"It is vain to say, that enlightened statesmen will be able to adjust these clashing interests, and render them all subservient to the public good. Enlightened statesmen will not always be at the helm: Nor, in many cases, can such an adjustment be made at all, without taking into view indirect and remote considerations, which will rarely prevail over the immediate interests which one party may find in disregarding the rights of another, or the good of the whole." —The Federalist, No. 10

"Viewed from the genuine abolition ground, Mr. Lincoln seemed tardy, cold, dull, and indifferent; but measuring him by the sentiment of his country, a sentiment he was bound as a statesman to consult, he was swift, zealous, radical, and determined."

-Frederick Douglass, "Oration in Memory of Lincoln"

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Books available for purchase:

- John Barry, Roger Williams and the Creation of the American Soul (Penguin) [9780143122883]
- James Madison, Notes of Debates in the Federal Convention (Ohio) [9780821407653]
- Pauline Maier, Ratification: The People Debate the Constitution, 1787-1788 (Simon & Schuster) [9780684868554]
- Harry Jaffa, Crisis of the House Divided (Chicago) [9780226391182]
- Stephen Skowronek, The Politics Presidents Make: Leadership from John Adams to Bill Clinton (Harvard) [9780674689374]
- Eliot Cohen, Supreme Command: Soldiers, Statesmen, and Leadership in Wartime (Anchor) [9781400034048]
- Jeffrey Tulis, The Rhetorical Presidency (Princeton) [9780691022956]
- Henry Kissinger, Diplomacy (Simon & Schuster) [9780671510992]
- Nelson Mandela, Long Walk to Freedom: The Autobiography of Nelson Mandela (Little, Brown) [9780316548182]
- Tom Plate, Conversations with Lee Kwan Yew, Citizen Singapore: How to Build a Nation (Marshall Cavendish) [9789812616760 or 9789814398619]

Website and Reserve:

A course website, including material not included in the books available for purchase, is available for registered students on Moodle. Most of the books may be found on reserve in Middleton Library.

SYLLABUS:

INTRODUCTION

Mon., 8/25 Introduction James Madison, The Federalist, no. 10 Frederick Douglass, "Oration in Memory of Abraham Lincoln"

Week One: The Political Theory of Statesmanship, Classical and Modern

- Wed., 8/27 Aristotle, Politics, Book I, ch. 1-2; Book III (entire) Aristotle, Ethics, Book IV, ch. 3-4; Book VI, ch. 5, 8-11 Aquinas, On Kingship, Book II, ch. 1-4
- Wed., 9/3 Machiavelli,

Week Two: The First American Founding

Mon., 9/8 John Barry, Roger Williams and the Creation of the American Soul, prologue, ch. 8, 10, 14, 17
John Winthrop, "A Model of Christian Charity"
Winthrop, "Little Speech on Liberty"
John Cotton, "A Discourse about Civil Government," in The Sacred Rights of Conscience, pp. 123-

Weeks Seven & Eight: The Two Presidencies

- Mon., 10/13 Eliot Cohen, Supreme Command, ch. 1-2
- Wed., 10/15 Supreme Command, ch. 6-7
- Mon., 10/20 Jeff Tulis, The Rhetorical Presidency, ch. 1-4
- Wed., 10/22 The Rhetorical Presidency, ch. 5-7
- Fri., 10/24 short essay due

Weeks Nine. Ten, & Eleven: Statesmanship in the World Arena

- Mon., 10/27 Henry Kissinger, Diplomacy, ch. 1-2, 27-28
- Wed., 10/29 Diplomacy, ch. 29-31
- Mon., 11/3 Mandela, Long Walk to Freedom, parts 9-10
- Wed., 11/5 Long Walk to Freedom, part 11
- Fri., 11/7 **short essay due**
- Mon., 11/10 Conversations with Lee Kwan Yew, pp. 14-108
- Wed., 11/12 Conversations with Lee Kwan Yew, pp. 109-211

Workshop: RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

- Mon., 11/17 presentations
- Wed., 11/19 presentations
- Mon., 11/24 presentations

[THANKSGIVING BREAK]

- Mon., 12/1 presentations
- Wed., 12/3 presentations

Fri., 12/12 FINAL PAPER DUE