The Democracy & Debate Theme Semester features individual events and Signature Initiatives that aim to encapsulate and teach what it truly means to be an active part of our country’s democracy.

Democracy & Debate Theme Semester Events

Fall 2020:

- Women Leading Local Government
- Managing presidential campaigns: lessons learned in 2020
- Community Conversation, Presidential Transition Teams: Function, Importance, and Public Voice
- Voices for Carbon Neutrality: Towards a Just and Equitable Carbon Neutrality Plan
- The Next Administration: Post-Election Recap
- What is next for the U.S. Foreign Policy?
- A Beautiful Country
- Inauguration Day

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Democracy & Debate Theme Semester Signature Initiatives

Voting Engagement Collaborations

- Big10 Voting Challenge
- SparkVotes - Ten Tuesdays
- CSG My Votes - Cross campus collaboration for civic engagement
- Creative Campus Voting

Deans Collaborative Signature Events

- The Art of Democracy: Sing My Song/The Black Composer Speaks
- Creative Campus Voting Project
- Mayors Forum
- Photocracy: Defining Democracy Through Stories and Art

Engagement Activities

- I Wish to Say
- Democracy & Debate Social Change Playlist
- Voters’ Broadcast
- Democracy Café
- Star Spangled Banner Lyrics Competition
- University of Michigan Press: Democracy & Debate Collection
- Center for Academic Innovation Democracy & Debate Collection

Speakers for “Discerning Truth” ALA 264

- Evan Brandt (Reporter, The Mercury)
- Bryan Llenas (Correspondent, Fox News)
- Barb McQuade (United States District Attorney 2010-2017)
- Heather Cox Richardson (Professor of History, Boston College)