

## [News in Review: Nov. 20, 2017](#)

November 17, 2017 11:15 AM Carolyn Scofield  
cscofiel@tulane.edu

Transcript:

New guidelines authored by a Tulane professor mean millions more Americans need to lower their blood pressure. And Tulane's Jesmyn Ward wins another big award for her writing. These stories and more top Tulane News in Review.

Tulane Professor of Global Health Dr. Paul Whelton led an American Heart Association panel recommending lower guidelines for blood pressure.

(Soundbite)

The news was picked up by dozens of national and local news sites, making headlines in the [Associated Press](#), [New York Times](#), [Huffington Post](#), [Reuters](#), [Washington Post](#), [NBC](#), [USA Today](#), [Bloomberg](#) and [WebMD](#) ...just to name a few.

[Here & Now](#) interviewed Dr. Whelton, for a broadcast that aired on NPR stations around the country.

(Soundbite)

Tulane Associate Professor of Creative Writing Jesmyn Ward is the first woman to win two National Book Awards. [The Guardian](#), [New York Times](#), [Entertainment Weekly](#), [Vox](#) and other national news sites all covered Ward's major prize.

(Soundbite)

Tulane has another top award winner on campus, a story reported by [AP](#), [New York Times](#), [Washington Post](#) and more. Ladee Hubbard, an adjunct lecturer in the Africana studies program, won the Ernest J. Gaines Award for Literary Excellence.

Here's Hubbard on [Late Night with Seth Meyers](#).

Other universities are following Tulane's lead as Puerto Rico recovers from Hurricane Maria. Tulane President Mike Fitts talked with the [Wall Street Journal](#) about offering

classes to students displaced by the storm.

And the [Huffington Post](#) brought its Listen to America Tour to campus to hear what Tulane students had to say.

That's all for this edition of Tulane News in Review. Thanks for watching!