

Practicing Texas Politics 2014

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"Principles and Practice of American Politics is a well-balanced reader covering all the major topics of an American Government course." —Blake Jones, Ohio Valley University Combining timeless readings with cutting-edge articles and essays, Principles and Practice of American Politics, Seventh Edition, enriches students' understanding of the American political system by examining the strategic behavior of key players in U.S. politics. This collection of classic and contemporary readings brings concepts to life by providing students with real examples of how political actors are influenced by the strategies of others and are governed by the

Constitution, the law, and institutional rules. Carefully edited by award-winning authors Samuel Kernell and Steven S. Smith, each reading is put into context to help students understand how political actions fall within a major national political forum. New to the Seventh Edition Nine new and updated essays encourage students to reflect on the continuing debates over the polarization of the American electorate and Congress, the role of social media and "fake news" in influencing public views of politicians and issues, the fragile Trump coalition, the efficacy of polling in tracking public opinion, and other issues more relevant than ever in the wake of the 2016 elections. Additional essays challenge students to think more carefully about alternative institutions and political arrangements. The new essays present institutions of majority rule, the nature of racial discrimination, and the proper role of the court as less settled issues that provide students an opportunity to think through (and discuss) their views on the future direction of American civic life. Each selection is artfully framed by Kernell and Smith's contextual headnotes to make them appropriate for classroom use. Original readings written specifically for the volume give the book a coherent treatment of the performance of U.S. political institutions. Bundle and save! Save 20% when you bundle this text with *The Logic of American Politics*, Eighth Edition. Use Bundle ISBN: 9781544341040

Since the publication of its first edition in 2005, *Advocacy Practice for Social Justice* has served as a clear, comprehensive, and practical resource for social work courses in advocacy, community practice, and macro practice. Now in its fourth edition, this text provides extensive information on the value base for advocacy; an examination of why people get involved in advocacy; and step-by-step instructions for social workers and others who want to impact laws, regulations, and policies at any level. Bearing in mind the National Association of Social Workers' Code of Ethics' requirements to advocate on behalf of vulnerable populations, readers learn that advocacy is a problem-solving technique similar to that used in social work practice of all types. The book moves through the stages of advocacy: getting involved; understanding the issue; planning; advocating through education, persuasion, and negotiation; presenting information effectively; monitoring and evaluating results; and integrating advocacy into a social worker's everyday practice. The fourth edition's inclusion of new topics and solid foundation in social work values make it a must-read as social work students and practitioners work diligently to maintain the profession's focus on successful advocacy for social justice.

The contributors investigate policy paradigms and their ability to explain the policy process actors, ideas, discourses and strategies employed to provide readers with a better understanding of public policy and its dynamics.

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In Texas, myth often clashes with the reality of everyday governance. The Nacogdoches author team (Ken Collier, Steven

Galatas, & Julie Harrelson-Stephens) of Lone Star Politics explores the state's rich political tradition and explains who gets what, and how by setting Texas in context with other states' constitutions, policymaking, electoral practices, and institutions. Critical thinking questions and unvarnished "Winners and Losers" discussions guide students toward understanding Texas government. This Fifth Edition expands its coverage of civil rights in the state, and includes the contemporary issues that highlight the push and pull between federal, state, and local governments.

Authored by experts in various facets of civil litigation and reviewed by general editor William C. Bochet, LexisNexis Practice Guide New Jersey Trial, Post-Trial, and Appellate Proceedings offers quick, direct, New Jersey-specific answers to questions that arise in day-to-day civil litigation practice. Topically organized, LexisNexis Practice Guide New Jersey Trial, Post-Trial, and Appellate Proceedings covers a range of civil practice issues and takes task-oriented approach to each subject in its action-oriented section headings (e.g. Moving for Relief in Limine, Preparing for Direct Examinations of Experts at Trial, and Making Objections or Requests for Curative Instructions) and multiple checklists in each chapter that guide the reader through each step of a task. This publication covers critical topics such as jury charges, bench trial, opening statements, burdens of proof, trial motions, party and non-party witnesses, expert witnesses, summations, and bringing appeals. It includes numerous practice tips (Strategic Point, Warning, Timing and Exception) to ensure best practices and help the attorney make choices, avoid practice pitfalls and recognize important time limitations and exceptions to general rules. The online product includes practice forms. This book is about the other Texas, not the state known for its cowboy conservatism, but a mid-twentieth-century hotbed of community organizing, liberal politics, and civil rights activism. Beginning in the 1930s, Max Krochmal tells the story of the decades-long struggle for democracy in Texas, when African American, Mexican American, and white labor and community activists gradually came together to empower the state's marginalized minorities. At the ballot box and in the streets, these diverse activists demanded not only integration but economic justice, labor rights, and real political power for all. Their efforts gave rise to the Democratic Coalition of the 1960s, a militant, multiracial alliance that would take on and eventually overthrow both Jim Crow and Juan Crow. Using rare archival sources and original oral history interviews, Krochmal reveals the often-overlooked democratic foundations and liberal tradition of one of our nation's most conservative states. Blue Texas remembers the many forgotten activists who, by crossing racial lines and building coalitions, democratized their cities and state to a degree that would have been unimaginable just a decade earlier--and it shows why their story still matters today.

Updated with the latest issues, Brown/Langenegger/Garcia/Biles/Rynbrandt/Reyna/Huerta's PRACTICING TEXAS POLITICS, 18th Edition, gives you an insider's look at how public-policy making is conducted in the Lone Star State. It includes a special focus on the role of a growing Latino population in all aspects of Texas government, actions of the 87th Regular Legislative Session, effects of the 2020 elections, the COVID-19 pandemic, the historic February 2021 winter storm, and the impact of the oil and gas industry on state finances. Point/Counterpoint features offer opposing views of key controversial issues, illustrating that there is rarely a single right answer to an issue. How Do We Compare? boxes spotlight the differences between Texas and other states,

while Students in Action features provide stories of students making meaningful impacts in their colleges, communities or the state. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

Packed with up-to-date coverage of the latest issues, Newell/Prindle/Riddlesperger's TEXAS POLITICS: IDEAL AND REALITY, 14th Edition, helps you see how state politics impact your everyday life. Timely and relevant, it explores the Texas government through the lenses of three main themes: the ideals of democratic theory, political conservatism and private influence over public policy. Thoroughly updated, it offers insightful coverage of the 2020 election results and their bizarre aftermath, voting versus abstention, immigration, climate change, the fight over mandatory child vaccinations, the ongoing debate surrounding capital punishment, the Legislature's increasing partisan polarization, the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on state politics and much more. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

Practicing Texas Politics leads the field with its comprehensive, accessible, and practical treatment of Texas politics. The survey style includes coverage of public policy as well as readings in each chapter relevant to the chapter topic. The How Do We Compare? feature compares Texas policies to those of the next three most populous states—California, New York, and Florida—as well as contiguous states. Some boxed features include information about Mexican states that border Texas. End of chapter features promote class discussion and help students review and find resources for papers and class activities. Points to Ponder features provide less-known facts about Texas to stimulate students' interest in their home state.

"In 1940 there were virtually no Mexican American elected officials in Texas at any level of government. By the turn of the century that was no longer true. In fact, Mexican Americans in Texas had effectively reached parity with their white counterparts in elected office. This book tells the story of this dramatic transition in Texas politics and seeks to explain it utilizing original archival research, hours of interviews with leading figures, and the collected letters of some of Texas' most important politicians and activists. The departure from a racially uniform political class in Texas to incorporate Mexican Americans was slow and difficult. Mexican Americans rarely won easy victories and the concessions they received were often yielded with reluctance. Threatened with racial tension, minority status and political exclusion, it is perhaps surprising that Mexican Americans were so successfully incorporated. I argue that their incorporation was the culmination of six interrelated political processes: the long history of political organization among Mexican Americans in Texas that had established an effective corps of leaders, an increasing proportion of the voting-age population, new Democratic Party policies developed to increase the representation of women and minorities, a reinvigorated Republican Party that absorbed conservative voters and weakened resistance to racial reform in the Democratic Party, the civil rights legislation of the 1960s, and finally, an alliance with Anglo liberals that facilitated the transition to a more representative two-party system in Texas"--

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Presents a study plan for the Advanced Placement U.S. Government and Politics exam, discusses study skills and strategies, reviews core concepts, and includes four practice exams.

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This book investigates state supreme court elections in the United States from WWII to the present. Through original analysis of voting returns, campaign budgets, and illustrative case studies, the author shows that elections have become less politicized than commonly believed.

From a kid who shunned politics, to rescuing a political party from extinction, to leading a political party for a decade, to getting elected to public office, Pat Dixon tells the story of third party politics and the wacky adventures along the way. From the front lines of the fracking debate, a "field philosopher" explores one of our most divisive technologies. When philosophy professor Adam Briggie moved to Denton, Texas, he had never heard of fracking. Only five years later he would successfully lead a citizens' initiative to ban hydraulic fracturing in Denton—the first Texas town to challenge the oil and gas industry. On his journey to learn about fracking and its effects, he leaped from the ivory tower into the fray. In beautifully narrated chapters, Briggie brings us to town hall debates and neighborhood meetings where citizens wrestle with issues few fully understand. Is fracking safe? How does it affect the local economy? Why are bakeries prohibited in neighborhoods while gas wells are permitted next to playgrounds? In his quest for answers Briggie meets people like Cathy McMullen. Her neighbors' cows asphyxiated after drinking fracking fluids, and her orchard was razed to make way for a pipeline. Cathy did not consent to drilling, but those who profited lived far out of harm's way. Briggie's first instinct was to think about fracking—deeply. Drawing on philosophers from Socrates to Kant, but also on conversations with engineers, legislators, and industry representatives, he develops a simple theory to evaluate fracking: we should give those at risk to harm a stake in the decisions we make, and we should monitor for and correct any problems that arise. Finding this regulatory process short-circuited, with government and industry alike turning a blind eye to symptoms like earthquakes and nosebleeds, Briggie decides to take action. Though our field philosopher is initially out of his element—joining fierce activists like "Texas Sharon," once called the "worst enemy" of the oil and gas industry—his story

culminates in an underdog victory for Denton, now nationally recognized as a beacon for citizens' rights at the epicenter of the fracking revolution.

PRACTICING TEXAS POLITICS, 2017-2018 Edition, analyzes the practices and policies of the Lone Star State and gives students a realistic introduction to how public-policy making is conducted there. This edition includes a special focus on the role of a growing Latino population in all aspects of Texas government, the impact of the 2016 elections on the state, and the effect of a floundering oil and gas industry on state finances. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

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The second book of the WAWT series, *Out of the Mailbox*, takes WAWT out of its home to a setting where it interacts with children. WAWT and the children have to write to communicate clearly. By writing, they learn about one another. The readers have space in the book to write and draw, thereby creating their own story. The book is designed for children from 5-8 years old.

This social work book is the first of its kind, describing practical steps that social workers can take to shape and influence both policy and politics. It prepares social workers and social work students to impact political action and subsequent policy, with a

detailed real-world framework for turning ideas into concrete goals and strategies for effecting change. Tracing the roots of social work in response to systemic social inequality, it clearly relates the tenets of social work to the challenges and opportunities of modern social change. The book identifies the core domains of political social work, including engaging individuals and communities in voting, influencing policy agendas, and seeking and holding elected office. Chapters elaborate on the necessary skills for political social work, featuring discussion, examples, and critical thinking exercises in such vital areas as: Power, empowerment, and conflict: engaging effectively with power in political settings. Getting on the agenda: assessing the political context and developing political strategy. Planning the political intervention: advocacy and electoral campaigns. Empowering voters Persuasive political communication. Budgeting and allocating resources. Evaluating political social work efforts. Making ethical decisions in political social work. Political Social Work is a potent reference for social work professionals, practitioners, and students seeking core political knowledge and skills to practically advance their work. For specialists and generalists alike, it solidifies political action as vital for the evolution of the field.

TEXAS POLITICS: IDEAL AND REALITY critically compares Texas government and politics to the concepts of democratic theory by raising three main themes: democratic ideals, conservatism, and conflict. Lively presentation of material encourages students to consider controversial issues and debates. In the 2015-2016 Edition, new policy coverage, updates reflecting the Texas legislative session that ended in June 2014, and new "Texas Politics and You" features that ask students to become directly involved in current and contentious issues, often through social media, keep this book cutting edge. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

PRACTICING TEXAS POLITICS, 2015--2016 Edition, includes information about policymaking as well as analysis about politics in the Lone Star State.

This book examines discourses of rights and practices of resistance in post-conflict societies, exploring the interaction between the international human rights framework and different actors seeking political and social change. Presenting detailed new case studies from Sierra Leone, Sri Lanka and Kosovo, it reveals the necessity of social scientific interventions in the field of human rights. The author shows how a shift away from the realm of normative political or legal theory towards a more sociological analysis promises a better understanding of both the limits of current human rights approaches and possible sites of potential. Considering the diverse ways in which human rights are enacted and mobilised, The Socio-Political Practice of Human Rights engages with major sites of tension and debate, examining the question of whether human rights are universal or culturally relative; their relationship to forms of economic and political domination; the role of law as a mechanism for social change and the ways in which the language of human rights facilitates or closes sites of radical resistance. By situating these debates in specific contexts, this book concludes by proposing new ways of theorizing human rights. Empirically grounded and offering an alternate framework for understanding the fluid and ambiguous operation of power within the theory and practice of human rights, this volume will appeal to scholars of sociology, law and politics with interests in gender, resistance, international law, human rights

and socio-legal discourse.

Thoroughly updated with new scholarship, data, and events, this text remains reader-friendly with its engaging opening vignettes and rich examples--told only the way prolific author and columnist Don Kettl can. With three case studies in every chapter, students apply ideas and analysis as they read. Useful critical thinking questions at the end of each case help shape student responses and in-class conversation.

In November 1960, the Democratic party dominated Texas. The newly elected vice president, Lyndon Johnson, was a Texan. Democrats held all thirty statewide elective positions. The state legislature had 181 Democrats and no Republicans or anyone else. Then fast forward fifty years to November 2010. Texas has not voted for a Democratic president since 1976. Every statewide elective office is held by Republicans. Representing Texas in Washington is a congressional delegation of twenty-five Republicans and nine Democrats. Republicans control the Texas Senate by a margin of nineteen to twelve and the Texas House of Representatives by 101 to 49. *Red State* explores why this transformation of Texas politics took place and what these changes imply for the future. As both a political scientist and a Republican party insider, Wayne Thorburn is especially qualified to explain how a solidly one-party Democratic state has become a Republican stronghold. He analyzes a wealth of data to show how changes in the state's demographics—including an influx of new residents, the shift from rural to urban, and the growth of the Mexican American population—have moved Texas through three stages of party competition, from two-tiered politics, to two-party competition between Democrats and Republicans, and then to the return to one-party dominance, this time by Republicans. His findings reveal that the shift from Democratic to Republican governance has been driven not by any change in Texans' ideological perspective or public policy orientation—even when Texans were voting Democrat, conservatives outnumbered liberals or moderates—but by the Republican party's increasing identification with conservatism since 1960.

Founded in 1854, Bosque County, Texas was the site of a slew of gruesome murders that spanned over a century. Harrison details each story of revenge, passion, or insanity in a time when law enforcement was virtually absent.

Social media is playing a growing role within public administration, and with it, there is an increasing need to understand the connection between social media research and what actually takes place in government agencies. Most of the existing books on the topic are scholarly in nature, often leaving out the vital theory-practice connection. This book joins theory with practice within the public sector, and explains how the effectiveness of social media can be maximized. The chapters are written by leading practitioners and span topics like how to manage employee use of social media sites, how emergency managers reach the public during a crisis situation, applying public record management methods to social media efforts, how to create a social media brand, how social media can help meet government objectives such as transparency while juggling privacy laws, and much more. For each topic, a collection of practitioner insights regarding the best practices and tools they have discovered are included. *Social Media for Government* responds to calls within the overall public administration discipline to enhance the theory-practice connection, giving practitioners space to tell academics what is happening in the field in order to encourage further meaningful research into social media use within government.

Practicing Texas Politics, 2015-2016

Comprehensive and current, this market-leading text combines a survey of Texas government with coverage of public policy and relevant readings in each chapter. Fully updated coverage in the Thirteenth Edition includes the regular session of the 79th legislature, a discussion of the special sessions on school finance called by the governor, results of the fall 2006 mid-term elections, and the impact of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita on the state of Texas.

The eighth edition of this popular text has been expanded and updated to better fit the needs of a stand-alone Texas politics course. Jillson continues to approach the politics of the Lone Star State from historical, developmental, and analytical perspectives, while giving students the most even-handed, readable, and engaging description of Texas politics available today. Students are encouraged to connect the origins and development of government and politics in Texas to its current practice and the alternatives possible through change and reform. This text helps instructors prepare their students to master the origin and development of the Texas Constitution, the structure and powers of state and local government in Texas, how Texas fits into the U.S. federal system, as well as political participation, the electoral process, and public policy in Texas. Texas Politics offers instructors and students an unmatched range of pedagogical aids and tools. Each chapter opens with an engaging vignette and a series of focus questions to orient readers to the learning objectives at hand and concludes with a chapter summary, a list of key terms, review questions, suggested readings, and web resources. "Let's Compare" boxes help students see how Texas sits alongside other states, "Texas Legends" boxes spotlight key figures in Texas political history, "Pro & Con" boxes bring conflicting political views into sharper focus and every chapter features a timeline of important events in Texas history. New to the eighth edition • Covers the 2020 national elections, the 2021 legislative session, and the 2018 state and national elections as they affect Texas. • Highlights Governor Greg Abbott's call for policy solutions to the vulnerability of the Texas energy grid; Texas voter eligibility laws; the coronavirus recovery program; and preparation for redistricting in the wake of the 2020 census. • Provides a detailed study of the 2022–2023 state budget and the taxing and spending decisions that went into it, including the school funding and property tax reforms of 2019. .

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