Course Purpose: This course provides an overview of the literature on bureaucratic politics, particularly as it related to the American political system (however, we can build in a more comparative component if students care to explore). Emphasis is put on current major research areas, of which there are quite a few, as both the real-world importance of the American bureaucracy and scholarly interest has grown considerably in recent years.

Grading: Students will be graded on class participation (50 percent) and a research paper or proposal (50 percent).
I. Introduction and Why Delegate to Bureaucrats and Create a Civil Service (1/28)


Some other Important Papers (not required);


II. The Informational Imperative (2/4)


Some Additional Background:


For Innovative if Unfinished Approaches to Measuring Delegation:


III. Bureaucratic Responsiveness (2/11)


IV. Organization and Capacity (2/18)


V. Appointment Processes I (2/25)


VI. Appointment Processes II (3/4)


VII. Putting Agencies in the Policy Space (3/18)


Background Paper:

VIII. Rulemaking and Administrative Procedures I (3/25)


http://dornsife.usc.edu/assets/sites/741/docs/Panel_4a_paper1_DohertySelin_Does_Congress_Differentiate_SoCLASS_USC_2015.pdf


Follow up to McNollGast:


Background paper:


X. Rulemaking and Administrative Procedures III: OIRA and Regulatory Review (4/8)


Some Background on OIRA:


II. Interest Groups and Courts (4/22)

A. Interest Groups


B. Courts


XIII. Student Presentations/Conclusions (4/29).

Some Data Sources:

http://web.stanford.edu/~bonica/data.html  Adam Bonica’s Ideal Points

https://agencydata.wordpress.com/  Agency preference data

http://www.tim-j.com/bureaucratic-ideal-points/  Chen-Johnson agency ideal point scores

http://www.fedview.opm.gov/  Federal Employee View Survey; see also http://www.mrichardson.info/data


http://epstein.wustl.edu/research/ICS.html:  Judicial common space scores

http://georgewbush-whitehouse.archives.gov/omb/expectmore/part.html  PART scores

http://www2.hawaii.edu/~dnixon/PIMP/index.htm  Political Ideology Measurement Project


http://sunlightfoundation.com/tools/:  Various big data; note the foundation pulled the plug, but a number of the datasets have been farmed out
Review Papers that Might Be Helpful:


