



ANNUAL DINNER

Safeguarding Elections: Real and Perceived Threats

Date: Thursday, May 7, 2026

Time: 5 p.m. Social Hour, 6:00 p.m. Dinner

Location: Warm Hearth Village Center
2387 Warm Hearth Drive
Blacksburg, VA 24060

Speakers: Special Guest, Delegate Lily Franklin; Keynote Speaker, Caitlin Jewitt, Associate Professor of Political Science at Virginia Tech: "Safeguarding Elections: Real and Perceived Threats."

Buffet style dinner will be \$60 per person and will include gluten-free and vegetarian meal options. Dinner includes 2 drink tickets during the social hour.

Our Annual Dinner is an opportunity to connect with old friends and make new ones, to conduct annual League business, and learn from guest speaker, Caitlin Jewitt, Associate Professor of Political Science at Virginia Tech, who will speak on 'Safeguarding Elections: Real and Perceived Threats.'

Every day it seems there is a new threat to the integrity of our elections in the United States and a proposed way to safeguard elections. Some recent examples include: foreign interference in elections, aging voting machines and infrastructure, voter fraud, the proposed federalization of elections, gerrymandering, limits on vote by mail, required documentation to vote, the SAVE act, and Virginia's proposed constitutional amendment.

In this talk, Dr. Jewitt will explore what claims are being made about voting and the integrity of our elections, detailing which threats are ones to take seriously and which are overblown. She will also discuss whether there are proposed safeguards to elections that are actually threats to elections and talk about what should be done to ensure that the United States remains a democracy with free and fair elections.

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