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Fall Community Conversations Focus on Elections 2012

How might the 2012 elections affect the economy, healthcare, taxes and the chance of a coal terminal in Longview? What role does the media, candidate debates and the Electoral College play in deciding who is elected?

These topics will be the focus of the Community Conversations lecture series at Lower Columbia College this fall. All lectures take place Thursdays, beginning September 27, from noon to 1 p.m. in Wollenberg Auditorium at the Rose Center for the Arts. This is the 5th year for the series.

The free series is open to the community and features speakers from LCC faculty and the community. Go to: www.lowercolumbia.edu/conversations for program updates.

September 27  Jim Franz, LCC Economics Instructor "The Economy, The Election, A Prediction"

October 4  Dan Schabot, LCC Speech Instructor "Low and in the Dirt: The Rhetorical Significance of Ceremonial First Pitches in Presidential Campaigns"

October 11  Randy Querin, Public Affairs and Governance Specialist, PeaceHealth St. John Medical Center "How Your Vote Could Change Your Healthcare"

October 18  David Benson, LCC Political Science Instructor "Taxes and Spending: Top Issues in this Election"

October 25  John Markon, Editor, The Daily News "The Perception of Media Bias in Election Coverage"

November 1  George Raiter, Cowlitz County Commissioner "The Effect of National Decisions on Local Issues: The Proposed Coal Export Terminal in Longview"

November 8  Roy Maier, Lower Columbia WEA Uniserv "The Washington Legislature and Educational Reform"

November 15  Chris Bailey, LCC President "Higher Education and Politics"

November 29  Cary Rhode, LCC Mathematics Instructor "The Myth of the Electoral College"