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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

Lecture and discussion series continues at Ludington Library

On Tuesday, March 5, Mason County District Library (MCDL), Abondia Center, and partner libraries throughout Michigan, will host Paul Pierson, Professor of Political Science, University of California, Berkeley, presenting his ideas on what's ahead for the Democratic Party. Part of the *Cairns & Beacons: Finding Our Way in a Post-Pandemic World* series, this presentation is free and available on Zoom from anywhere, and in person at Ludington Library, 217 E Ludington Ave.

Pierson and three colleagues from throughout the United States observed a new phenomenon in Democrats' voting habits following the 2020 Presidential election; a pattern that escaped the notice of other journalists and analysts. They observed that affluent, urban, and White voters, together with poor, rural, and Black voters shared interests on why they voted as they did. They described it as a surprising alignment, unlike the voting patterns of past elections.

Pierson will share what he and his colleagues caught that others missed. He will also share whether there is reason to believe the 2024 election is likely to see a repeat of this alliance, or whether it has

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disintegrated. We will ask, “What might the effects be on the Democratic Party either way?”

“What’s Ahead for the Democratic Party” will be presented live and virtually on Tuesday, March 5, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. (Note: This is different from past presentations which have occurred on Thursdays.) A discussion will be held on Thursday (as customary) March 14, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., for attendees to examine more closely the ideas presented on March 5.

For more information see [bit.ly/cairnsandbeacons](https://bit.ly/cairnsandbeacons) and for those wanting to attend via Zoom, use the case-sensitive link: [bit.ly/CairnsAndBeacons](https://bit.ly/CairnsAndBeacons)

On April 4, *Cairns & Beacons* will feature the topic, “Testing ‘Guaranteed Income’ Ideas Right Here in Michigan.”

The *Cairns & Beacons: Finding Our Way in a Post-Pandemic World* series was created by MCDL and the Abondia Center, with no other group, or political party, affiliation.

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