



Dr. Suzanne Walker-Pacheco

Suzanne Walker-Pacheco is a professor of Anthropology at Missouri State University and the Faculty Coordinator of the Paws to the Polls voter education initiative. After completing an undergraduate degree at San Diego State University, she crossed coasts to complete her doctorate at the City of University of New York. As a biological anthropologist, she engaged in years of primate fieldwork in the tropics and now conducts skeletal identifications for law enforcement personnel. A main component of her teaching emphasizes the effect of biological determinism and scientific racism on marginalized peoples, social and environmental justice issues, and supervision of students on action-oriented projects that impact the world in a positive way.



Always a participant in our democracy, she has become deeply immersed in the civic engagement realm. In 2020, a dozen students joined her to establish Paws to the Polls on the Missouri State University campus with the goal of overcoming barriers to college student voting, increasing civic engagement, and enhancing voter-related knowledge. Suzanne also recently formed a Civic Engagement Committee with the goal of embedding the concepts and practice of civic virtues and civil dialogue within a sustainable university framework.

Suzanne has served on the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters since 2020 and is editor for the eJournal of Public Affairs' Civic and Voter Engagement section.

