

## University of Virginia Outreach Programs in Politics and Government

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### Programs and Events offered by the Center for Governmental Studies:

#### American Democracy Conference

The American Democracy Conference is an annual conference that focuses on a wide variety of issues concerning past, present and future elections. Analysis and commentary of elections by noted politicians and pundits are trademarks of these conferences.

#### The Governors Project

Each summer, the Center for Governmental Studies focuses its attention on one of Virginia's modern governors, bringing together the former governor, his top staffers and administrators, notable historians, senior journalists and key legislators.

#### National Symposium Series

The Center for Governmental Studies convenes the nation's leading political thinkers and practitioner's in a series of national symposia that address topics of significant and immediate political interest. Webcast available on-line.

#### Youth Leadership Initiative

The Youth Leadership Initiative is a national citizenship education program designed to involve middle and high school students in the fundamentals of the American political process, and instill in them a greater sense of civic responsibility as adults.

### Other University Outreach Programs:

#### Presidential Oral History Program

The Miller Center's Presidential Oral History Program captures the lessons of past administrations for citizens and future policy makers.

#### Presidential Recordings Project

A team of twelve scholars is transcribing and analyzing the full White House recordings made during the Eisenhower, Kennedy, Johnson, and Nixon administration, yielding unequalled insight into decision making during a critical era in US history.

#### Senior Executive Institute (SEI)

The Senior Executive Institute (SEI) is a two-week, intensive, professional development course for 35-45 local government executives from across the nation, Canada, and abroad.

#### Sorensen Institute for Political Leadership

The Sorensen Institute for Political Leadership is a 10-month program that offers education to emerging leaders and potential candidates for elected office as they prepare for public service.

### **Live Government and Public Policy Forums**

Miller Center of Public Affairs brings scholars, public officials and journalists to UVa to speak on topics of government and public policy.

### **Bill of Rights Book and Forums**

The Bill of Rights, The Courts & The Law offers general interest readers and scholars alike easily-accessible information and commentary on 55 landmark U.S. Supreme Court cases that have shaped American history.

### **Virginia News Letter**

The Virginia News Letter addresses relevant topics in Virginia ranging from economic and social issues to politics and government. Available on-line and by free subscription.

### **Certificate in Purchasing and Contracting for State and Local Governments**

The University of Virginia has established a comprehensive certificate program to assist state and local governments in meeting this unique and important challenge of providing quality services through the use of contractors.

### **Certification Training for Constitutional Officers in Virginia**

The programs are designed for certification for treasurers, commissioners of the revenue, circuit court clerks and voter registrars and their deputies.

### **Local Government Officials' Guide to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act**

Written by Roger C. Wiley and published by the Weldon Cooper Center, this booklet explains the Virginia Freedom of Information Act in a clear, readable format of over 80 questions and answers.

### **2000 Virginia Statistical Abstract Book**

Published every four years, the Virginia Statistical Abstract packs a wealth of information about Virginia into one comprehensive volume.

### **For The Record**

The Miller Center and Central Virginia Public Broadcasting stations together bring For The Record to a regional television audience. Hosted by WCVE Chairman Charles Sydnor, this half hour weekly broadcast focuses on public policy, history, and politics.

### **Public Policy Research and Analysis**

The Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service conducts public policy research and analysis in the areas of business and economics, demographics, and workforce studies.

### **Study of Virginia Tax Rates**

Every year, the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service publishes Tax Rates, a comprehensive book containing detailed information on tax rates for counties, cities, and towns in Virginia

### **Leading, Educating and Developing Program (LEAD)**

Leading, Educating and Developing Program (LEAD) is a one-week mid-management program complementing the Senior Executive Institute (SEI) program. It is held throughout the year for department and division heads and senior staff.

## **Suggested Reading and Resources about Virginia Government and National Politics**

Frank Atkinson, *The Dynamic Dominion* (Fairfax: George Mason University Press, 1992).

Virginius Dabney, *The New Dominion* (Charlottesville: University Press of Virginia, 1971).

Thomas R. Morris and Larry J. Sabato, *Virginia: Government and Politics*, 4<sup>th</sup> ed. (Charlottesville: Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service, 1998).

Larry J. Sabato, *OVERTIME! The Election 2000 Thriller*, (New York: Longman, 2001).

Larry J. Sabato, *Virginia Votes 1995-1998* (Charlottesville: Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service, 1999).

Jake Tapper, *Down and Dirty: The Plot To Steal The Presidency*, (New York: Little, Brown, and Co., 2001).

### **Websites:**

<http://www.goodpolitics.org>

<http://www.youthleadership.net>