

Voting In America Summit

Summit

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Date: Dec 08, 2008 - Dec 10, 2008

Location:

Knight Conference Center at the Newseum
555 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20001

Description:

Sponsored by Make Voting Work, A project of The Pew Center on the States in partnership with the JEHT Foundation

Note: Due to limited space at the Newseum, there is a wait list to participate in this event. If you have any questions or would like to be added to the wait list and notified if there is an opening, contact Sam Derheimer at sderheimer@pewtrusts.org.

Monday, December 8

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Congressional Reception
Caucus Room, Russell Senate Office Building, Room 325

Tuesday, December 9

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Welcome and Introductions
Nicole Gordon, Vice President, JEHT Foundation .

Make Voting Work—The Road Ahead
Michael Caudell-Feagan, Director, Pew's Make Voting Work

9:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Election In Review
Moderator: Doug Chapin, Director, Pew's electionline.org

9:00 a.m. – 9:20 a.m.
The 2008 Electorate
Andrew Kohut, President, Pew Research Center

9:20 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
2008 Survey of the Performance of American Elections
Funded by Make Voting Work and AARP
Charles Stewart, Professor of Political Science, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.
Early Voting in the Spotlight
Paul Gronke, Consultant, Pew's Make Voting Work

Kurt Browning, Secretary of State, Florida

11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Discussion Forums

- • Best Practices in Ballot Design and Overcoming Legal Constraints
Room 802
- • Early Voting in 2008: What Happened and Will It Again?
Room 806
- • Grappling With the Costs of Elections
Room 702
- • Implementing Effective Post-Election Audits
Room 807

12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Luncheon Session:

Imagine We Could Start Over—How Would You Design an Election System?

Moderator: Pam Fessler, Correspondent, National Public Radio

Robin Carnahan, Secretary of State, Missouri

Trey Grayson, Secretary of State, Kentucky

John Lindback, State Election Director, Oregon

Chris Thomas, State Election Director, Michigan

Brian Newby, Election Director, Johnson County, Kansas

*Warren Slocum, Chief Elections Officer & Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder,
San Mateo County, California*

2:45 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Discussion Forums

- • Administrative Challenges of Implementing Early Voting
Room 802
- • From Chads to Touch Screens and Back:
The Past and Future of Voting Technology
Organized by the AEI-Brookings Election Reform Project
Room 806
- • Raising the Bar for Poll Worker Training
Room 807
- • FAQs Matter: Voting Information and Outreach
Room 702

5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Reception and Dinner

Welcome and Introductions

Rachel Leon, Senior Program Manager, JEHT Foundation

Pedro A. Cortés, President, National Association of Secretaries of State and Pennsylvania Secretary of State

Rosemary Rodriguez, Chair, U.S. Election Assistance Commission

Perspectives on a New Administration

Christopher Edley, Jr., Dean, University of California, Berkeley School of Law and Advisory Board

*Member, Obama-Biden Transition Project***Wednesday, December 10**

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast

9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. Where is the Political Consensus on Election Reform?

*Moderator: Michael Caudell-Feagan, Director, Pew's Make Voting Work**Bob Bauer, Counsel, Obama for America
Trevor Potter, General Counsel, John McCain 2008*

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Spotlight on Voter Registration

*Moderator: David Becker, Project Director, Pew's Make Voting Work**Jean-Pierre Kingsley, CEO, IFES and former Chief Electoral Officer of Canada
Debra Bowen, Secretary of State, California*

11:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. Discussion Forums

- • Creating an Election System that Works for Military and Overseas Voters
Room 802
- • Polling Place Management: Lines and Efficiency
Room 807
- • Data for Democracy: Measuring Performance in Elections
Room 806

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Continuing the Discussion (Box lunches will be provided)

*This time slot is reserved for discussion of topics proposed onsite by conference participants. Participants will be invited to submit topics on Tuesday and room assignments will be announced on Wednesday morning.***Related Upcoming Events****Washington, DC**

- [Voting In America Summit](#)
- [Electionline to Release November 4 Preview: 12 States to Watch for Election Challenges](#)
- [Democracy at a Distance](#)
- [Pre-K Now: Networking Meeting](#)
- [National Economic Forum on Early Childhood Investment: The Annual Conference of the Partnership for America's Economic Success](#)
- [Invest In Kids/PAES Working Group Meeting](#)
- [State-Funded Preschool Enrollment Sets New Record Yet Most 3- and 4-Year-Olds are Denied Access to Public Preschool Programs](#)
- [Pew to Release 'Grading the States 2008'; One-of-a Kind Report on State Performance](#)

- [Invest in Kids Working Group Meeting](#)

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