PSCI 4700: Politics of Immigration
Midterm 1 Study Guide

Part A. Identification Questions (40 points)
For the first part of the exam, you will be asked to write a short paragraph (4-5 lines) on several key terms. To get full credit you must: 1) give a short, one-line definition of what the term is, and 2) explain why it is significant in the context of the class. For the exam, you will be given a list of 5 terms and will be expected to write on 4 of 5. Each answer is worth 10 points.

Migration networks
Dual labor market theory
Human smuggling
Gap hypothesis
Refugee
Asylum seeker
Visa
Dillingham Commission

Chinese Exclusion Act
Know-Nothings
1924 Immigration Act
Bracero Program
Family reunification
Immigration “black market”
Jewish refugees
Gentlemen’s Agreement

Part B. Essay (60 points)
For the second part of the exam, you must write one longer essay. Your grade will depend on the following components: 1) a thesis statement in the opening paragraph with a concise answer to the question; 2) developing your argument with a clear theory and references to empirical examples; 3) demonstrating command of the reading materials and lectures, including references to specific authors. For the exam, two of the following questions will be selected. You will be asked to write on one of the two.

1) What are some of the main reasons why people migrate to other countries? Discuss and evaluate economic and non-economic theories of international migration.

2) Some have observed that countries face difficulties in controlling unwanted immigration. What are some of the reasons why there is often a disconnect between official immigration policies and actual immigration outcomes?

3) U.S. immigration policy was relatively open until the late 19th century. What were some of the main immigration reforms between 1880 and 1925? Why did policymakers decide to restrict immigration at that time?

4) What are some of the main economic and social arguments in favor of immigration restrictions? What are some of the main arguments in favor of open immigration policies? Discuss how these views helped shape the U.S. Chinese Exclusion Act and the 1924 Immigration Act.