

**PSC 401J/HIST453/WMST 401J**  
**Women in Politics**  
**Tuesdays/Thursdays 11:30-12:45 WRI C235**  
**Fall 2006 Syllabus**

**Dr. Christine Springer**  
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**Tuesday: 10:00 A.M. to 11:30 a.m. and by appointment**  
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### TEXTS

Women and Elective Office, Thomas and Wilcox

Women and Politics: The Pursuit of Equality, Lynne E. Ford

Women in Contemporary Politics, Wendy Stokes

The Presidents' Wives: Reassessing the Office of First Lady, Robert P. Watson

### COURSE FORMAT, REQUIREMENTS AND GRADING

Your grade will be based primarily on a midterm (30%) and a final (30%) as well as one written book review (10%), one written report of an interview of a woman in politics (10%) and class participation (20%).

Class sessions will be a mix of lectures, class discussions, and in-class group projects. I expect all students to be prepared to discuss the reading and homework assignments in class and to participate in group and individual projects in class.

Notes to Students:

Books and Interviewees must be approved in advance.

Roll will be taken. After 3 absences your grade will be negatively affected.

Cell phones are to be turned off. If a cell phone rings during class, the professor may confiscate it until the end of semester.

Academic dishonesty will result in disciplinary action.

The last day to drop this class is: November 3

### INSTRUCTOR

Christine G. Springer - Visiting Professor at UNLV and Founder and Principal of **Red Tape Limited** a management, marketing and organizational development firm incorporated in 1986 with offices in Nevada and Arizona. The firm specializes in *capacity building* and *management support* services. Her clients include Clark County where she delivers ethics programming for the management team monthly. Christine grew up in Las Vegas and is a graduate of Western High School. She was named one of the *100 Most Intriguing People in the World* by the American Biographical Institute and International Who's Who (2003) and Nevada Business Leader of the Year at 2004 Congressional Tax Summit based upon her "contributions to Society and the expectation that she will continue to contribute as a role model, activist and achiever."

She is on faculty at ICMA (International City/County Managers' Association) University and is Associate Editor of the *Public Administration Review*. She has served as Associate Professor at Arizona State University in the College of Public Programs where she co-founded the Nonprofit Management Center degree program. Christine is recognized as a top woman business-owner, is included in *Top 50 Women Business-Owners in Arizona (1995-1999)*; *Who's Who in America (2001-2003)*; *Who's Who in Professional Business Women (2001-2003)*; *Who's Who - Great Minds of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century 2002*, *International Who's Who of Professional & Business Women (since 2000)*. She has been elected to membership in the National Academy of Public Administration - a Congressional think tank founded in 1967- and- the American College of Healthcare Executives. She has served as President of the American Society of Public Administration, as a Baldrige Award Examiner and a State Quality Examiner and as President of a Chamber of Commerce. Christine is a graduate of the University of Arizona (BA), the Arizona State University (MPA) and Indiana University (Ph.D).

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## **TOPICS, READING ASSIGNMENTS, AND APPROXIMATE DATES.**

Students are expected to complete the reading before the class for which it appears on this schedule. Occasionally, I may also distribute additional required reading for the following week's class. If you are absent from class, you must make arrangements to obtain these materials and prepare them in time for the class for which they are due.

## **Course Outline**

### **Introduction (August 29 – 31)**

**Women, Electoral Politics and Peace in Northern Ireland**  
**How did the NIWC get to this point?**  
**Should they sign the agreement?**  
**Should Women create their own political party or work through existing parties?**  
**How are the NIWC different from the Peace People?**  
**How do these women resemble and differ from women in America?**

### **Women and the Political Scene (September 5 – September 21)**

**Women and Elective Office: Past, President and Future (Thomas, Introduction)**  
**Women and the Pursuit of Equality (Ford, Chapter 1)**  
**Suffrage vs Equal Rights Amendment (Ford, Chapter 2)**  
**The Presidents' Wives: Reassessing the Office of First Lady (Watson, Chapters 1 – 8)**

### **Women as Candidates (September 26 – October 10)**

**Women as Political Participants (Ford, Chapter 3)**  
**Women Seeking Office: The Next Phase of Political Integration (Ford, Chapter 4)**  
**Are All Women Alike: (Thomas – Chapters 5 – 7)**

### **Women in Office (October 12 - November 7)**

**Women at the National Level (Thomas – Chapter 8 - 9)**

**Women as State Legislators (Thomas – Chapter 11 – 12)**  
**Women as Political Actors (Ford – Chapter 5)**  
**MIDTERM: October 24**  
**FINAL DAY TO DROP CLASS: November 3**

**Women and Public Policy (November 9 – November 30)**  
**In a Different Voice and Into the Future (Thomas – Chapter 13 + 14)**  
**Education and the Pursuit of Equality (Ford – Chapter 6)**  
**Women and the Pursuit of Economic Equality (Ford – Chapter 7)**  
**The Politics of Family ( Ford – Chapter 8)**  
**New Challenges (Ford – Chapter 9)**  
**BOOK REVIEW DUE: November 30**

**Class Presentations and Reports on Interviews (December 5 – December 9)**  
**REPORTS DUE: December 5**  
**STUDY WEEK BEGINS: December 9**

**Final Exam (December 12)**