

## **POLS 4530: Political Parties**

### **Agenda Topic 3**

#### **Topic 3: Sundquist's Model of Party Realignment**

- A. What is a Political Party?
- B. Sundquist's Basic Model
- C. Types of Realignments:
  - 1. No Realignment;
  - 2. Neither Party is Replaced;
  - 3. One Party is Replaced;
  - 4. Both Parties are Replaced
- D. The Essential Dynamic – *The Center Does Not Hold*
- E. Five Variables That Affect Realignment:
  - 1. Breadth and Depth of the Underlying Grievance;
  - 2. Capacity to Provoke Resistance;
  - 3. Leadership;
  - 4. Division of Polar Blocs Between the Parties;
  - 5. Strength of Existing Party Attachments