

get out the vote! *with Julia Shepard '20*

"Despite the generally progressive culture on campus, **CC's student voting rates in 2016 trailed other institutions across the country** by 10.7 percentage points, comparable 'peer institutions' by 14 percentage points, and other schools in Colorado by 21.5 percentage points. The results of my thesis suggest that sociodemographic and college specific factors (i.e.: major, in state/out of state status, transfer student status, etc.) matter little in explaining CC's low student voting rates; **instead, political engagement overwhelmingly matters in accounting for CC students' voting and non-voting behaviors.** The 2020 election is 40 days away! Make sure your friends (and your friends' friends) are registered and have a plan to vote, strike up conversations about the election with family and friends, and maybe even try getting everyone in your contact list to vote by using relational organizing apps including OutreachCircle and Outvote."

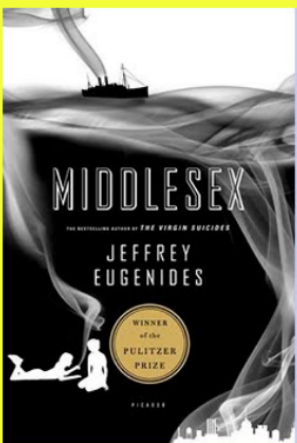


Julia wrote her senior thesis on CC student voting.

what you can do:

- Visit the [Secretary of State website](#) to **register or update your registration**
- [Track your ballot.](#)
- Ask your friends about their voter registration!
- Volunteer. Check out [New Era Colorado](#) for in-person and phone/text banking. If you're into snail mail, consider writing letters with [VoteForward.](#)

the SAB recommends



Middlesex by Jeffrey Eugenides

Dara says: "I love this book. It is a coming of age story that looks at the lives of three generations of a family. It mixes history with fiction and sheds light on many different cultures. If you look at it through a sociological lens, you can make sense of each generation's impact on the next and the one prior."

student activism

from Eric Popkin's
Summer Immigration Institute



**Cameron
Mongoven**

This summer I conducted strategic research for Grassroots Leadership, a non-profit based in Austin, TX that focuses on the dismantling the prison industrial complex, incarceration, and deportations. I specifically tracked over \$4 million of US Department of Agriculture Community Facility Grants going to rural Texas localities. These grants are supposed to help build needed community projects such as libraries, trade schools, infrastructure and public safety. I found that approximately half of all grant money was going towards funding new police vehicles and even in some cases tasers, rather than other much needed community projects.



**Benjamin
Swift**

This summer I worked with Mijente Campaigns, which describes itself as a political home for Latinx and Chicanx people seeking racial, economic, climate, and gender justice. One of Mijente's ongoing projects has been #NoTechForICE, in which they've identified the companies providing the data to ICE that enables the agency to conduct more detailed and invasive surveillance. While the research showing these data paths had already been conducted, I created a more self explanatory and visually appealing map that shows the many data procurement paths that ICE employs. Hopefully, this diagram could be used in community meetings and Mijente reports to visually depict ICE's entanglement with private corporations.

join the soc dept community zoom

Join us each block for an informal zoom to catch up and connect!

When:

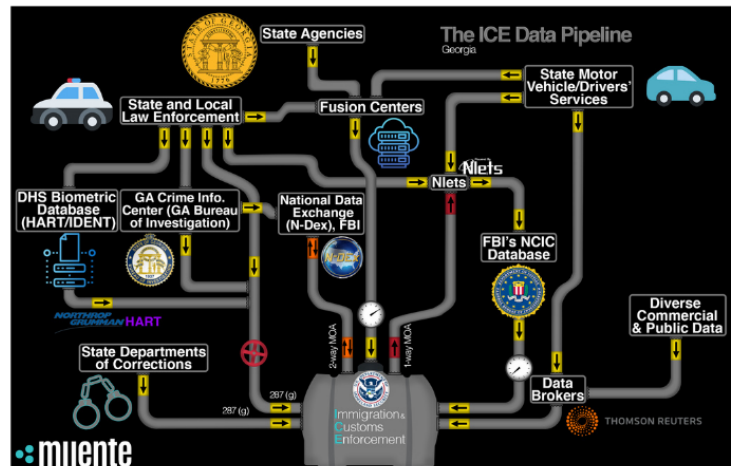
2nd Thurs, 4-6pm

Meeting ID: 924 6972 2400

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