

OPEN CLASSROOM



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TUESDAY OCTOBER 1 5PM - 6PM STUDENT CENTER THEATER

FOREIGN POLICY IN THE 2024 ELECTION: TRUMP'S AND HARRIS' INTERPRETATION OF JUST WAR THEORY

As a leading nation, oftentimes the U.S. finds itself engaged diplomatically and military in emerging conflict around the globe, such as the current instability in the Middle East and the war between Ukraine and Russia. The role of the President, which is also Commander Chief of the armed forces, is crucial because of the possibility of authorizing military intervention when needed. Join us for a discussion on some of the expectations of the future president regarding foreign policy, military intervention and how their personalities and political experiences might play a role in their decisions.



TAUGHT BY

MARTIN

MENDOZA-BOTELHO







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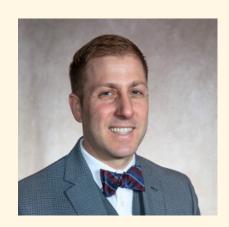




WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 2 4PM - 5:15PM WEBB 110

EARLY FIRST LADIES, 1796-1933

Join the students of HIS 311: U.S. Presidents and First Ladies to learn about some of the earlier First Ladies in American history! Students will present on Abigail Adams and Mary Todd Lincoln, as well as the lesser-known First Ladies of the Gilded Age. A question and answer session after each presentation will allow the audience to interact with the presenters. All are welcome!



TAUGHT BY
TOM
BALCERSKI







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THURSDAY OCTOBER 3 2PM - 3:15PM STUDENT CENTER THEATER

WHAT OFFICE HOLDERS & CANDIDATES SAY ABOUT EDUCATION?

Join the students of LAC 100 – Studying Education Using the Social Sciences and LAC 101 – Introduction to Liberal Arts Core, Student Center Theatre. Using the BALLOTPEDIA Sample Ballot Lookup Tool, members of our learning community chose a candidate on their home district's election ballot and did a search on the candidates' ideas about Education using campaign materials and AI tools like CoPilot. We prepared 4 PowerPoint (PPT) slides introducing the candidate and three statements on Education from these web resources. These individual presentations were combined into one group PPT. The candidates will be presented by the individual researchers in less than 2-minute segments. We are planning for ample time for a discussion of our group's findings and for audience participation.



TAUGHT BY

DAVID

STOLOFF



"Disparities in our educational system based on geography, race, or economic status hold back not only our students, but our entire state from reaching its full potential. We must make Minnesota the 'Education State' for all children—black, white, brown, and indigenous."

Gov Tim Walz





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THURSDAY OCTOBER 3 4PM - 5PM STUDENT CENTER THEATER

THE IMPORTANCE OF VACCINES IN PUBLIC HEALTH

Vaccines have saved many lives. We will explore their history, how they are designed, and how they work in training your immune system. Part of the discussion will involve herd immunity and what happens when people are not vaccinated.



TAUGHT BY
LIZ
COWLES







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FRIDAY OCTOBER 4 12PM - 12:50PM STUDENT CENTER THEATER

BREAKING BARRIERS: HOW GENDER IS SHAPING THE 2024 ELECTION

In our open classroom, we plan to have an interactive discussion with students about the issues that matter the most to them for the 2024 election. We have selected a few issues to highlight, including the gender gap in voting patterns and the rights surrounding reproduction and the LGBTQ+ community. Come join us to learn about others who have broken barriers in the past with an eye towards the strongest and highest glass ceiling.



TAUGHT BY

CARA

BERGSTROM-LYNCH



JENNIFER LESZCZYNSKI







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FRIDAY OCTOBER 4 1PM - 1:50PM STUDENT CENTER THEATER

YOUR MIND ON MEDIA

In this class, we will explore how political ads and propaganda persuade via appeals to emotion, consider how biases in human thought contribute to conflicting views of truth and reality, examine the effect of conspiracy theories and why people believe them, and discuss what you can do to promote the truth in your own use of media.

THE RESULT OF A CONSISTENT AND TOTAL SUBSTITUTION OF LIES FOR FACTUAL TRUTH IS NOT THAT THE LIE WILL NOW BE ACCEPTED AS TRUTH AND TRUTH BE DEFAMED AS A LIE, BUT THAT THE SENSE BY WHICH WE TAKE OUR BEARINGS IN THE REAL WORLD - AND THE CATEGORY OF TRUTH VERSUS FALSEHOOD IS AMONG THE MENTAL MEANS TO THIS END - IS BEING DESTROYED. -Hannah Arendt, Truth and Politics, in Between Past and Future



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LYNDSEY
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