AMERICAN CONSTITUTIONAL HISTORY
Beginnings through 2000

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EVALUATION: Grades in the course are based on a paper briefly described below. Students wishing to use this paper to satisfy the writing requirement must consult with Professor Hogue for any additional requirements which must be met.

PAPER (Short description): From a list of federal Supreme Court justices, select a Justice of the federal Supreme Court who was NOT a Chief Justice and sat on or before the year 2000. Choose at least ten to twelve opinions written by your Justice and write a paper (approximately 25-30 pages in length) assessing their importance to the development of American Constitutional History. You may pick a figure because of his or her biography, or any of a number of other factors, e.g., subject matter of the opinions, era in which he or she served, etc. A bibliography of cases and materials will be due on the first class meeting following Spring Break.

There is a list of federal Supreme Court justices in an appendix to vol. 1 (pp. A28 – A36). Note that it contains an error; it omits among the justices appointed by Abraham Lincoln “(1) Salmon P. Chase (1808 – 1873); Republican from Ohio; served 1864 – 1873; died.” You may wish to pencil in the correction. A more complete list is in the “Table of Justices,” Appendix B of Sullivan and Gunther, Constitutional Law (16th ed. 2007).

Readings
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2. Jan. 19 vol. 1, chs 6 – 8 (pp. 93 – 164).


Mar. 8 - 14 SPRING BREAK


14. Apr. 20 (last day of class) vol 2, ch 44 (pp. 997 – 1027).

PAPER DUE BY END OF EXAM PERIOD.