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**US Embassy Hosts Series on Democracy and the Role of Free, Fair, and Transparent Elections in the Nation Building Process**

The U.S. Embassy in Georgetown will host a series on “**Democracy and the Role of Free, Fair, and Transparent Elections in the Nation Building Process**,” with Dr. David Lublin, Professor, Department of Government, School of Public Affairs, American University, from Monday, July 25 through Friday, July 29, 2011.

Dr. Lublin will engage a wide cross-section of Guyanese society in Georgetown, Upper Corentyne, New Amsterdam, and Linden. Public forums will be held as follows:

Tuesday, July 26 – Theatre Guild, Parade Street, Kingston, 5:00 p.m.

- Wednesday, July 27
  - Conference Room, Upper Corentyne Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Upper Corentyne, 11:00 a.m.
  - Town Hall, New Amsterdam, 4:30 p.m.
- Friday, July 29 – Linden Enterprise Network (LEN) Conference Room, Linden, 5:00 p.m.

**All of these forums are open to the general public.** Dr. Lublin will be speaking on how free, fair, and transparent elections have strengthened the nation building process in the United States. Each forum will also be an opportunity for participants to exchange information on the Guyanese political process and community and voter participation.

Dr. Lublin will also meet with members of the business community, youth executives and the media.

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## **David Ian Lublin, Ph.D.**

David Lublin is a Professor at American University, Department of Government, School of Public Affairs. He graduated with a B.A. in Political Science from Yale University *summa cum laude* (1990). He completed an A.M. in Government at Harvard University in 1992 and received his Ph.D. in Government from Harvard University in 1994.

Since receiving his Ph.D. from Harvard, David Lublin has authored two books, *The Paradox of Representation: Racial Gerrymandering and Minority Interests in Congress* and *The Republican South: Democratization and Partisan Change*. He has published articles in a variety of journals, including the *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *Stanford Law Review* and the *Washington Post*. His work on redistricting was cited by the Supreme Court in *Georgia v. Ashcroft*.

Dr. Lublin has received two grants from the National Science Foundation, most recently for the Federal Elections Project, which compiled election results at the precinct level from around the United States. The German Marshall Fund recently awarded him a fellowship to pursue work on minority representation in democratic countries. He is on the faculty of the Women and Politics Institute and a fellow of the Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies.

Dr. Lublin has conducted digital video conferences and meetings to discuss American elections with scholars, students, journalists and government officials in China, Hong Kong, Hungary, Malta, Moldova, Poland, Russia, Spain, and Ukraine. He also travels extensively to speak on the democratic process.

Prior to his current position, he served as Assistant Professor, Department of Government and International Studies, University of South Carolina, 1994-98 and Associate Professor, Department of Government, School of Public Affairs, American University, 2002 to 2006.