POLI 7981—SEMINAR IN CLASSICAL AND MEDIEVAL POLITICAL THEORY
Spring Semester 2014, Stubbs 210, Tues., 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Prof. Ellis Sandoz, 212 Stubbs Hall, <esandoz@lsu.edu> Office hour: 12:00 noon & by appointment; phone: 229-8902

Course description: This seminar addresses in a selective way key theoretical underpinnings of Western political order from antiquity with emphasis on the rise of modern republican constitutionalism and individualism. Emphasis will be placed on: the noetic and pneumatic differentiations and conflicts shaping the vast subject matter; their institutionalization; the emergence of Modernity, both radical and conservative. Each student will be required to submit & present six (6) papers (grouped as Team A*, B**) = 60% and complete a final paper (40%)--which may or may not be a take-home exam. A 10% penalty on the term average will be assessed for each un-excused class absence.

Reading Schedule 2014

Jan. 21: Intro.: C. S. Lewis, The Abolition of Man; Eric Voegelin, Science, Politics & Gnosticism
Jan. 28: Cicero, On the Commonwealth*

Feb. 4: Cont’d**


Feb. 18: Jean Bodin, On Sovereignty**

Feb. 25: Richard Hooker, Of the Laws of Ecclesiastical Polity (pref & I)* (VIII**) 

Mar. 4: >> Mardi Gras--no class

Mar. 11: John Bunyan, Pilgrim’s Progress*

Mar. 18: Bunyan cont’d: Grace Abounding**

Mar. 25: Algernon Sidney, Discourses Concerning Government (pp. 1-316*)

Apr. 1: Cont’d (pp. 319-578**)

Apr. 8: Colin Morris, The Discovery of the Individual 1050-1200*

Apr. 15: >>Spring Break--no class

Apr. 22: Sandoz, Give Me Liberty**

Apr. 29: Concluding discussion

Last class

May 6: Final paper due by noon
BOOKS FOR POLI 7981
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(Class meets 9:00-Noon, Tuesdays, 210 Stubbs Hall)

Cambridge Texts in the History of Political Thought
Cambridge UP, 1992
ISBN 0521349923 paperback

Bunyan, John. *Pilgrim’s Progress & Grace Abounding*. Eds. Thornton & Varenne
Vintage Books Classics; Random House, Inc. NY 2004
ISBN 9780375725685 paperback

Cambridge Texts in the History of Political Thought
Cambridge UP, 1999
ISBN 0521459591 paperback

Cambridge Texts in the History of Political Thought
Cambridge U. P., 1989
ISBN 0521379083 paperback

Lewis, C. S. *The Abolition of Man*.
Lits@iapublishing.com, 2010
Las Vegas, Nevada
ISBN 9781609421472 paperback

Morris, Colin. *The Discovery of the Individual, 1050-1200*
University of Toronto Press, 1972 (rpr. 2012)
ISBN 0802066658 paperback

Ed. Thoms G. West
Liberty Fund, Indianapolis, 1996
ISBN 9780865971424 paperback

Sandoz, Ellis. *Give Me Liberty: Studies in Constitutionalism and Politics*
St. Augustine Press, 2013
South Bend, IN
ISBN 9781587313103 paperback

Liberty Fund, 1993
Liberty Fund, Indianapolis
ISBN 9780865977099 paperback

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Wilmington, DE 2004