

Editor's Forward

It is my pleasure to welcome you all to this special edition of the *New England Journal of Political Science* focused on the politics of voting in the American states. Published just before Election Day 2012, this issue could not be any more timely. I offer my deep thanks to Amy Fried of the University of Maine and Alec Ewald of the University of Vermont for all of their energy and hard work as the guest editors for this special edition. The original idea for this edition was Amy's, a suggestion I liked then and like even more now. We present five articles looking at the politics surrounding voting in six American states. After an introductory piece by Alec Ewald, Bilal Dabir Sekou of University of Hartford starts us off with a look at Election Day voter registration in Connecticut. Susan MacManus of the University of South Florida comes next with a focus on the crucial swing state of Florida. Amy Fried of the University of Maine and Emily Shaw of Thomas College then examine Maine, followed by a joint look at Minnesota and Wisconsin by Davida Alperin and Neil Krause of the University of Wisconsin—River Falls. Maureen Moakley of the University of Rhode Island closes this issue with a look at the politics surrounding voter identification in Rhode Island. My thanks to all of our contributors, and a special thank you to Tess Marchant-Shapiro of Southern Connecticut State University for her lightening fast copy editing of this issue. As always, Odeh Halaseh of Kent State University put the final product together. I hope you all enjoy these pertinent and insightful articles.

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