Political Science 409C: American Political Thought (Tuesdays and Thursdays 1:00-2:15)

What is the proper balance of power between the national government and the state governments? How separate should the legislative, executive, and judicial powers be from one another? What is the proper job of a representative in Congress? How strong should the presidency be? How should we understand the role of the Supreme Court in the political system? The issues involved in the debate over ratification of the US Constitution are as relevant as ever. We will study them through a reading of *The Federalist*, selected writings by the Anti-Federalists, and contemporary writings.

Required books ordered for purchase (be sure to obtain these editions, either in print or as e-book):

This course counts toward the Great Works Academic Certificate. See Professor Fott for more information.

Political Science 780R: Proseminar in Political Theory (Wednesdays 2:30-5:15)

What is justice, and what does it require of us? Does might make right, or is there some other standard? Is democracy the best form of government, or are we overestimating ourselves? Those questions are as relevant today as they ever were. This seminar provides an opportunity to search for answers by studying and discussing some of the most important ancient and modern political thinkers.

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