

Fall 2018, Winter and Spring 2019

Education 374 / Political Science 334 / Sociology 374 / Law 781

SEMINAR ON PHILANTHROPY AND CIVIL SOCIETY

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Course Description

This is a year-long course, associated with the Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society (PACS). This seminar is intended for PhD students and postdoctoral fellows doing research on the nature and ramifications of civil society and/or the effects of philanthropy on civil society, both domestically and globally. The course is also open to advanced undergraduates writing senior theses on these topics. Our purpose is to support students in pursuing their research and writing. We accomplish this through several means. All members of the seminar will have an opportunity to lead a session *and* present their work at least once during the year. Faculty and students will lead discussions of recent writings that form the corpus of scholarly knowledge of civil society, philanthropy, and the nonprofit sector. Students will circulate drafts of chapters, papers, and/or proposals and get feedback from faculty and fellow students. We will also have several leading scholars visit us for evening talks throughout the academic year, and students will have ample opportunity to interact with these guests.

Our aim is to help students produce high-quality work that will have an impact on their respective disciplines and shape the scholarly terrain of research on civil society, philanthropy, and nonprofits. *Our expectation is that all participants will take the course for the full year;* exceptions are allowed only with permission. The course may be taken multiple times, and for 1-3 units. Grading is on a pass/fail basis. Coffee and pastries are served at each session.

The course meets on Fridays, from **10:00am – 12:00pm**. We meet at Stanford Law School, 3rd Floor, Crown Building, Room 320-F. We will have a beginning of the year reception at 5:00 on September 28th, also at the Law School, third floor, kitchen area, near the classroom we meet in.

Readings:

All readings not accessible through the Stanford Library will be posted to Canvas.

This fall we will read some of the draft chapters from the new edition of *The Nonprofit Sector*, edited by W. Powell and Patricia Bromley, forthcoming from Stanford University Press, 2020.

FALL QUARTER SCHEDULE:

September 28: Introduction

Everyone will give a short introduction to your research interests (*and also post a description on the course Canvas page.*) We will discuss how different social science disciplines think about associational life, nonprofits, and philanthropy. We will also discuss the interaction between normative and positive orientations to scholarship. The goal is to enlarge our respective fields of vision, and see how other disciplines decide what is interesting, what methodological approaches are deployed, and what counts as good scholarship.

October 12: Why do nonprofits exist?

The first article is a canonical statement; the next three are important contributions to the new edition of *The Nonprofit Sector*.

Henry Hansmann. "Economic Theories of Nonprofit Organizations," in W.W. Powell, ed., *The Nonprofit Sector*, 1st edition, Yale University Press, 1987.

Elisabeth Clemens. 2018. "At the Boundaries of the Political: Nonprofit Organization as Inputs, Alternatives, and Opportunities for Arbitrage," forthcoming in *The Nonprofit Sector*, 3rd ed.

Daniel Hemel. 2018. "Tangled Up in Tax: The Nonprofit Sector and the Federal Tax System," forthcoming in *The Nonprofit Sector*, 3rd ed.

Jill Horwitz. 2018. "Charitable Nonprofits and the Business of Health Care," forthcoming in *The Nonprofit Sector*, 3rd ed.

October 26: What is Civil Society?

Putnam, Robert D., Robert Leonardi, and Raffaella Y. Nanetti. 1994. *Making Democracy Work: Civic Traditions in Modern Italy*. Chapter 6. Princeton University Press.

Daniel Carpenter. 2016. Recruitment by Petition: American Abolitionism, French Protestantism, English Suppression. *Perspectives on Politics*. 14 (3).

https://www.cambridge.org/core/services/aop-cambridge-core/content/view/574441606006D23960F81868158E8FB1/S1537592716001134a.pdf/recruitment_by_petition_american_antislavery_french_protestantism_english_suppression.pdf

Christopher A. Bail. 2012. "The Fringe Effect: Civil Society Organizations and the Evolution of Discourse about Islam since the Sept. 11th Attacks." *American Sociological Review* 77(6): 855-79. <http://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/0003122412465743>

Ya-Wen Lei. 2018. *The Contentious Public Sphere: Law, Media and Authoritarian Rule in China*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press. Chapters 1,2, and 8.

Irene Bloemraad, Shannon Gleeson, Els de Graauw. 2018. "Immigrant Organizations: Civic Voice, Civic Inequality, and Civic Invisibility," forthcoming in *The Nonprofit Sector*, 3rd ed.

And if you do not know this, please read:

Alexis deTocqueville. *Democracy in America*. Translated by Henry Reeve. 1899.

http://xroads.virginia.edu/~Hyper/DETOC/toc_indx.html. Read "Of the Uses which the Americans Make of Public Associations and Relation of Civil to Political Associations."

November 8th, Faculty Seminar: Mike Annany, Associate Professor, Annenberg School of Communication, USC; Fellow, Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, and former PACS fellow and loyal workshop member! 5-8pm. He will be talking about his new book: **Networked Press Freedom: Creating Infrastructures for a Public Right to Hear**, MIT Press

November 9: Why do people give/volunteer?

Alvin W. Gouldner. 1960. "The Norm of Reciprocity: A Preliminary Statement," *American Sociological Review* 25(2):161-178. www.jstor.org/stable/2092623

Pamela Paxton. 2018. "Charitable Giving," forthcoming in *The Nonprofit Sector*, 3rd ed.

John A. List. 2011. "The Market for Charitable Giving." *Journal of Economic Perspectives* 25(2): 157-180.

<http://home.uchicago.edu/~jlist/papers/The%20Market%20for%20Charitable%20Giving.pdf>

Nava Ashraf and Oriana Bandiera. 2017. "Altruistic Capital." *American Economic Review* 107(5):70-75.

December 7: Markets, Politics, and Philanthropy

Jean Tirole. 2017. "The Moral Limits of the Market," Ch. 2 in his *Economics for the Common Good*, Princeton University Press.

Jonathan Levy. 2017. "From Fiscal Triangle to Passing Through: Rise of the Nonprofit Corporation," in [*Corporations and American Democracy*](#), edited by Naomi Lamoreaux and William Novack, Harvard University Press.

Alexander Hertel-Fernandez. 2017 "American Employers as Political Machines." *Journal of Politics* 79(1): 105-117. <https://doi.org/10.1086/687995>

Rob Reich. 2018. "A Political Theory of Philanthropy," Ch. 3 in his *Just Giving*, Princeton University Press.

Dana Brakman Reiser. 2018. "Is the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative the Future of Philanthropy?" *Stanford Social Innovation Review*. 16(2): 26-33.

WINTER TERM, 2019

Tentative dates: Jan 11, Jan 25, Feb 8, Feb. 22, March 8

SPRING TERM, 2019

To be scheduled