POLI 4039 Southern Politics

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Required Books:

Julia Cass and J.L. Chestnut, Black in Selma (1991)

Additional required readings will be posted on Moodle

Course Requirements:

1. Black in Selma Exam (12.5% of final grade) Exam will be given covering the entire book. The graduate assistant will give a review lecture a week before. She will write and grade the exam.

2. God and Wal-Mart Exam (12.5% of final grade) Exam will be given covering the entire book. The graduate assistant will give a review. She will write and grade the exam. Chapters 10, 11 and 12 will not be included in the quiz.

3. Mid-Term Exam (25% of final grade) An Exam at Mid-Term will cover lecture and additional readings on Moodle. Format TBA.

4. Short Film of Research Topic (20% of final grade) A 3-5 minute film of your research topic instead of a written term paper. You'll turn in the film and a list of references used in the film. All software and hardware necessary will be made available. You'll have lots of questions about this assignment. I'll give you the details in class and devote a class period to the mechanics early in the semester. Topics must be discussed and approved in my office by me at least one week before the due date. If not 10 points will be deducted. Topics must be in the form of a hypothesis (preferably) or a question. The type of topic most suited to this form is to compare groups on something generally political using established cited evidence, then present visual examples to flesh out your explanations. Due dates will be staggered, 10 per week and selected by lottery in class. Kevin DiBenedetto of the Communication Across the Curriculum Studio in Coates Hall will speak to the class about the project. Due dates will be selected before mid-term.

5. Final Exam (30% of final grade) A Final Exam will cover all lecture material, emphasizing the second half of the semester, plus Moodle readings, plus the Bullock and Rozell book.