POLISCI 171: Introduction to Political Theory

Course Description:
Introduction to the Western tradition of political theory; focus on particular problems and issues through a reading of classical and non-traditional texts. Topics include political obligation, justice, feminism, individuality, friendship, community, civil disobedience, power, others.

CS2 - CPE Summer Session 2 (7/11-8/19)
Gen. Ed. / Credits: SB 4

Instructor: Alix Olson

Alix Olson is pursuing her PhD in Political Theory at (and received her Graduate Certificate in Advanced Feminist Studies from) the University of MA-Amherst. Her dissertation project, drawing from queer, feminist and democratic theory, thinks about the ways that discourses of im/maturity govern scenes of political action. Alix has published articles in *New Political Science*, *Wagadu: Journal of Transnational Women’s and Gender Studies* and authored the chapter “Archiving Optimism” in *Agitation with a Smile: Howard Zinn’s Legacies and the Future of Activism* (Paradigm, 2013). At UMass-Amherst, she has designed and taught her own courses including "Art and Politics" (Political Science, 2014) and "The Feminist Art(s) of Politics" (WGSS, 2015). Alix has received the University of Massachusetts-Amherst Student Choice Teaching Award (2012), the campus-wide Distinguished Teaching Award (2013) and the Center for Research on Families Fellowship (2013). In 2013, Alix was invited by APSA's Siting & Engagement Committee (SEC) to participate at the annual meeting in a roundtable on the social responsibility of APSA and the profession. This year, Alix was awarded the New Political Science Christian Bay Award for the APSA paper that "best exemplifies the goal of NPS: making the study of politics relevant to the struggle for a better world." She is currently the Caucus Representative for New Political Science.

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