

**Course Syllabus
FALL 2009
POL 211 Chicago's Future
MWF 12:00PM-12:50PM
140 2BSB
Dr. Simpson**

(Speakers will not be confirmed until at least mid-September so the speaker dates and therefore the other classroom topics will change. All changes will be posted each Friday weekly on Blackboard.)

<u>WEEK</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>LECTURE TOPICS</u>	<u>READING ASSIGNMENTS</u>
I	8/24	Introduction to course, "Teaching Politics" DVD in class	<u>Boss</u> , read first half of book
	8/26	Introduction to Chicago's future and a discussion of machine politics.	
	8/28	"Vito" videotape on machine politics in class	
II	8/31	"Chicago: The City of the Century" DVD in class	<u>Boss</u> , read second half of book
	9/2	The Development of Machine Politics and the Council of Grey Wolves	
	9/4	Discussion: Boss, Vito, and Machine Politics	
III	9/7	Labor Day Holiday, No Class	<u>The Plan of Chicago</u> pp. 1-70
	9/9	Chicago Political History, 1833-1976	<u>Chicago's Future</u> Part I pp. 1-62
	9/11	Social Conditions of Chicago	<u>The New Chicago</u> pp. 82-93
IV	9/14	Discussion: Social Conditions of Chicago	<u>Chicago's Future</u> Part II , pp. 77-107
	* 9/16	Pierre de Vise Memorial Lecture: UIC Professor Janet Smith: "Racial Change in Housing in Chicago" (CONFIRMED)	<u>The Plan of Chicago</u> pp. 71-167 <u>The New Chicago</u> pp. 97-210
	9/18	"Chicago City Council: Ready for Reform?" DVD	

		Watch on computer during the week and discuss on the discussion board. Go to external links to connect to film.	
V	9/21	Economic and governmental Conditions	<u>Rogues, Rebels, and Rubber Stamps</u> , pp. 1-199
	* 9/23	2nd Ward Alderman Bob Fioretti: “The Chicago City Council and the Future of Chicago” (CONFIRMED)	
	9/25	Discussion of Race and Politics in the Chicago Metropolitan Region	

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VI	9/28	Political Corruption in Chicago	Laski, <u>My Fall From Grace</u> (all)
	*9/30	Former City Clerk James Laski: “Inside the Chicago Machine” (CONFIRMED)	Dick Simpson, et. al., Anti-Corruption Reports 1 & 2 at http://www.uic.edu/depts/pols/ChicagoPolitics/anticorruption.htm
	10/2	Discussion: Curing Corruption in Illinois	Rod Blagojevich, The Governor , Chapter 3
VII	10/5	MIDTERM EXAM	
	10/7	Discussion of Midterm Exam and Chicago Political History upto Richard J. Daley	<u>Chicago's Future</u> Part IV pp. 269-317
	*10/9	County Board Commissioner Tony Peraica: “Reform of Cook County Government” (CONFIRMED)	
VIII	10/12	Assignment of Research Paper on one unit of Chicago or Cook County Government -- Instructions on the paper are in class assignments in Blackboard	<u>Chicago's Future</u> Part III pp.133-164, 199-241
	* 10/14	Patrick Blanchard, Cook County Inspector General: “The Future of Corruption In Chicago and Cook County” (CONFIRMED)	

	* 10/16	The National Student Issues Convention: 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. SCE 320	
IX	*10/19	22nd Ward Alderman Ricardo Munoz "The Future of Latino Politics in Chicago" (CONFIRMED)	
	*10/21	Author Theresa Amato, "The Flaws of the Two Party System" (CONFIRMED)	Amato, Grand Illusion , Chapter 1
	10/23	"For the People: Local Government Budget Making" video Watch on computer during the week and discuss on the discussion board. Go to external links to connect to film.	
X	10/26	Chicago Politics from Richard J. Daley to Eugene Sawyer	Rogues pp.201-243
	*10/28	DVD: "Too Flawed to Fix"	
	10/30	Discussion of Black and Latino Politics in Chicago	
XI	11/2	Financing Local Governments	Chicago's Future Part V, pp. 401-431
	*11/4	Rita Athas, Executive Director, World Business Chicago: "Globalization, Olympics, and The New Chicago" (CONFIRMED)	
	11/6	Discussion of Chicago as a Global City and Financing Local Government	
XII	11/9	The Richard M. Daley Regime And the New Daley Machine	Rogues pp.245-330
	11/11	Carlos Hernandez Gomez, "The Media, Elections and Politics" (CONFIRMED)	
	*11/13	Former Governor Jim Edgar "The Future of Illinois" (CONFIRMED)	

XIII	11/16	DVD: "Benched" in class.	Chicago's Future pp. 482-490, 507-510
	*11/18	DePaul University Professor Larry Bennett: "The New Chicago" (CONFIRMED)	
	11/20	Discussion of Global Chicago today	
XIV	11/23	"Moveon: The Movie" - Part I DVD in class.	
	11/25	"Moveon: The Movie" - Part II DVD in class. TURN IN RESEARCH PAPER	
	11/27	Thanksgiving Holiday	
XV	11/30	Governing the Chicago Metropolitan Region	The New Chicago pp. 305-317
	12/2	Fred Hess Memorial Lecture: Chicago School Superintendent Ron Huberman "The Future of Education In Chicago" (CONFIRMED)	
	12/4	Review of Course and RECEIVE TAKE-HOME EXAM	

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8. FINAL EXAM is due in Professor Simpson's Mailbox by Noon. Room BSB 1101.