

Visions and Voices and the USC Libraries have collaborated to create a series of resource guides that allow you to build on your experiences at many Visions and Voices events. Explore the resources listed below and continue your journey of inquiry and discovery!



On November 4, Americans will have the opportunity to make a dramatic imprint on history by participating in what has been called the most important election of our time. Organized by **BRENDA GOODMAN** of the **USC SCHOOL OF CINEMATIC ARTS**, the Vote Film 2008 series explores the intersections of politics and media. Goodman and **ANTHONY ANDERSON**, **FELICIA PALSSON**, **KATHARIN PETER**, and **DACE TAUBE** of the **USC LIBRARIES** have selected a variety of resources to help you explore crucial issues in the upcoming election. For a more comprehensive election guide, including a filmography and information about where to find the films from the series at the USC Libraries, visit libguides.usc.edu/vote_film.

Books

Election Fraud: Detecting and Deterring Electoral Manipulation

By R. Michael Alvarez, Thad E. Halls, and Susan D. Hyde, Eds.

Brookings Institution Press, 2008

This book provides research on defining, measuring, and detecting election fraud and electoral manipulation by leading scholars of election law, election administration, and U.S. and comparative politics.

VKC Library JK1994.E43

Red State, Blue State, Rich State, Poor State: Why Americans Vote the Way They Do

By Andrew Gelman

Princeton University Press, 2008

On the night of the 2000 presidential election, polling results divided the nation's map into red and blue states. Since then, the color divide has become a symbol of a culture war that thrives on stereotypes—pickup-driving red-state Republicans who vote based on God, guns, and gays; and elitist, latte-sipping blue-state Democrats. Gelman debunks these and other political myths.

VKC Library JK1976.G45

A Magnificent Catastrophe: The Tumultuous Election of 1800, America's First Presidential Campaign

By Edward J. Larson

Free Press, 2007

Larson explores the dynamics of America's first true presidential campaign, featuring two of our Founding Fathers, once warm friends, facing off as the heads of their two still-forming parties—the hot-tempered but sharp-minded John Adams and the eloquent yet enigmatic Thomas Jefferson.

Doheny Library E330.L37

Presidential Debates: Fifty Years of High-Risk TV

By Alan Schroeder

Columbia University Press, 2008

Ever since the 1960 Nixon-Kennedy debate, these televised confrontations have been a staple of presidential campaigns. They've gone from being a novelty to being optional to being expected and unavoidable. In this informative "backstage tour," Schroeder (a professor of journalism at Northeastern) reveals the staging behind these events.

VKC Library JF2112.D43S37

Rethinking American Electoral Democracy

By Matthew J. Streb

Routledge, 2008

In this critical examination of the American electoral process, Streb analyzes the debates among scholars and reformers about subjects ranging from the number of elections we hold and the use of non-partisan elections to the presidential nomination process and campaign finance laws.

VKC Library JK 1976.S77

Campaigning for President

By Jordan Wright

Smithsonian Books/Collins, 2008

Wright uses his extraordinary personal collection of presidential election memorabilia to tell the colorful story of how candidates have wooed voters since America was founded. The materials include posters, paper dresses, sunglasses, and—of course—buttons.

Doheny Library E176.1.W948

Election Resources in USC's Special Collections

www.usc.edu/libraries/locations/special_collections

The Los Angeles Examiner newspaper collection includes clippings and photographs from the late 1920s through 1960 showing presidents, political conventions, and candidates. It includes photographs of the first televised presidential candidate debate between John F. Kennedy and Richard M. Nixon in September of 1960.

The Presidential Campaign Ephemera collection includes fliers, speeches, buttons, and more from the 1960 party conventions and the presidential campaigns of Kennedy and Nixon. It also contains George C. Wallace campaign materials from 1968.

The Del M. Reynolds collection provides an inside view of electoral politics with letters from former President Herbert Hoover about Reynolds's efforts to support then-governor of Ohio, John Bricker, as a Republican candidate for national office. Reynolds was vice-president of Security First Bank in Los Angeles at the time.

Online Election Resources

USC Election 2008 (election2008.usc.edu) is a resource for journalists created by the media relations staff at USC.

www.factcheck.org is a non-partisan Web site that monitors the accuracy of statements by the presidential candidates and other major U.S. political figures.

Additional information about election-related online research databases and journals is available at **libguides.usc.edu/vote_film**.