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ADP National Meeting
Providence, RI
June 18, 2010
Illinois State University

**Campus**
- First Illinois public university
- Residential comprehensive university
- Began as a teacher’s college
- Nearly 19K FTE

**American Democracy Project**
- Be Enlightened, Be Empowered, Be Engaged
- Four major components
- Civic engagement is one of five core values in campus strategic plan
Exhibit by The Wolfsonian, a design museum at Florida International University

Over 80 graphic works by 60 contemporary artists and graphic designers

Sponsored by Funding Arts Network in partnership with the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, American Express, Continental Airlines and The Miami Herald
Norman Rockwell’s *Four Freedoms*

First mentioned in FDR’s 1941 State of the Union speech

Displayed in four issues of the *Saturday Evening Post* in 1943

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Why this exhibit?

Create an ADP event that would better appeal to the Arts

Opportunity for Student Affairs and Library to collaborate
The Exhibit at ISU

Displayed at Milner Library

Opening reception

*Saturday Evening Post* display

Funded by ADP and a grant from the Friends of Milner Library
The Exhibit at ISU, cont.

Speaker Series
College of Fine Arts
speaker was a first for an ADP event

Three lectures attended by over 220 people

Utilized as co-curricular resource
Additional Information

ISU Thoughts on Democracy Exhibit

http://www.library.ilstu.edu/tod/

The Wolfsonian’s Thoughts on Democracy Exhibit

http://thoughtsondemocracy.blogspot.com/

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