Three Great On-Line Courses in POL this Summer

First Summer Session:
POL 111 Introduction to American Government (Dr. Scola)

*new!* POL 312 Guns and Marriage Equality: Social Controversy and the Supreme Court (Dr. Liebell)
Americans look to the Supreme Court to rule on moral and issues like capital punishment and abortion. Why do citizens rely on nine unelected justices to define their rights in a democracy? This class analyzes how the Supreme Court has, over time, changed American law in two controversial rights: gun ownership and marriage equality. The class begins by considering the role of the judiciary in our constitutional democracy then turns to the two case studies. The Supreme Court will decide four marriage cases in June 2015 and the course will integrate these new rulings. Students will examine documents from the Founding (e.g. the Federalist Papers), read modern accounts of both the gun and marriage cases, and learn to read and brief Supreme Court opinions.

Second Summer Session:
*new!* POL 320 Injustice and the Law (Dr. Scola)
This course will examine how the law can both perpetuate and eradicate injustice in the United States. Primarily through the lens of race, students will examine the empirical realities of laws and policies that were ostensibly passed to overcome injustice, broadly defined, and analyze the lingering reality of de facto inequality.