

## **COURSE VII. FACILITATING VOTER PARTICIPATION**

(1 and ½ day, 9 hours of instruction)

- I. The Importance of Voter Participation Rates to Elections/Registration Officials
  - A. Support for Democracy
  - B. Self-Evaluation
  - C. Planning and budgeting
  - D. Enforcement of NVRA
  
- II. Comparisons of registration and voting procedures and voting rates
  - A. Using different measures of participation
  - B. Comparisons through time
  - C. Comparisons with other nations
  - D. Comparisons within the United States
  
- III. Factors correlated with participation
  - A. Demographic factors
  - B. Social, psychological, and political factors
  - C. Legal and administrative factors
  - D. The rational voter argument
  
- IV. Examples of voter outreach programs
  
- V. Measuring the effects of voter registration programs
  - A. Imputing causality: the laboratory model
  - B. Measurement problems in the real world
  - C. The importance of data
  - D. Accounting for change