



## John C. West Forum on Politics and Policy Newsletter

Issue 01 January 2021

### Table of Contents

### Message from the Director

#### West Forum YouTube Channel

Page 2

Greetings from the John C West Forum on Politics and Policy!

It is with pleasure that we present you with our first newsletter. We are especially proud of our ABC's of Conventions series, located on our West Forum YouTube Channel. Since, due to COVID, we were unable to take students to the Republican Presidential Primary Convention in Charlotte, our students connected with convention actors using 21st century tools. They Zoom interviewed South Carolina folks with a variety of roles in presidential nominating conventions. Take a look at [the series](#) and see if you can learn something about the mechanics of the process! Incidentally, you can also watch many of our other events on the Youtube Channel, so make sure you check it out.

#### Fall 2020 Recap

Page 3

This year we lost one of the West Forum's closest colleagues and supporters, Jack West. Jack was an integral part of the West Forum family, taking an interest in all our events and activities, and mentoring our students. We will miss very much.

#### 2020 Election Photos

Page 4

Throughout the COVID period our students have remained involved in the election process. Last spring students were able to hear a number of presidential primary candidates who addressed the Rock Hill community. After the primaries ended, we invited speakers from a variety of fields to make sense of the election process, including experts in primaries, general elections, gender roles, and civil dialogue. To continue our learning, we are hosting a panel discussion on January 19, at 7p.m. called "What Comes Next in the Presidential Transition?" [Join us for the event on Zoom!](#) Dr. Margaret Gillikin (Winthrop history and education professor) and Ms. Lauren Maddox (former Bush-administration official) will discuss what has happened in the past in presidential transitions, including Lauren's experience with two administrations.

#### Spring 2021

Page 5

We hope you enjoy the information provided and look forward to a productive and healthy 2021.

#### In Memorium

Page 6

Sincerely,  
Katarina Moyon  
Director, West Forum





*John C. West Forum on Politics and Policy*  
*Newsletter*

Issue 01 January 2021

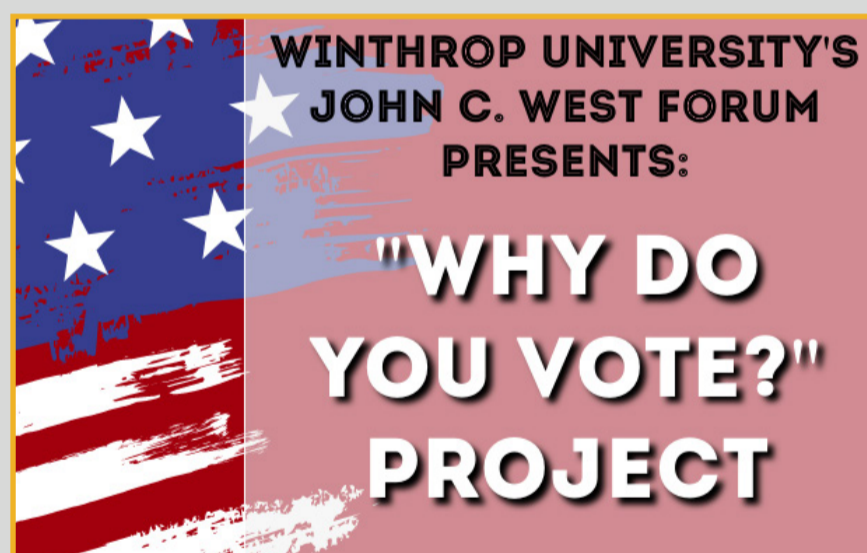
## West Forum YouTube Channel

Visit our new YouTube channel! It is an easy one-stop-shop for all the videos you may have missed over the semesters.

### [“The ABC’s of Conventions” Video Series](#)

The interviews were conducted by Winthrop students in a “presidential nominating conventions” political science course taught by Dr. John Holder and Ms. Katarina Moyon. The course was built around the 2020 election cycle, especially since the Republican Convention was taking place in Charlotte, NC; driving distance from our campus. When most Convention-related events were canceled, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the class interviewed convention participants and others who play a role in the convention process, to gain a better understanding of their roles, responsibilities, and goals. It is our hope that this series can also help you better understand the internal workings of the presidential nominating process.

## The ABC’s of Conventions



### [“Why Do You Vote?” Video Series](#)

The John C. West Forum is proud to present a series of videos called “Why Do You Vote?” The series highlights faculty and staff discussing reasons why they vote and why students might do the same. The series was created during the Fall 2020 semester prior to the November election.



Scan the QR Code to view our channel!

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCITSPBomul4kxN7QlzJLcyA>





# John C. West Forum on Politics and Policy

## Newsletter

Issue 01 January 2021

### Fall 2020 Recap

#### Events

##### September Events

- September 17:  
Constitution Day
- September 17:  
The Centennial of Women’s Suffrage and the Constitution: Constitution Day
- September 21:  
A Short Lesson on the Crisis in Lebanon
- September 22:  
National Voter Registration Day

##### November Events

- November 3:  
Election Day
- November 10:  
Post Election Round Up: Where Do We Go From Here?

Want to learn about upcoming West Forum events?  
Follow us on:



We will announce events here first!

##### October Events

- October 1:  
Women, the U.S. Constitution, and the Ongoing Struggle for Gender Equity
- October 1:  
‘One Vote’ Documentary Screening
- October 5-9:  
National Voter Education Week
- October 24:  
National Vote Early Day
- October 27:  
Hard Won, Not Done: Suffrage History in the U.S. Fourth Event in the Centennial of Women’s Suffrage Series



## 2020 Election Photos

There are only a few of the photos that the West Forum recieved this election season.





# John C. West Forum on Politics and Policy Newsletter

Issue 01 January 2021

## Spring 2021

**19 JAN** **7PM TUE**

John C. West Forum Presents:

**WHAT COMES NEXT IN THE PRESIDENTIAL TRANSITION?**

Margaret Gillikin | Lauren Maddox

History Professor | Senior Policy Advisor

Scan the QR Code to Register

WWW.WINTHROP.EDU/WESTFORUM  
westforum@winthrop.edu or moyonk@winthrop.edu

January 19, 7p.m. join us Zoom for the discussion, "What Comes Next in the Presidential Transition?" Dr. Margaret Gillikin and Ms. Lauren Maddox will discuss what has happened in past presidential transitions, including Lauren's experience in the Bush and Trump administrations. There will be time for Q&A.

[Click here to register for the event!](#)

Join us on January 20th, 2021 from 11:30AM - 1:00PM on [Instagram](#). We will hold a virtual watch party for the Presidential Inauguration ceremony. You can ask questions live, see important facts about inaugurations, and learn about the process!

The Inauguration ceremony will stream on all major news outlets.

**INAUGURATION CEREMONY WATCH PARTY ON INSTAGRAM**

JAN 20TH, 2021 11:30AM - 1:00PM ET

WINTHROP UNIVERSITY | John C. West Forum on Politics and Policy



In Memoriam:  
**John C. “Jack” West, Jr.**



*Photo: Johnny Deal*

John C. “Jack” West, Jr. died Wednesday, March 25, 2020, due to complications from the Covid-19 virus at the age of 71. Jack was a practicing attorney and a South Carolina governmental affairs specialist. Jack was previously serving as the Chairman of the Board for the John C. West Forum at Winthrop University.

To read more about Jack West, please [click here](#).



Jack West pictured with his mother, Lois Rhame West, and sister, Shelton West Bosley.



John C. West, former South Carolina governor and Jack West’s father.

