This is a listing of important books in various areas of American Government and Political Behavior. A capable graduate student will be conversant with at least some of these books. The list should be considered to be exhaustive, though not definitive. It will be updated biennially.

A few words on textbooks and scholarly books. A textbook is a compilation of generally acknowledged facts compiled in essays used to explain various political science topics. While they may occasionally be used in selected graduate courses, they are generally reserved for introductory undergraduate courses. Consequently, they are inappropriate for use in graduate level comprehensive examinations. Such examinations are designed to ascertain your knowledge of original research, which is found in scholarly books and journals.

**AMERICAN GOVERNMENT**

**American Political Theory**


Martin Luther King, Jr., *Where Do We Go From Here?* (New York: Harper and Row, 1967).

**Congress**


Roger Davidson and Walter Oleszek, *Congress and Its Members*, (Washington, DC: CQ Press). Note: This book is now in its 14th edition. You’ll have to cite which edition to which you refer.


The Constitution


E. S. Corwin, *The Constitution of the United States*,


Foreign Policy


### Intergovernmental Relations


E. Blains Finer, ed., *A Decade of Revolution: Perspective on State and Local Relations*, (Washington,

**The Judiciary**


The Presidency


State and Local Government


**The Bureaucracy**


**POLITICAL BEHAVIOR**

**Parties and Politics**


APSA, Report of the Committee on Political Parties, “Toward a More Responsible Two-Party System.”


**Pressure Groups**


Public Opinion


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