



**** VTP Updates August 2008 ****

NEWS

1. The Election Updates Blog has just been relaunched; visit it for new research, analysis and commentary on election reform, voting technology, and election administration.
<http://electionupdates.caltech.edu>
2. R. Michael Alvarez and Asa Hopkins (Caltech) *The Targeted Vote: Pasadena Democrats Mobilize the Base* and Morgan Llewellyn (Caltech) - *Multicandidate Valence and Platform Selection: Extreme's Strategic Advantage* will be giving presentations at the 2008 APSA Annual Meeting in Boston the end of this month.

ELECTIONS

REPORTS/PAPERS

1. Working Paper #64: [Assessing the impact of voting technologies on multi-party electoral outcomes: the case of Buenos Aires' 2005 Congressional Election](#), Gabriel Katz (Caltech) R. Michael Alvarez (Caltech) Ernesto Calvo (University of Houston) Marcelo Escolar (Universidad de Buenos Aires) Julia Pomares (London School of Economics)
2. Working Paper #65: [Building Secure and Transparent Election through Standard Operating Procedures](#), R. Michael Alvarez (Caltech) and Thad E. Hall (University of Utah)
3. Working Paper #66: [Mobilizing Pasadena Democrats: Measuring The Effects of Partisan Campaign Contacts](#); R. Michael Alvarez (Caltech) Asa Hopkins (Caltech) and Betsy Sinclair (University of Chicago)
4. Working Paper #67: [An Empirical Bayes Approach to Estimating Ordinal Treatment Effects](#); R. Michael Alvarez (Caltech) Delia Bailey (Washington University) Jonathan Katz (Caltech).
5. Working Paper #68: [Voter confidence in Context and the Effect of Winning](#); Morgan Llewellyn (Caltech) Thad Hall (University of Utah) R. Michael Alvarez (Caltech)

EVENTS: PRIMARIES

1. Aug 25-28: Democratic National Convention, Denver, CO
2. Sep 1-4: Republican National Convention, Minn-St. Paul, MN

EVENTS: CONFERENCES / MEETINGS

- 1) August 28-31: 2008 APSA Annual Meeting: Boston MA. Following are VTP related panel sessions at the APSA:
 - a) Requirements and Voter Turnout.
 - b) New Issues in the Study of Election Reform: Audits, Administration and Attitudes :

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