**Reading Questions**

Geddes, Barbara. 2003. *Paradigms and Sandcastles.* Ann Arbor, MI: The University of Michigan Press.

As you read Geddes, consider the following questions:

* Before you read Geddes’ book, how will you define the “rational choice theory?”

* After reading this chapter, how is Geddes’ explanation of the rational choice theory different from yours?
* In Martin (2015), theory can be used as canonical and important propositions, as generalization, as vocabulary and as critique. How will you categorize rational choice theory based on Geddes' explanations for this theory?
* Can you guess why Geddes argues rational choice should be understood as an approach rather than a “theory?”