

PSC 403F
Nuclear Politics
R 5:30PM-8:20PM
CBC C 138

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T/R 11:15-12:15
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Texts:

- Titus, Bombs in the Backyard.
- Zeman & Amundson, Atomic Culture.
- Williams & Cantelon, The American Atom (on reserve).
- readings on reserve.

Requirements:

- Mid-term exam- October 18 30% of grade
- Final exam- Thursday, December 15, 6:00 PM 30% of grade
- Book review- due November 29 20% of grade
- Two field trips-Atomic Testing Museum and
DOE Yucca Mountain Information Center 20% of grade
- Attendance is required. Grade is negatively affected after two unexcused absences.
- No cell phones.
- Last day to drop class is November 4.

Course Outline

- I. Introduction (8/30)
- II. Early Discoveries (9/6)
Titus, Chapter 1.
- III. The Manhattan Project (10/13)
Titus, 2.
Williams, 1 & 2.
- IV. The Atomic Energy Act (9/20)
Titus, 3.
Williams, 3.
- V. Testing in the South Pacific (9/27)
Titus, 4.
- VI. The Nevada Test Site (10/4)
Titus, 5.
- VII. Selling the Bomb (10/11)
Titus, 6.
Williams, 4 & 5.

Mid-Term

- VIII. The Limited Test Ban Treaty (10/25)
Williams, 6.
- IX. Atomic Culture (11/1)
Titus, 8.
Titus & Simich, on reserve.
Zeman.
- X. Atomic Litigation (11/8)
Titus, 8.
- XI. Atomic Legislation (11/15)
Titus, 10.
- XII. Nuclear Waste Disposal (11/22)
On reserve.
- XIII. Future of the Nevada Test Site (11/29)
Titus, 11.

Class Presentations (12/6)

Final Exam (12/15)