

Wednesday December 11  
**Top Topics in Elections**  
10:30-11:45am



**Senator Joyce Elliott, Arkansas**

Senator Joyce Elliott was first elected to the Arkansas State Senate in 2008 after serving three terms in the House of Representatives from 2001 to 2006. Before her time in the Arkansas General Assembly, she taught high school juniors and seniors for 30 years. In 2004, she left teaching and began working for the College Board, where she focused on expanding access to AP classes for students who are currently underrepresented. In 2013, Elliot received the Arkansas Municipal League Distinguished Legislator Award from the Arkansas Municipal League for her exemplary service benefiting cities and town of Arkansas.



**Brian Bean, Utah Legislature**

Brian Bean is a policy advisor for the Utah State Senate. Prior to this role, he served for six years as a policy analyst for the Utah Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel, specializing in election policy and internal government regulation. Brian holds a Master of Public Administration degree from the University of Utah and a bachelor's degree in political science from Brigham Young University.



**Trent England, Oklahoma Council of Public Affairs (OCPA)**

Trent England serves as executive vice president at the Oklahoma Council of Public Affairs, where he also directs the Save Our States project and is the David and Ann Brown Distinguished Fellow. He is an adjunct fellow of New Mexico's Rio Grande Foundation. England formerly hosted morning drive-time radio in Oklahoma City and has filled in for various radio hosts, including Ben Shapiro. He previously served as Executive Vice President of Freedom Foundation (Olympia, Wash.), where he also developed and directed the Foundation's constitutional studies programs and Citizen Action Network. He was a candidate for the Washington State House of Representatives and a legal policy analyst at The Heritage Foundation. England holds a law degree from The George Mason University School of Law and a Bachelor of Arts in government from Claremont McKenna College.



**Amber McReynolds, Vote at Home**

Amber McReynolds is a national leader in effective and innovative elections administration. She oversaw elections in the city of Denver for 13 years and is the former director of elections for Denver. Under her leadership, Denver became a national leader in election management and innovation, earning awards from the Election Center, the National Association of Counties, the U.S. Election Assistance Commission and others for its innovative work increasing the security, convenience and efficiency of elections. McReynolds is an advisory board member of the MIT Election and Data Science Lab. She also currently serves on the Circle of Advisers for the Democracy Fund's Election Validation Project and previously served on The Council of State Government's Overseas Voting Initiative. She holds a Master of Science degree in Comparative Politics from the London School of Economics and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Communications from the University of Illinois.



**Senator Christopher Pearson, Vermont**

Senator Chris Pearson was first elected to the Vermont State Senate in 2016 after serving five terms in the Vermont House of Representatives. Before his time in the House of Representatives, Pearson worked for two years on Bernie Sanders' 1998 congressional re-election campaign. Outside of politics, Pearson ran his own firm and worked as a project management and communications consultant. This work primarily served non-profit organizations in Vermont and national organizations, such as the national popular vote initiative. He earned his bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Vermont.