Description: This course examines party scholarship related to race/ethnicity and gender. How do studies of gender, race, and ethnicity intersect with party scholarship? We will consider whether attention to gender and race/ethnicity can contribute to party theory and we will debate the usefulness of party scholarship for understanding gender/race/ethnic politics. We will ask if gender and race issues have been incorporated into the U.S. party system, under what conditions, and with what consequences, and whether the major parties help or hinder representation for women and racial/ethnic minorities. Do race/ethnicity and/or gender drive U.S. party politics? Are race and gender issues excluded from party politics? Do race and gender compete with party to organize American politics? We will compare gender with race and investigate the intersection of gender and race. We will primarily focus on the most recent scholarship related to parties, race, and gender.

Requirements:
Please write three short papers over the course of the semester. These three reaction papers (4-5 pages in length) are due at the start of class for that week’s readings (please bring a hard copy to class or upload to our class Sakai site). In your reaction papers, please do not summarize the readings; instead, use the papers to make an argument. Your reaction paper can critique one or more readings and/or suggest future directions for research; or it can propose a specific research question or design that is related to the week’s readings.

Your final paper should take the form of a research paper or research design paper. The majority of your grade is based on the final paper; the remainder of your grade will be based on your reaction papers and participation in seminar. The final paper is due Dec. 21 at noon. (Please note that I do not give incompletes.) A 3 to 5 page proposal for your final paper is due on Oct. 7. Please plan to provide a brief in-class presentation about your final paper on Dec. 1. Please upload your proposal and final paper to the Sakai site.

Required Books:
The books are on order at the Rutgers University/Barnes and Noble Bookstore. They will also be on reserve at the Mabel Smith Douglass Library. All other readings listed on this syllabus will be available on the Sakai system. Please come to our seminar prepared and ready to discuss and debate the readings. If you have not already done so, please familiarize yourself with the university’s policy on plagiarism: http://academicintegrity.rutgers.edu/academic-integrity-policy/

**Week 1  September 8  Introduction and Organizational Meeting**

**Week 2  September 15  Race and Party Competition**


**Week 3  September 22  Partisan Stereotypes**


**Week 4  September 29  Women in Parties and Elections**


**Week 5  October 6  Race, Immigration and Partisanship**

* October 7: Deadline to submit a proposal for the final research paper *

**Week 6  October 13  The Tea Party and Republican Party Politics**

**Week 7  October 20  Gender and Legislative Behavior**


**Week 8  October 27  Immigration and Party Politics**

**Week 9  November 3  The Gender Gap**


Week 10  November 10  Where’s the Party? Presidential Nominations


Week 11  November 17  Race, Gender, Elections and Representation


Week 12  November 22  Women and the Tea Party
* Note that November 22 is a TUESDAY *
(Rutgers has designated that Thursday classes will be held on Tuesday Nov. 22.)


Week 13  December 1  Individual Presentations

Week 14  December 8  The 2016 Presidential Election
1. Readings TBA.

* Final Papers *
Final papers are due Wednesday Dec. 21 at noon.