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WITH DISTINGUISHED GUEST SCHOLAR
DR. JOHN GASTIL

Talking about elections increasingly means exchanging anecdotes, recalling potent slogans, comparing outsized personalities, and dissecting carefully crafted campaign strategies. In contrast, weighing arguments, scrutinizing facts, and judging value conflicts occurs less frequently in the public sphere. This seminar focuses on revitalizing deliberative discourse in the American electoral process to generate more substantive adversarial clash and, on occasion, encourage a sense of common purpose. We will examine how candidates campaign and voters vote in local, state, and federal elections, and we will evaluate reforms - real and theoretical - that could make for a more constructive and democratic electoral process in the United States.

John Gastil (Ph.D., University of Wisconsin-Madison) is Professor and Head in the Department of Communication Arts and Sciences at The Pennsylvania State University. He published *Democracy in Small Groups* (New Society Publishers) in 1993 and has since continued to explore democracy and deliberation at different levels of analysis in *By Popular Demand: Revitalizing Representative Democracy through Deliberative Elections* (University of California, 2000), *The Deliberative Democracy Handbook: Strategies for Effective Civic Engagement in the Twenty-First Century* (co-edited with Peter Levine, Jossey-Bass, 2005), and *Political Communication and Deliberation* (Sage, 2008). He also returned to the study of group behavior in *The Group in Society* (Sage, 2009) and co-authored *The Jury and Democracy: How Jury Deliberation Promotes Civic Engagement and Political Participation* (Oxford, 2010). The National Science Foundation has supported numerous large-scale research programs in which Gastil has served as a principal investigator. He has also managed campaigns for public office in California and New Mexico.



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Application Deadline is March 15, 2012

All Ph.D. students interested in being exposed to leading communication research and theory are encouraged to apply. Most expenses for accepted candidates will be paid by the Department of Communication at Wayne State University. Covered expenses for domestic students include airfare, lodging & meals, and course materials. An opening reception and other social events will give participants time to get to know each other and exchange ideas. A small group of doctoral students will be selected to join this unique program. Application information is at www.comm.wayne.edu/summerseminar.php.



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