court and the Bill of Rights  
     U&F 1003-1027  
     Miller v. California*  
     Cohen v. California*  

11/9   The Rehnquist Court and Federalism  
     U&F 1069-1076  

11/14  Test
11/16  The Rehnquist Court and Privacy
        U&F 1029-1032, 1049-1056, 1057-1060
        Planned Parenthood v. Casey*
        Lawrence v. Texas*

11/19  The Rehnquist Court and Equal Protection
        U&F 1032-1049

11/21  The Rehnquist Court and Religion
        U&F 1086-1098

11/26  The Rehnquist Court and Free Speech
        U&F 1076-1084
        Texas v. Johnson*
        Ashcroft v. ACLU*

11/28  The Rehnquist Court and the War on Terror
        U&F 1111-1133

11/30  The Rehnquist Court and the Presidency
        U&F 1060-1064
        Bush v. Gore*

12/3   The Roberts Court and Federalism
        U&F 1135-1138
        National Federation of Independent Business v. Sebelius*

12/5   The Roberts Court and the Bill of Rights
        U&F 1084-1086, 1148-1150, 1160-1162
        Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission*
        District of Columbia v. Heller*

12/5   The Roberts Court and Equal Protection
        U&F 1139-1143

* Indicates a reading that will be posted on Ted or distributed in class
Grading Policy

The grade in this course will be based on two tests during the term and a final exam. Each of the tests during the term will count for 20 percent of your grade and the final exam will count for 60 percent of your grade.

The tests and the final exam will cover the assigned readings, including any documents distributed in class or to which you are directed online, and material covered in lecture.

The tests and the final exam will be closed book exams and therefore you will not be permitted to consult any resource during the exams.

Office Hours and Contact Information

My office is HSS 6024. I will have office hours on Mondays and Wednesdays during the hour following class. I am also happy to meet with you at other times by prior arrangement.

Please feel free to contact me by e-mail or by telephone to discuss whatever you wish or to arrange a meeting.

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If you are interested in pursuing a legal career, I would be pleased to discuss law school or legal careers with you.

Supplemental Readings

If you would like to read more about constitutional history, here are some suggested readings:


Charles A. Beard, *An Economic Interpretation of the Constitution of the United States* (The Free Press 1913). This is a classic and controversial work that has been reissued several times.


Alexander Hamilton, James Madison and John Jay, *The Federalist* (This is a collection of articles written by the three authors in support of the ratification of the Constitution. Numerous editions are available.)


