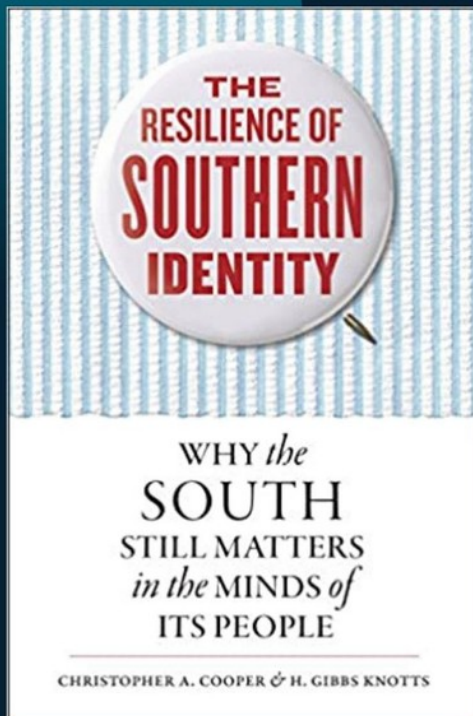


# West Forum News and Events



## THE RESILIENCE OF SOUTHERN IDENTITY

Many changes have taken place in the South over the past half century, causing some to argue that southern identity is fading. Dr. Knotts and Dr. Cooper explore how these changes have allowed for new kinds of southern identity to emerge.

**NOVEMBER 18, 2021**  
**5:00-6:15P.M.**  
Dina's Place

EVENT WILL BE  
MODERATED BY  
**DR. SCOTT HUFFMON**

### GIBBS KNOTTS

College of Charleston



### CHRISTOPHER COOPER

Western Carolina  
University



*John C. West Forum  
on Politics and Policy*



*Department of  
Political Science*

Dr. [Gibbs Knotts](#) (College of Charleston) and Dr. [Christopher Cooper](#) (Western Carolina University) will speak at Winthrop on Thursday, November 18, 5:00pm about their book, "The

Resilience of Southern Identity: Why the South Still Matters in the Minds of Its People." Please join us if you can for this live event!

It will be in building 16 on this [map](#), with parking in front.

We will also stream it live on our [Facebook](#) page.



We are proud to announce that Winthrop University has earned a Gold Seal from the national ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge, which annually honors institutions country-wide for their student voter participation. Overall 74.5% of Winthrop students voted in 2020, up 17.8% from 2016. The national average for universities was 66% in 2020.

"Winthrop targeted areas for voting education where there was less engagement in 2016. We also upped our usage of social media, working with student Voting Ambassadors on a digital campaign to reach the entire student body. With these latest results, Winthrop increased voter participation in every category of race, gender, ethnicity, age, and in every major area of study," said Katarina Moyon, director of the John C. West Forum on Politics and Policy.

Winthrop was recognized during the ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge at its third biennial awards ceremony. The event honored select higher education institutions, educators, and

students for their extraordinary work in student voter engagement during the 2020 presidential election. Despite the COVID-19 pandemic and most students learning virtually, the honorees ensured students across the country could cast their ballots. More information on award winners can be found [here](#).

## West Forum Instagram

Today is Veteran's Day. A special thank you to all those who have served our country in promoting democracy, security, and safety at home and abroad. Veteran's Day is on November 11, because it was originally designated to celebrate Armistice Day; the end of World War I. Since November 11, 1918, almost 35 million people have served in the U.S. military during a war. 16 million people served in World War II, 8 million in Vietnam. Many American families are touched by military service, but we are *all* touched by the results of this service. The world, and our country, is a more peaceful, safer place as a result.



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