The George Washington University  
PAD 6065 – Federalism and Public Policy  
Wed. 6:10 - 8:00 p.m. Rome B103

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Required Texts/Readings

Laurence O'Toole, American Intergovernmental Relations, 5th ed. CQ Press 2013. Supplemental readings will be assigned. Supplemental readings should all be available on the Internet or through the electronic periodicals at the library. Students should consider reading Martha Derthick, *Keeping the Compound Republic: Essays on American Federalism* (Brookings, 2001).

Objectives

The purpose of this course is to introduce the important concepts of federalism and intergovernmental relations with a particular emphasis on how those concepts affect public finance, policy, and administration.

The student will become well versed in the political, legal, and intellectual context of federalism. The student will be able to identify salient issues concerning intergovernmental relations in the areas of environmental protection, welfare distribution, education, homeland security, immigration, and health care. The student will be able to assess which level of government is most efficient and effective at addressing particular problems.

Course Requirements/Grading

Students have an option to complete a take home exam or write a research paper on some aspect of American Federalism. All papers and exams are due Dec 11.

Grades will be based on the following:

Class participation  20%
Exam/paper  80%
Class 1, Sep 2

Introduction and Theories of Federalism

Class 2, Sep 9

Federalism and the Courts

Class 3, Sep 16

Fiscal Federalism

Class 4, Sep 23

Politics of Federalism
Gerkin, a New Progressive Federalism, DemocracyJournal.org. (online); Camissa, “Governments as Interest Groups,” in O’Toole, pp. 127-132; Bowman, Trends and Issues in Interstate Cooperation, in O’Toole, pp. 132-142; Posner, The Politics of Unfunded Mandates in O’Toole, pp. 259-271; Suggested – but not required: Peterson and Nadler, Freedom To Fail: The Keystone of American Federalism, University of Chicago Law School (online);

Class 5, Sep 30

Gun, Gays and Pot

Class 6, Oct 7

Guns Gays and Pot, Continued
States’ rites? Federalism and marriage litigation, Scotusblog.com; Why Equal Protection Trumps Federalism in the Same-Sex Marriage Cases March 29, 2013, ACSblog; On the Limits of Federal Supremacy

Class 7, Oct 14

**Homeland Security and disaster relief**

Class 8, Oct 21

**Immigration Policy**
Huntington, Constitutional Dimensions of Immigration Federalism, Vanderbilt Law Review 61-3-787 (available on line); Arizona SB 1070 and legislative history; suggested readings – Cato Institute papers on immigration and the ACLU papers on immigration (available on line)

NO CLASS NEXT WEEK

Class 9, Nov 4

**Health policy**

Class 10, Nov 11

**Education policy**

Class 11, Nov 18

**Environmental Policy**
Adler, A New Environmental Federalism ([http://home.earthlink.net/~jadler/federalism.html](http://home.earthlink.net/~jadler/federalism.html)); Revesz, “Federalism and Environmental Regulation: A

Class 12, Dec 2

Welfare Policy

December 11
Exams/papers due