

Distance Dialogue: The 2000 National Elections

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The day following the 2000 Presidential Election Dr. Martin Gruberg, the UW Oshkosh Department of Political Science, and Dr. Richard Sigurdson, the University of New Brunswick Department of Political Science, co-chaired a student dialogue about the Canadian and U.S. national elections via compressed video. Both elections occurred, the U.S. first, in November 2000. Students discussed the length of each campaign, the process of candidate selection, impact of third parties and the role and influence of money in national politics.

This discussion using compressed video, suggested by Dr. Sigurdson, was a result of the "Model Study Abroad" project. It initiated subsequent use of this medium for cross border faculty collaboration and student interaction, supplementing students' classroom learning on both campuses. Dr. William Baurecht, English Department, Director of the University Honors Program, University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, coordinated the forum and campus visit.