

MPA – The Evergreen State College
The Context of Public Administration
First Year Core
Fall, 2015

Read for Orientation:

- [*William Fawcett Hill's Learning through Discussion*](#) (2000). Jerome Rabow, Michelle A. Charness, Johanna Kipperman, & Susan Radcliffe-Vasile. **ISBN-13:** 978-1577661115.
- [*Thinking in an Emergency \(Norton Global Ethics Series\)*](#) (2012). Elaine Scarry. **ISBN-13:** 978-0393340587.
- [*The Miniature Guide to Critical Thinking: Concepts and Tools*](#) (2007). Richard Paul & Linda Elder (this link is a pdf to download).

Other Books (in order assigned):

- [*This Changes Everything: Capitalism vs The Climate*](#) (2014). Naomi Klein. **ISBN-13:** 978-1451697391.
- [*Public Administration: An Action Orientation \(7th Edition\)*](#) (2013) Robert Denhardt, Janet Denhardt, and Tara Blanc. **ISBN-13:** 978-1133939214. We will use this textbook Fall, Winter and Spring quarters.
- [*The Nations Within: The Past and Future of American Indian Sovereignty*](#) (1998). Vine Deloria, Jr & Clifford Lytle. **ISBN-13:** 978-0292715981.
- [*Thinking in Systems: A Primer*](#) (2008). Donella Meadows. **ISBN-13:** 978-1603580557
- [*Naked Economics: Undressing the Dismal Science*](#). (2010). Charles Wheelan and Burton G. Malkiel. **ISBN-13:** 978-0393337648.
- [*America's Nonprofit Sector: A Primer*](#) (2012). Lester Salamon. **ISBN-13:** 978-1595423603.
- [*Tweets and the Streets: Social Media and Contemporary Activism*](#) (2012). Paulo Gerbaudo. **ISBN-13:** 978-0745332482

Other readings will be posted to the website during the quarter.

Orientation Assignments:

- 1) For Saturday (Sept 26): read *William Fawcett Hill's Learning Through Discussion*.
- 2) For Sunday (Sept 27): read *Thinking In an Emergency*.
- 3) For Sunday (Sept 27): Prepare for seminar on the book, *Thinking in an Emergency*, using the Outline for Preparation, illustrated in Table 4.2 (p. 40), of *Learning Through Discussion*. Take notes on your responses to Steps 1-7 of Table 4.2. You will turn in your notes (on paper).

Week 1 (Thursday, October 1) Assignments:

- 1) Read *This Changes Everything: Capitalism vs The Climate*
- 2) Investigate the website: thenextsystem.org. Watch the video.
- 3) Watch [Jennifer Pahlka's TED Talk](#). There's more on this [TED Radio Hour](#).
- 4) Write a 2-3 page, double spaced seminar paper on *This Changes Everything*. Seminar papers summarize the main elements of the assigned text. Use the Outline for Preparation, illustrated in Table 4.2 (p. 40), of *Learning Through Discussion* to guide your analysis and writing. For the first few seminar papers, respond directly to each of Steps 1-7. Once you get the hang of this structure, you can switch to a more essay style format (but still responding to each of the steps).