Scoring Rules in Politics and Sports

The outcome of an election depends not only on how the voters cast their ballots, but also on the procedure used to tally those votes. When different procedures are used, the same votes can result in different outcomes!

Examples will be given from U.S. Presidential elections, coaches’ rankings of NCAA football teams, journalists’ votes to determine the MVPs of the American and National Leagues of Major League Baseball, and scorecards and scoring rules used on the Professional Golfers Association tour.

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Refreshments will be served at 3:45 PM in the Mathematics Department lounge (532 Malott Hall).

Wednesday, April 9 @ 4:30 PM
228 Malott Hall (Bache Aud.)