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Confluence - Building Trust in St. Louis Local Elections

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Project Objective:

Creating and building initiatives to promote voter participation and trust in elections in the St. Louis region by partnering with local election administrators on research, voter access, and education. The Confluence project launched in the St. Louis region, focused on three initiatives: promoting the University of Missouri-St. Louis (UMSL) polling location, media promotion of voting rules and election integrity, and applied election research and reporting.

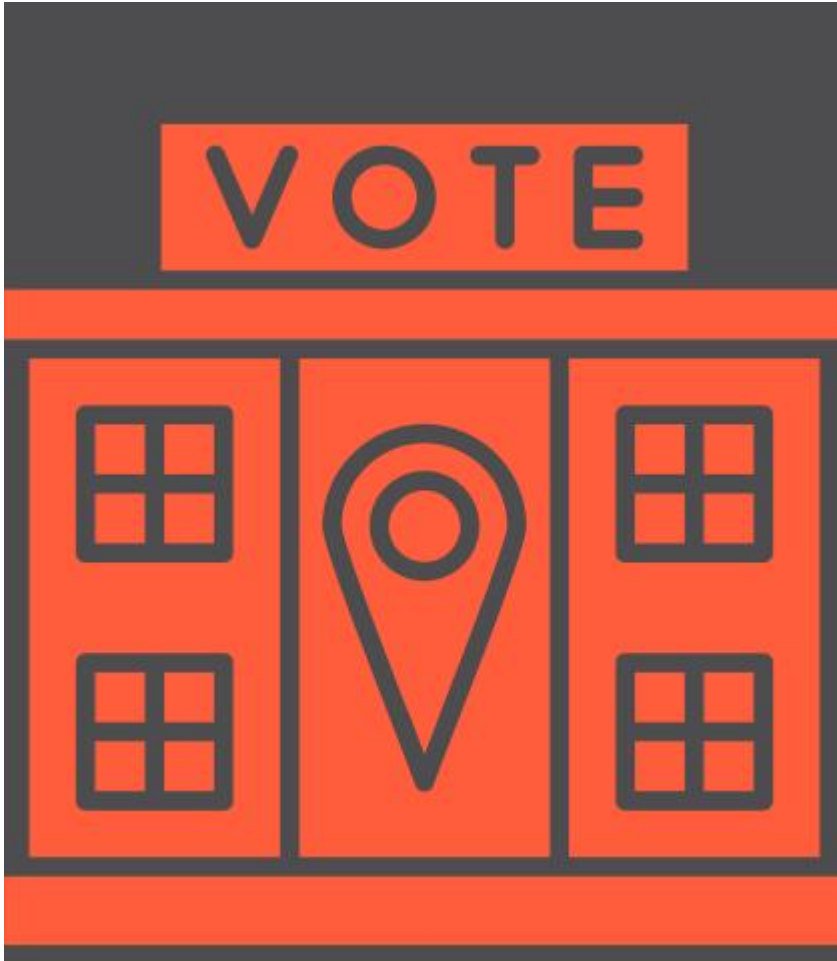
Voter Education Series



St. Louis County Vote Anywhere

Information about the "vote anywhere" policy in St. Louis County, MO elections.

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UMSL Polling Place

Provides hours and directions for UMSL polling place for voting in the 2022 election.

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Changes to MO Voting Laws

Explains changes to Missouri voting laws in 2022 enacted by the New Election Law.

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Approval Voting in St. Louis

Explains the two-part election system called "approval voting" passed in November 2020.

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Media Coverage

[UMSL Daily: Millennium Student Center to serve as polling place for primary, general elections](#)

Residents of St. Louis County were able to cast their votes on the University of Missouri–St. Louis campus in both the primary and general elections in 2022.



UMSL Daily: Women in Politics Panel returns to UMSL, featuring local and statewide leaders

Throughout the hour, the panelists shared what motivated them to run for office, challenges they have faced in their careers, their biggest legislative successes, their current priorities and advice for young people interested in politics.



Summary of research on vote anywhere policies in St. Louis County and Fresno County, California

We seek to understand the implementation of vote centers in two counties, Fresno County, California, and St. Louis County, Missouri, during the pandemic. These cases offer two very different local contexts in terms of state requirements and oversight.



Chapter Spotlight: Confluence SSN Highlights State Election Changes

Mindful of the need to keep their St. Louis community informed of changes in election law, Confluence SSN's election program project leaders have been hard at work ensuring that their election program increases voter education and encourages voter turnout.

Project Leaders

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Kimball is Professor and Interim Chair of the Political Science department at the University of Missouri-St. Louis and co-leader of the Confluence SSN chapter. His research examines election administration, voting behavior, public opinion, and interest groups in the United States. He has participated as an expert in several court cases related to election administration, voting rights, and redistricting.

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Manion is an Assistant Professor of Political Science and Affiliate Faculty Member in Gender Studies at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. Manion's research focuses on the impact of policy on issues of equity, particularly in areas of education and elections. Her studies examine the impact of 4-day weeks on Missouri school districts, perceptions of voter fraud and election reform, and other policy matters.