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Get-out-the-vote campaigns not new, historian declares

Low voter turnout is a serious problem in American politics, but it is not a new one.

Get-out-the-vote campaigns have been struggling for nearly a century, according to Liette Gidlow, history, the author of *The Big Vote: Gender, Consumer Culture, and the Politics of Exclusion, 1890s-1920s*.

Published this fall by the Johns Hopkins University Press, the book explores the importance of transforming political values in order to improve participation in the election process. Gidlow makes the case that the women's suffrage amendment was important not only because it enfranchised women, but also because it ushered in nearly universal suffrage for the first time.

"The campaigns worked to boost voter turnout by changing the meanings of citizenship in the early 1920s," Gidlow explained.

For years, get-out-the-vote campaigns have been an important strategy for encouraging citizens to vote. Today campaigns such as MTV's "Rock the Vote" and "Choose or Lose" target segments of the population.

Although voter turnout improved in the 2004 presidential election, the underlying problems have not been addressed, the BGSU historian contends.

"Gains need to be sustained, and communities of voters need to be organized on a permanent basis to address the problem of low voter turnout over the long term," according to Gidlow.

Advance reviewers praised the book for providing "important insights for all scholars interested in the creation of the political past and how the past influences our political culture today."

Since its publication, *The Big Vote* has received several award nominations. Gidlow is currently working on a second book, this one dealing with television advertising campaigns for presidential candidates from 1952 to the present.

The author earned her doctorate at Cornell University. A former legislative staffer in the U.S. Congress and chief of staff in the Ohio Senate, Gidlow has taught at Bowling Green since 1998.

This fall she appeared on local television newscasts and was interviewed by New York Newsday, MSNBC/Newsweek on Air and the ABC Radio Network, among others, offering her historical perspective on a wide range of issues related to the election process.

BGSU's Counseling Center recognized for quality of services and training

The Counseling Center has been recognized by two prominent organizations for the quality and comprehensiveness of the services and training it provides.

The center, which provides individual, group and couples counseling to students experiencing personal, educational or social concerns, has been re-accredited by the International Association of Counseling Services (IACS). Dr. James Spivak, chair of the IACS

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University and College Board of Accreditation, noted that the center “offers an effective and comprehensive program of services that continues to make a vital contribution to the quality of student and campus life.”

“Accreditation by the IACS represents the gold standard for university counseling centers,” center Director Craig Vickio said, “and I am delighted the Counseling Center continues to address the psychological needs of BGSU students in a positive way.”

In addition, during the past several years, the center developed a pre-doctoral internship training program in psychology and in this, its inaugural year of having pre-doctoral psychology interns on staff, was awarded membership in the Association of Psychology Postdoctoral and Internship Centers (APPIC).

“Membership in APPIC indicates that our training program is recognized for the breadth and quality of its training,” according to Mark Krautheim, the center’s associate director and training director.

Melissa Gressner, one of the three interns this year and a doctoral student from the Chicago School of Professional Psychology, stated, “The internship training I’ve received is preparing me for my future as a psychologist, and I’ve really enjoyed working with the BGSU student population.”

“The pre-doctoral internship, in addition to training future psychologists, allows us to provide BGSU students with cost-effective, high-quality services,” Vickio added.

Impact of Canadian values on policy is focus of symposium

“Canadian Foreign Policy: The Values That Shape It” is the theme of the 18th annual Reddin Symposium, which will be held Saturday (Jan. 15) from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in 101 Olscamp Hall.

Presented by the University’s Canadian Studies Center, this year’s event will feature three prominent experts who will discuss how Canadian values reflect that nation’s international approaches to security, trade and the environment.

The speakers will be:

- Dr. Maureen Appel Molot, a professor of international affairs and political science at Carlton University, who will focus on Canadian multilateralism as it relates to international trade agreements and broader aspects of Canadian foreign economic policy;
- The Right Hon. Herb Gray, a former Deputy Prime Minister and member of Parliament and current chair of the Canadian Section of the International Joint Commission, who will discuss how environmental issues—particularly those related to air and water—influence Canadian foreign policy, and
- Retired Maj. Gen. Lewis MacKenzie, who led United Nations protection forces in Bosnia and, since 9/11, has been an adviser to the Ontario government on counterterrorism and emergency measures. He will discuss Canadian views on military funding and deployment.

Values are an important part of Canada’s security and of U.S.-Canadian relations, center Director Mark Kasoff noted.

“Canada, for example, is known for its support of international peacekeeping missions, but it is worth examining whether multilateralism really is an expression of Canadian self-interest. Canada chose not to participate in the second war in Iraq, and that caused some friction in U.S.-Canadian relations,” he pointed out.

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For more information or to make reservations to attend, contact Elizabeth Forester at 2-2457 or email cast@cba.bgsu.edu.

The Canadian Studies Center seeks to strengthen the relationship between Canada and the United States through educational, research and business development activities that foster a better understanding and mutual respect for economic, educational, cultural and environmental perspectives on both sides of the border.

The center also is the home of The American Review of Canadian Studies (ARCS), which Kasoff edits. ARCS is the scholarly journal of the Association for Canadian Studies in the United States (ACSUS).

Physical inactivity is first topic in President's Lecture Series

Steven Blair, president and CEO of the Cooper Institute in Dallas, will discuss "Physical Inactivity: The Major Public Health Problem of the 21st Century" as the first speaker in this year's President's Lecture Series. Blair's presentation begins at 4 p.m. Wednesday (Jan. 12) in the Bowen-Thompson Student Union Theater.

An international advocate for the promotion of physical health, Blair has focused his research on the associations between lifestyle and health, with an emphasis on exercise, physical fitness, body composition and chronic disease. He will emphasize the shift in thinking needed to alter trends in an increasing obese population.

"Advocates for Change in the 21st Century: Issues of Body, Mind and Spirit" is the theme of the three-part 2005 series.

GMAC Bowl win caps record-setting season for football Falcons

BGSU's football Falcons added the final chapter to their record-setting, 2004 success story with a 52-35 win over Memphis in the GMAC Bowl Dec. 22.

The triumphant trip to Mobile, Ala., capped a 9-3 season—the third straight in which BGSU has won at least nine games. The Falcons' 29 victories during that time are the most over any three-year period in BGSU history. Over the last four seasons, this year's seniors have helped Bowling Green compile a 37-12 record—the best in the Mid-American Conference from 2001-04.

Leading the offensive onslaught in Mobile was sophomore quarterback Omar Jacobs, who set a record for a MAC team in any bowl game with five touchdown passes. That brought his season total to 41, also a conference record and first in the nation in 2004. Throwing only four interceptions, Jacobs also had the best single-season, touchdown-to-interception ratio in NCAA history among quarterbacks with at least 30 TD passes.

Completing a BGSU-record 66.9 percent of his throws, the Delray Beach, Fla., native was second in the nation both in passing, averaging 333.5 yards per game, and total offense, with a MAC-record 358.5 yards per game. As a unit, the Falcons were also second nationwide in total offense, with 506.3 yards per contest; third in passing, and fourth in scoring, averaging 44.3 points per game. The total offense and scoring numbers are new conference records as well.

Running back P.J. Pope finished fourth in the nation in scoring, averaging 10.5 points per game, as did defensive back Keon Newson in interceptions, with six.

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Auditions set for Hans Christian Andersen tales at Firelands

The Caryl Crane Children's Theatre at BGSU Firelands will hold auditions for a musical version of "Tales from Hans Christian Andersen" from 4:30-7 p.m. Thursday and Friday (Jan. 13 and 14) and from 9 -11 a.m. Saturday (Jan. 15) in McBride Auditorium.

Roles are available for ages 10-up and will involve acting, singing and dancing. There are opportunities for minorities. A song and dance will be taught to each person who auditions. Scripts are on closed reserve in the Firelands College Library.

Ronald M. Ruble, CCCT artistic director, will direct the musical. Jann Graham Glann will be choreographer and music director, with David L. Gilmore as set designer and technical director.

Performances will be at 7:30 p.m. March 3, 4 and 5, and at 2:30 p.m. March 6 in McBride Auditorium.

For more information, contact Ruble at 2-0642 or 419-433-3820 (home).

BG@100 announces open forum

The community is invited to a BG@100 Open Forum at 9 a.m. Jan. 19 in 314 Bowen-Thompson Student Union. The forum offers an opportunity for all interested faculty, staff and students to learn more about the project to implement PeopleSoft administrative systems.

BG@100 information is available at: www.bgsu.edu/BGat100.

CALENDAR

Monday, Jan. 10

Spring semester classes begin.

Wednesday, Jan. 12

President's Lecture Series, "Physical Inactivity: The Major Public Health Problem of the 21st Century," by Steven Blair, president and CEO of the Cooper Institute in Dallas, 4 p.m., Bowen-Thompson Student Union Theater.

Thursday, Jan. 13

Authors' Reading, by poet Byron Kanoti and fiction writer Sherita Armstrong, graduate students in the Creative Writing Program, 7:30 p.m., Prout Chapel.

Monday, Jan. 17

Martin Luther King Day celebrated. Classes canceled, offices closed.

Continuing Events

Jan. 13-15

Auditions for "Tales from Hans Christian

Andersen," to be presented in March by the Caryl Crane Children's Theatre at BGSU Firelands. Auditions, for roles ages 10-adult, are from 4:30-7 p.m. Jan. 13 and 14, and from 9-11 a.m. Jan. 15 in McBride Auditorium, BGSU Firelands. Call Director Ron Ruble at 2-0642 for more information (or see "In Brief").

Through Jan. 18

Art Exhibition, "55th Faculty and Staff Exhibition," Dorothy Uber Bryan Gallery, Fine Arts Center. Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 1-4 p.m. Sundays. Closed through Jan. 11 for winter recess.

Through Jan. 18

Art Exhibition, "Design Migrations: UniGraphics' Best" by Paul Obringer, director, designer and instructor, UniGraphics, Willard Wankelman Gallery, Fine Arts Center. Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 1-4 p.m. Sundays. Closed through Jan. 11 for winter recess.

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Division of Teaching and Learning.
Lecturer. Call Leigh Chiarelott, 2-7352.
Deadline: Jan. 31.

History. Instructor. Call Tom Knox, 2-2030.
Deadline: March 11.

Contact the Office of Human Resources at 419-372-8421 for information regarding classified and administrative positions. Position vacancy announcements may be viewed by visiting the HR Web site at www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr.

Employees wishing to apply for these positions must sign a "Request for Transfer" form and attach an updated resume or data sheet. This information must be turned in to Human Resources by the job deadline.

CLASSIFIED

View job descriptions at:
www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr/employment/BGSU_only/

The deadline for employees to apply for the following position is 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 14.

Student Services Counselor (C-141-Re)—Office of Admissions. Pay grade 7. Twelve-month, full-time position.

The following position is advertised on and off campus:

Police Officer 1 (C-144-Re)—Public Safety. Collective Bargaining Unit—\$15.06/hour. Twelve-month, full-time position. Deadline: Jan. 21.

ADMINISTRATIVE

View job descriptions at:
www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr/employment/adm_staff/

Registrar (V-131)—Registration and Records. Administrative grade 19. Deadline: Jan. 10.

Wood County Corps Program Manager (R-002)—Provost's Office. Administrative grade 14. Deadline: Jan. 28.

Manager, University Dining Services (V-119)—Division of Student Affairs. Review of applications began Nov. 15 and will continue until the position is filled.

Coordinator for Greek Affairs (V-145)—Division of Student Affairs (Re-advertised). Administrative grade 12. Review of applications began Aug. 6 and will continue until the position is filled.

OBITUARY

Donna Lahey, 76, died Dec. 23 in Bowling Green. She worked with students in the former Counseling and Career Center for 22 years, retiring in 1994.