

PS 113
Seminar on Nonprofits and Civil Society
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The Seminar on Nonprofits and Civil Society examines the growing role of nonprofits in the United States, especially in the administration of social services. We'll also look at the role of nonprofits in policymaking, philanthropy, social entrepreneurship, and nonprofit performance and evaluation.

This course will be run as a seminar, meaning that enrollment is strictly limited so that all students can be involved in classroom discussions. There will be no lecturing by the professor. Thus, the class depends on students to do the readings and to come to each session prepared to discuss them. Each week students will be assigned to lead off the discussions with short reports on our scheduled readings. Student presentations must be argumentative rather than descriptive.

There will also be a project involving three person teams who will develop a proposal for establishing a new nonprofit. This project will involve both a written paper and a class presentation. In addition to this paper, there are two short papers (3-4 pages) relating to course readings and course discussions. The two short papers will each count for 25 percent of your grade, the research project 40 percent, and class participation 10 percent. Please note that late papers will be penalized.

My office hours this semester are Mondays 4:00 to 5:00 (right after class), and Wednesdays 9:00-10:15. You can contact me by phone at ext. 7-3465 or by e-mail at jeffrey.berry@tufts.edu. I enjoy talking to students in my office and I hope that each of you will come by frequently.

The following books are available for purchase at the Tufts Bookstore:

Joseph Cordes and Eugene Steuerle, eds., *Nonprofits and Business*
Jeffrey Berry and David Arons, *A Voice for Nonprofits*
Burton Weisbrod, *The Nonprofit Economy*
Lester Salamon, ed., *The State of Nonprofit America*
Joel Fleishman, *The Foundation*
Dan Pallotta, *Uncharitable*

CLASS SCHEDULE:

Jan. 24: Course introduction

I. NONPROFITS AND GOVERNMENT

Jan. 31: Salamon, *The State of Nonprofit America*, chaps. 1, 2, 4, and 6

Feb, 7: Salamon, chaps. 2, 6, 8, and 12

Feb. 14: Berry and Arons, *A Voice for Nonprofits*

II. ECONOMICS OF THE NONPROFIT SECTOR

Feb. 24 : Weisbrod, *The Nonprofit Economy*

Feb. 28: Readings to be handed out

March 7: Cordes and Steuerle, eds., *Nonprofits and Business*, chaps. 2, 3, 4, and 5
First paper due.

March 14: *Nonprofits and Business*, chaps. 6, 8, and 9

III. PHILANTHROPY

March 28: Fleishman, *The Foundation*, chaps. 1-11

April 4: *The Foundation*, chaps. 12-15

Nonprofits and Business, chap. 7

Annual Report, The Second Step,

http://www.thesecondstep.org/assets/pdf/Newsletters/spring%202009_ar.pdf

Guest: Roberta Rosenberg, CEO, The Second Step

April 11: Pallotta, *Uncharitable* (Chaps. 1-4)

Second paper due.

April 18: No class—Patriots' Day

April 25: [reading assignments will be handed out]

May 2: Project reports (both the in-class oral report and the paper are due)