

SMU McLane/Armentrout/Bridwell Scholars Reading Groups
Spring 2020 Syllabus
Paternalism: Do We Want a Nanny State?

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Meeting Times. Our meetings will be held on Mondays (Bridwell), Tuesdays (McLane), and Wednesdays (Armentrout) at 6-8 pm and Fridays (Armentrout) at 11am-1pm in the O'Neil Center conference room (Crow 282). All three groups have the same readings.

Attendance is required. Your attendance and **active** participation are required. We will have **10 on-campus meetings plus a joint reading group summit** with the students from similar reading groups at Baylor, Texas Tech, and University of Central Arkansas. That will be held at SMU on the evening of Fri. Feb. 21 & the morning and early afternoon of Sat. Feb. 22 and is a **required** part of the program. You will not be paid the \$1000 stipend if you do not attend.

You are **required to attend all 10 weekly meetings**. However, if you have an unavoidable conflict, we do have limited flexibility, with advance notice, for you to switch nights if you cannot attend on your regular reading group night (i.e., if you can't make one of your regular Wednesday night meetings, you can instead attend on Tuesday or Monday night that week and vice-versa). In addition, the O'Neil Center hosts several guest speakers throughout the semester. You are **required to attend at least one of those events**, but are strongly encouraged to attend all of them for which you do not have a conflict. You can also make up for an absence at a weekly meeting by attending one of these events. Scheduled events will be listed on page 2 of the next version of the syllabus and you will be alerted if more are scheduled.

Dinner. The formal discussion session will last about an hour, after which we will bring in food to continue our conversation informally. You should expect this to last until about 8 pm (1pm on Fridays). This is considered an integral part of the program and you are expected to participate. **Leaving early (or arriving late) will count as half an absence.** Please notify us

Meeting Schedule

<u>Meeting #</u>	<u>Dates (Mon./Tues./Wed./Fri.*)</u>	<u>Notes</u>
1	Jan. 27/28/29/24*	
2	Feb. 3/4/5/Jan. 31*	
3	Feb. 10/11/12/7*	
NO MEETINGS	Feb. 17/18/19/21*	

Fri. Feb. 21 – Sat. Feb. 22, **Mandatory** Reading Group Summit at SMU

4	Feb. 24/25/26/ 14 *	
5	Mar. 2/3/4/Feb. 28*	
6	Mar. 9/10/11/6*	
NO MEETINGS	Mar. 16/17/18/13*&20*	SMU Spring Break Mon. 3/16-Fri. 3/20
7	Mar. 23/24/25/27*	
8	Mar. 30/31/Apr. 1/3*	
NO MEETINGS	Apr. 6/7/8/10*	Fri. 4/10 SMU closed
9	Apr. 13/14/15/17*	
10	NONApr. 20/21/22/24*	

*To avoid meeting the Friday preceding Tw -15.3 0 TdjE(F)-6.6 (rdTJO T)0.9 a.Oy)I65 g(F)9 riu-3.1 (ip5 (p) w).1 (i)4

Week 7: Applications: Anti-obesity Paternalism (Mar. 23/24/25/27)

- *(22 pages) Hoffer and Nesbit (2018). *For Your Own Good: Taxes, Paternalism, and Fiscal Discrimination in the Twenty-First Century*. Mercatus Center (Ch. 14-