York Library presents ‘The 2012 Elections: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly’

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Exactly what role do the media play in deciding the outcome of an election? How does financing affect the course of a campaign? What impact does partisan polarization (which happens when support for a political figure or position differentiates itself along political party lines) have in an election?

Join us on Tuesday, August 21, at 7 p.m. when Alan R. Gitelson, Ph.D., will conduct an informal, relaxed presentation and discussion of the upcoming elections. He will comment on these issues, but general discussion will also be open to any questions and comments the audience has, especially talk and discussion regarding Maine’s upcoming elections.

Gitelson is a professor of political science, former Assistant Provost and former chair of the Department of Political Science at Loyola University Chicago. He received his Ph.D. from The Maxwell School, Syracuse University. His books include American Political Parties: Stability and Change, American Government, Public Policy and Economic Institutions, and American Elections: The Rules Matter. He has received research and teaching grants, serves as a reviewer for professional journals and publishers, has testified at U.S. Senate hearings on regulatory policy, and has published and presented numerous professional articles, chapters, and papers in scholarly journals and at academic conferences. Gitelson has lectured on elections and political parties in the United States and Great Britain.

He was the founding Director of the Magis Initiative at Loyola University, initiated across all colleges of the university to more systematically introduce civic education and engagement, collaborative leadership, diversity and global perspectives into the undergraduate curriculum.

Gitelson is a frequent guest commentator on radio and television speaking on topics including presidential and congressional elections, the media, political parties, interest groups and PACs, political campaigning and campaign financing, and civic education and engagement.

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