

Panel explores how redistricting affects citizens

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The 2010 census will trigger legislative redistricting. The way the lines are drawn can keep a community together or split it apart, leaving it without a representative who feels responsible for its concerns. The way the lines are drawn can change who controls the legislature — and which laws get passed.

The public is invited to attend "Redistricting Matters: How it Affects You," 7-8:30 p.m. Nov. 17 in Reeve Memorial Union Theatre, 748 Algoma Blvd. Parking will be available in University lots 13, 15, and 32.

The forum will focus on such questions as:

- Do voters choose their legislators – or do legislators choose their voters?
- How are district lines decided and who draws those lines?
- Does the process need reform?
- Can citizens become involved?

Panel members include James Simmons, University of Wisconsin Oshkosh Political Science Department; Ed Miller, UW-Stevens Point Political Science Department and co-chair of the Wisconsin Supreme Court Redistricting Committee; Former Representative Joe Handrick, Assembly District 34, Minocqua; Representative Fred Kessler, Assembly District 12, Milwaukee; and Representative Gordon Hintz, Assembly District 54, Oshkosh (Democrat).

The event is organized by the League of Women Voters of Oshkosh Area, League of Women Voters of Wisconsin Education Fund and the UW Oshkosh Political Science Department. Funding is provided by The Joyce Foundation.

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