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HISTORY OF POLITICAL PARTIES IN THE
 UNITED STATES (1783-1900)
(Small Seminar)

Presented by George Frakes
 Thursday, December 1 and 8
 1:30-4:15pm
 Valle Verde Theater
 900 Calle de los Amigos

This sixteen-member discussion course will provide a brief overview of the following in a two-meeting format: The origin and rise of political parties from the end of the Revolutionary War to the year 1900. In those two meetings I hope to investigate the reasons for the rise and fall of political parties; the changing nature of liberal and conservative politics over the decades after 1783 to 1900; the reasons for these changing political values; the importance of so-called “third political parties;” as well as the impact of wars, economic panics/depressions, and changing generational values of political parties and their platforms as well as their policies. If the enrolled members of this seminar indicate an interest, I hope to relate the nature of the rise and fall of earlier political parties as well as their political values to those of contemporary 21st century politics and political parties.

The first class will discuss the period from 1783 to 1860. The second meeting will examine the political from the Civil War to 1900; we will compare earlier political parties to that of our day.

The class enrollment will be limited to 16 persons to facilitate better discussion. The limited enrollment will be on a first paid enrollment basis. If more than 16 persons send in their check on the same day the last five seats will be given on a lottery basis.



ENROLLMENT FORM: POLITICAL PARTIES IN THE UNITED STATES

VISTAS Members \$20 Non-Members \$30

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

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 Please enroll by November 16, 2011

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 No parking on Torino or Calle de los Amigos**

Suggested reading:

Richard Hostader's *American Political Tradition and the Men Who Made It*.

Biography

George Frakes was one of the founders of VISTAS Lifelong Learning in 2000. Prior to that time he was a long-time faculty member at Santa Barbara City College, where he served as head of the Social Science Division and Chairman of the Department of History. Dr. Frakes graduated from Stanford University where he earned his A.B. and A.M. degrees. His Ph. D. in History came from UCSB, where he taught history courses for UCSB Extension. He has led or participated in the teaching of seven previous VISTAS classes, as well as taught courses at U.S.C. and Stanford University in non history departments.



VISTAS Fall 2011 Calendar

Seminar/Event	Inclusive Dates	Time	Venue
Documentary Club	Thurs, Oct. 20	2:00pm	Maravilla Theater
Harvard Justice Program	Wed, Oct 26, Nov 2,9,16	9:30am	Valle Verde Soc Rm
Building Opera, La Bohème	Mon, Oct 24	1:30PM	Valle Verde Theater
Documentary Club	Thurs, Nov 17	2:00pm	Maravilla Theater
Documentary Club	Thurs, Dec 15	2:00pm	Maravilla Theater
Signs of Rebirth in the	Wed, Jan 4, 11, 18	9:30am	Goleta Library



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