

Restoring Electoral Competition: Research and Remedies for Redistricting

CONFERENCE AGENDA

Welcome and Introduction (9:00am - 9:30am)

Lawrence R. Jacobs (Humphrey Institute and Department of Political Science, University of Minnesota)

Guy Charles (Law School, University of Minnesota), “Electoral Competition, Redistricting, and American Democracy”

I. American Political Development: 19th Century Redistricting, Tom Delay Style (9:30am – 10:30am)

Erik Engstrom (Political Science, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill) and Jason Roberts (Political Science, University of Minnesota) “The Politics of Congressional Redistricting, Past and Present”

Moderator and Discussant: Skip Humphrey (Tunheim Partners)

Discussant: Bob Benenson (Congressional Quarterly)

Break: 10:30am – 10:45am

II. Institutional Mechanisms for Redistricting and Competition (10:45am – 12:30pm)

Jamie Carson (Political Science, University of Georgia) and Michael Crespin (APSA Congressional Fellow and University of Georgia), “The Competitive Effects of Redistricting Approaches: Legislatures, Courts, and Commissions over Time.”

Samuel Issacharoff (New York University Law School) and Jonathan Nagler (Department of Politics, New York University) "Diminishing Margins of Electoral Competition in US Congressional Elections."

Moderator: Thomas E. Mann (Brookings Institution)

Discussants: Myron Orfield (Law School, University of Minnesota)

Gary Jacobson (Political Science, University of California at San Diego)

Lunch: 12:30pm – 2:00pm

Lunchtime Speakers:

Former Vice President Walter Mondale
Former Governor Arne Carlson

III. Redistricting, Competition, and Voting Rights (2:00pm – 3:00pm)

Guy Charles (Law School, University of Minnesota), “The Future of Racial Representation: Influence or Coalitional Districts”

Nathaniel Persily (Law School, Stanford University and University of Pennsylvania), “Redistricting Reform: Promises and Obstacles”

Moderator: Mark Rotenberg (General Counsel, University of Minnesota)

Discussants: David Canon (Political Science, University of Wisconsin, Madison)
David Lublin (Department of Government, School of Public Affairs, American University)

Break: 3:00pm – 3:15pm

IV. New Approaches to Redistricting (3:30pm – 5:00pm)

Thomas E. Mann, (Brookings Institution), “The Politics of Redistricting Reform”

Sam Hirsch (Jenner & Block’s Washington, DC Office), “A Model State Constitutional Amendment to Reform Redistricting.”

Moderator: Lawrence R. Jacobs (Humphrey Institute and Department of Political Science, University of Minnesota)

Discussant: Minnesota State Representative Ron Abrams