**Public Administration Tentative Class Schedule**

**At this, the administrators and the satraps tried to find grounds for charges against Daniel in his conduct of government affairs, but they were unable to do so. They could find no corruption in him, because he was trustworthy and neither corrupt nor negligent. Daniel 6:4**

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**Note: The readings should be done prior to the class meeting under which they are listed. Unannounced reading quizzes are a regular occurrence. This schedule is subject to change. I will give you as much notice as possible of any changes.**

August 19: Introductions and definitions-- What is Public Administration and why should I care? -- What's the big deal about working for the government? **Read in class: Stillman, pp. 2-3** and **Three Orthogonal Lists.**

August 21: Woodrow Wilson and Public Bureaucracy. **Read before Thursday: Stillman - Reading 1.1 by Woodrow Wilson, p. 1** and **Handout - Working for the Government is Cool by Cook**

August 26: Max Weber’s Ideal Bureaucracy -- Is structure a necessary evil? **Read before Tuesday: Stillman - Reading 2 by Max Weber, p. 54**

August 28: Bears Love \_\_\_\_\_, and Prospective Positions in Public Employment. **Read Before Thursday: Handout Case - Are you “Smarter than the Average Bear”? (Group Discussion Case).**

**Web Job Search due August 28.**

September 2 & 4: September 11, 2001 and Public Administration. **Optional read before Tuesday: Stillman - Reading 7 (by Richard Stillman!), p. 172. Read before Tuesday: Catastrophe and the Public Service by Cohen. Read before Thursday: Stillman – Case 6, American Ground: Unbuilding the World Trade Center, p. 160, and Esquire Magazine’s “A Target in Perpetuity” by Scott Raab**

**September 4 – 11: Test One will be given in the Testing Center.**

September 9 & 11: Progressives, Politics and Pragmatism. **Read before Tuesday: Handout - Pragmatism by Patricia Shields. Read before Thursday: Stillman – Case 11, Who Brought Bernadine Healy Down? p. 331.**

September 10 & 18: Policy Development, Incrementalism and the Continuing Policy Cycle. **Read before Tuesday: Stillman - Reading 8 by Charles Lindblum, p. 215. Read before Thursday: Stillman – Case 13, Expectations, p. 391**

ASI Speaker Col. Lee Ellis September 18

September 23 & 25: Policy analysis and the flow of information--Knowledge IS power. **Read before Thursday: Stillman - Case 4, The Columbia Accident, p. 105** and **Handout - Space Shuttle Challenger** **Case**

**September 25-October 2: Test Two will be given in the Testing Center.**

September 30: Human Resources and Organizations-- **Read before Tuesday: Handouts - The Peter Principle by Laurence Peter** and **The Adventures of a Young Man as a Personnel Technician by Shafritz.**

October 2: Tentative Guest Speaker – A Life of Public Service

October 7:  **Read before Tuesday: Handout Case** **- A Success at the Border...**    **and Border Reading #2**

October 9:  TBA

**Interviews due October 9.**

**FALL BREAK!!! October 10**

October 14 &16: Planning ahead and looking back-- Long term plans, short term estimates and program evaluations. **Read before Tuesday: Handout - Broken Windows by Robert Behn** / **Read before Thursday: Stillman – Case 8, How a City Slowly Drowned, p. 227**

October 21 & 23: Budgeting-- The gold rule: Them that has the gold makes the rules. **Read before Tuesday: Stillman - Reading 12 by Irene Rubin, p. 345 / Read before Thursday: Stillman - Case 12, Death of a Spy Satellite Program, p. 361** and **Handout** - **Brown (Group Discussion Case)**

**October 23-30: Test Three will be given at the Testing Center**

October 28: Tentative Guest Speaker – Public History and Public Budgeting

October 30, November 4 & 6: Ethics: Relating to God and Man-- Can I make a difference?
**Review Brown Case, Readings as assigned: Handouts - Six Pillars of Character by Michael Josephson**, **APSA Code of Ethics**, **Bluestone Ethics Case and Real Life Questions**

**Extra Credit Constitution Quiz in the Testing Center – November 3-7**

November 11 & 13: Intergovernmental Relations -- How Governments Relate (or fail to…) **Read before Thursday: Stillman - Case 2, How Kristin Died, p. 64 (Note: This is not pleasant; it is an account of domestic violence. Please see me before reading if you have any concerns.)**

ASI Speaker Eric Greitens November 13

November 18 & 20: Rulemaking and Administrative Law -- The secret government and government in the sunshine; administrative hearings. **Read before Thursday: Handout Case - Orange County Rescue Mission**

**November 20-21 and December 1-5: Test Four will be given at the Testing Center**

**THANKSGIVING BREAK !!! November 22-30**

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December 2: Tentative Guest Speaker - Politics and the Public Interest

December 4: Wrap-up -- "And so, what we have learned applies to our lives today."

**Review and Post Test**

**Monday, December 8 - Wednesday, December 10- Comprehensive Final in the Testing Center**