

POLI 7990 & 7982, Profs. Ellis Sandoz & James Stoner
Strauss-Voegelin Seminar, Spring 2008
Wed., 9-12 Noon, Stubbs 210

REQUIRED BOOKS--ALL PAPERBACKS (except Tanguay)!

- E. Voegelin, *Autobiographical Reflections*, ed. E. Sandoz. 1989. UMoPress ISBN 0-8071-2076-6
" *Science, Politics & Gnosticism*, ed. E. Sandoz 2004. ISI Books. ISBN 1-932236-48-1
" *Anamnesis*, ed. G. Niemeyer. 1990. UMoPress. ISBN0-8262-0737-5
" *Hitler and the Germans*, ed. D. Clemens & B. Purcell. 1999. UMoPress. ISBN 0-8262-1466-5
E. Sandoz, *Voegelinian Revolution*, 2d edn. 2000. Transaction. ISBN 0-7658-0697-5
P. Emberley & B. Cooper, eds., *Faith & Political Philosophy: Correspondence Between L. Strauss & E. Voegelin*. 2004. UMoPress. ISBN 8262-1551-3
D. Tanguay, *Leo Strauss: An Intellectual Biography*. 2007. Yale University Press. ISBN 0300109792
L. Strauss, *Liberalism Ancient and Modern*. 1995. University of Chicago Press. ISBN 0226776891
" *What Is Political Philosophy?* 1988. University of Chicago Press, ISBN 0226777138
" *The City and Man*. 1978. University of Chicago Press. ISBN 0226777014

Course description & requirements. This seminar will study in comparison some of the important writings of Eric Voegelin and Leo Strauss to the end of clarifying the key elements of their work as political theorists and major points of agreement and disagreement. Each student will be asked to write and present orally six concise papers (1500 words each) and a final paper of no more than 6000 words, valued at 60% and 40% of the course grade respectively. The seminar will be taught jointly and students may enroll for either course number as best suits their study programs.

2008 Weekly Schedule & Calendar

- Jan. 16: Voegelin, *Autobiographical Reflections*; Strauss, "Preface to Spinoza's Critique of Religion," in *Liberalism: Ancient and Modern*, pp. 224-259
- " 23: Strauss, *What is Political Philosophy?*, ch. 1, 4, 7, 9 [TEAM A]
- " 30: Voegelin, *Science, Politics & Gnosticism* [TEAM B]
- Feb. 6: Mardi Gras Holiday (no class)
- " 13: Emberley & Cooper, eds., *Faith and Political Philosophy* [A]
- " 20: Strauss, *City and Man* [B]
- " 27: Cont'd. [A]
- Mar. 5: Voegelin, *Anamnesis*, ed. G. Niemeyer [B]
- " 12: Cont'd. [A]
- " 19: Spring break (no class)
- " 26: Strauss, *Liberalism: Ancient and Modern* [B]
- Apr. 2: Cont'd. [A]
- " 9: Voegelin, *Hitler and the Germans* [B]
- " 16: Cont'd. [A]
- " 23: Tanguay, *Leo Strauss: An Intellectual Biography* [B]
- " 30: Sandoz, *Voegelinian Revolution*
- May 7: Final papers to be submitted