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## **POLI 119A Special Topics in Political Theory: Migration and Borders Spring 2013**

This seminar explores normative questions about the movement of people across state borders. Under what circumstances, if any, do we have the right to close the border and exclude potential newcomers? Do we have an obligation to extend citizenship status to immigrants who already live amongst us? On what basis can we grant or deny them equal political and civil rights? And what happens to individuals who are deemed to have violated the rules of residence, or who were never admitted in the first place? When, if ever, is deportation justified? Finally, what can immigration tell us about the meaning of state borders?

### Assessment:

- 10-page mid-term paper due by Monday, May 6 (35%)
  - 10-page final paper due by Tuesday, June 11 (35%)
- Topics and instructions will be distributed a few weeks in advance.
- 15-minute presentation (15%)
  - Participation (15%)

### Readings:

- Linda Bosniak, *The Citizen and the Alien*. Princeton University Press. 2008
- Daniel Kanstroom, *Aftermath: Deportation law and the new American diaspora*. Oxford University Press. 2012
- Rogers Smith, Ed, *Citizenship, Borders, and Human Needs*. University of Pennsylvania Press. 2011
- Carol Swain, Ed, *Debating Immigration*. Cambridge University Press. 2007
- Christopher Heath Wellman and Philipp Cole, *Debating the Ethics of Immigration: Is there a right to exclude?* Oxford University Press. 2011

These books are available for purchase at the Bookstore and all required and recommended readings (articles and books) are available on Reserves.

## Course Schedule:

### April 2: Introduction

#### I. Open Borders versus the Right to Exclude

##### April 4:

Joseph Carens, "Aliens and Citizens: The case for open borders", *Review of Politics*, 49(2): 251-73, 1987.

##### April 9:

Arash Abizadeh, "Democratic Theory and Border Coercion : No Right to Unilaterally Control Your Own Borders", *Political Theory*, 36(1): 37-65, 2008.

##### April 11:

Chandran Kukathas, "Expatriatism: The Theory and Practice of Open Borders", in R. Smith, *Citizenship, Borders, and Human Needs*. University of Pennsylvania Press. 2011. Pp.324-342.

##### April 16:

Christopher Heath Wellman, "In Defense of the Right to Exclude", in C.H. Wellman and P. Cole, *Debating the Ethics of Immigration: Is there a right to exclude?* Oxford University Press. 2011. Pp. 13-55.

##### April 18:

Stephen Macedo, "The Moral Dilemma of US Immigration Policy: Open Borders versus Social Justice?", in C. Swain, *Debating Immigration*. Cambridge University Press. 2007. Pp. 63-83.

##### *Recommended reading:*

Rainer Baubock, "Citizenship and Free Movement", in R. Smith, *Citizenship, Borders, and Human Needs*. University of Pennsylvania Press. 2011. Pp.343-376.

Philipp Cole, "The Case against the Right to Exclude", in C.H. Wellman and P. Cole, *Debating the Ethics of Immigration: Is there a right to exclude?* Oxford University Press. 2011. Pp.173-233.

Christopher Heath Wellman, Chapters 2-5 in C.H. Wellman and P. Cole, *Debating the Ethics of Immigration: Is there a right to exclude?* Oxford University Press. 2011.

#### II. Citizenship and Borders

##### April 23:

Elizabeth F. Cohen, "Carved from the Inside Out: Immigration and America's Public Philosophy of Citizenship", in C. Swain, *Debating Immigration*. Cambridge University Press. 2007. Pp.32-45.

April 25:

Linda Bosniak, "Divided Citizenships", in *The Citizen and the Alien: Dilemmas of Contemporary Citizenship*. Princeton University Press, 2008. Pp.1-16.

April 30:

Linda Bosniak, "Defining Citizenships: Substance, Locations, and Subjects", in *The Citizen and the Alien: Dilemmas of Contemporary Citizenship*. Princeton University Press, 2008. Pp.17-37.

May 2:

Linda Bosniak, "The Difference that Alienage Makes", in *The Citizen and the Alien: Dilemmas of Contemporary Citizenship*. Princeton University Press, 2008. Pp.37-76.

*Recommended reading:*

Marc Morje Howard, "The Politics of Immigration and Citizenship in Europe", in C. Swain, *Debating Immigration*. Cambridge University Press. 2007. Pp.237-255.

Linda Bosniak, *The Citizen and the Alien: Dilemmas of Contemporary Citizenship*. Princeton University Press, 2008. Other chapters.

III. The Integration of (Documented) Immigrants

May 7:

David Miller, "Immigrants, Nations and Citizenship", *Journal of Political Philosophy*, 16(4): 371-390, 2008.

May 9:

Christian Joppke, "Immigration, Citizenship, and the Need for Integration", in R. Smith, *Citizenship, Borders, and Human Needs*. University of Pennsylvania Press. 2011. Pp. 157-176.

May 14:

Joseph Carens, "Live-in Domestic, Seasonal Workers, and Others Hard to Locate on the Map of Democracy", *Journal of Political Philosophy*, 16(4), 419-445, 2008.

May 16:

Anna Stiltz, "Guest-Workers and Second-Class Citizenship", *Policy and Society*, 29: 295-307, 2010.

*Recommended reading:*

Joseph Carens, "On Belonging: What We Owe People Who Stay", *Boston Review*, 2005. <http://bostonreview.net/BR30.3/carens.php>

Rogers Smith, Ed., *Citizenship, Borders, and Human Needs*. University of Pennsylvania Press. 2011. Chapters 6, 8, and 9.

Christopher Heath Wellman, "Guest Workers", in C.H. Wellman and P. Cole, *Debating the Ethics of Immigration: Is there a right to exclude?* Oxford University Press. 2011. Pp. 133-142.

#### IV. Undocumented Immigration and Deportation

##### May 21:

Linda Bosniak, "The Undocumented Immigrant: Contending Policy Approaches", in C. Swain, *Debating Immigration*. Cambridge University Press. 2007. Pp.85-94.

Roberto G. Gonzales, "Learning to Be Illegal: Undocumented Youth and Shifting Legal Contexts in the Transition to Adulthood", *American Sociological Review*, 76(4), 602-619.

##### May 23:

Joseph H. Carens, "The Rights of Irregular Migrants", *Ethics and International Affairs* 22 (2):163-186. 2008.

David Miller, "Irregular Migrants: An Alternative Perspective", *Ethics and International Affairs* 22 (2): 193-7, 2008.

##### May 28:

Daniel Kanstroom, "The Goals of Deportation: Border Control, Social Control, or 'Out of Sight, Out of Mind'?", in *Aftermath: Deportation law and the new American diaspora*. Oxford University Press. 2012. Pp. 28-49.

##### May 30:

Daniel Kanstroom, "Reconceptualizing the Law for Deportees: Discretion, Human Rights, and the 'Spirit of Fair Play'", in *Aftermath: Deportation law and the new American diaspora*. Oxford University Press. 2012. Pp. 210-238.

##### June 4:

Joseph H. Carens, "The Case for Amnesty: Time Erodes the State's Right to Deport", *Boston Review*, 2009. <http://bostonreview.net/BR34.3/carens.php>

##### *Recommended reading:*

Daniel Kanstroom, *Deportation Nation: Outsiders in American History*. Harvard University Press, 2007. Esp. chapter 6.

Daniel Kanstroom, *Aftermath: Deportation law and the new American diaspora*. Oxford University Press. 2012. Other chapters.

##### June 6: Wrap-Up and Comprehensive Immigration Reform