

## **MEDIA ADVISORY: Tulane experts available for comment on 2016 election**

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With the 2016 presidential election drawing closer, we invite the media to contact Tulane University for expert comment on all the issues associated with the campaign, from campaign strategy and political messaging to hot-button topics like immigration, gun control and U.S. foreign relations.

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## **GENERAL ELECTION**

**[Brian Brox](#)**, associate professor of political science, School of Liberal Arts  
Areas of expertise: American politics, political behavior, campaigns and elections, political parties, public opinion, electoral rules/reform

**[Geoffrey Dancy](#)**, assistant professor of political science, School of Liberal Arts  
Areas of expertise: Gun issues (violence, policy, race, police brutality), the rise of indecency in political speech, what a Trump candidacy means for American democracy, “Hillary hate” and the treatment of women in the U.S., potential impact of the election on American foreign relations

**[Patrick Egan](#)**, assistant professor of political science, School of Liberal Arts  
Areas of expertise: trade policy, foreign investment, protectionism, monetary policy

**[J. Celeste Lay](#)**, associate professor of political science, School of Liberal Arts  
Areas of expertise: U.S. public policy, elections, public opinion, voting behavior, politics of social policies (including education, health care, immigration and gun control), politics of “whiteness,” the millennial vote

## **HEALTH CARE/HEALTH CARE POLICY**

**[Mollye Demosthenidy](#)**, clinical associate professor, Department of Global Health Management and Policy  
Areas of expertise: Affordable Care Act, repeal and replace, candidates’ plans for health care, current reform proposals

**[Mark L. Diana](#)**, associate professor and chair, Department of Global Health Management and Policy  
Areas of expertise: health care reform, health policy, health care delivery

## **GUN CONTROL AND CRIME**

**[Reginald Parquet](#)**, clinical assistant professor, Tulane School of Social Work  
Areas of expertise: Gun violence and gun policy, youth violence, mental health,

substance use and abuse, diversity and social justice

## **INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

**Christopher Fettweis**, associate professor of political science, School of Liberal Arts

Areas of expertise: U.S. foreign policy, international security, ISIS

**Mark Gasiorowski**, professor of political science, School of Liberal Arts

Areas of expertise: politics of the Middle East, U.S.-Iran relations, U.S.-Middle East relations

**Michael Wallace**, director of Homeland Security Studies, School of Continuing Studies

Areas of expertise: Domestic and international terrorism, proliferation of weapons, weapons of mass destruction, U.S. intelligence

## **ECONOMY**

**James Alm**, professor and chair of economics, School of Liberal Arts

Areas of expertise: taxation, tax reform, tax evasion, general economic policy, housing finance

**Christopher Oliver**, professor of practice in sociology, School of Liberal Arts

Areas of expertise: labor, employment and unemployment; political economy; economic sociology; environmental sociology, crime and regulation; urban sociology; policy and housing; environmental contaminants and housing

**Peter F. Ricchiuti**, professor of finance, A.B. Freeman School of Business

Areas of expertise: employment, stock market, Wall Street, myths surrounding the U.S. economy

**Steven M. Sheffrin**, professor of economics, executive director of the Murphy Institute, School of Liberal Arts

Areas of expertise: taxation, spending, general economic policy

## **IMMIGRATION**

[Casey Love](#), senior professor of practice, political science, School of Liberal Arts  
Areas of expertise: immigration policy, politics of immigration, U.S.-Latin American relations, border policy

[James D. Huck, Jr.](#), assistant director, graduate advisor and administrative assistant professor, Roger Thayer Stone Center for Latin American Studies  
Areas of expertise: Mexican foreign policy and U.S. Latin American relations, Latin American immigration to the U.S. and Louisiana, Latin American/Latino communities in New Orleans, citizenship and civic engagement in the Americas

## **RACE RELATIONS**

[Nghana Lewis](#), associate professor of English and African and African Diaspora Studies, adjunct professor of psychology, also affiliated with Tulane Law School  
Areas of expertise: race relations, criminal justice reform, Black/Blue Lives Matter, pay discrimination, voter suppression

## **CONSTITUTIONAL LAW/U.S. SUPREME COURT**

[Stephen Griffin](#), professor of constitutional law, Tulane Law School  
Areas of expertise: U.S. Supreme Court decisions and appointments, constitutional law, constitutional and political reform, how the Constitution plays into the election

[Keith Werhan](#), professor and chair of constitutional law, Tulane Law School  
Areas of expertise: Any issues dealing with federal constitutional law, except criminal matters.

## **ENVIRONMENT**

[Jeff Sigler](#), senior professor of practice, Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences, School of Science & Engineering  
Areas of expertise: climate change, air pollution, environmental issues/sustainability

**Torbjorn E. Tornqvist**, professor and chair of geology, Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences, School of Science & Engineering  
Areas of expertise: Climate change, especially its impact on the Gulf Coast

## **POLITICAL COMMUNICATION**

**Ashley Nelson**, professor of practice, management communication, A.B. Freeman School of Business  
Areas of expertise: Political messaging, campaign strategy, social media strategy

**Ferruh Yilmaz**, associate professor of communication  
Areas of expertise: Donald Trump populism, media's response to populism, political crisis and the media, political situation in Turkey, Islamic populism, the rise of the far right in Europe, European immigration debate

## **ENERGY/OIL AND GAS**

**Eric Smith**, clinical finance professor, associate director of the Tulane Energy Institute, A. B. Freeman School of Business  
Areas of expertise: Keystone Pipeline, fuel prices, oil and gas industry, deepwater drilling, energy, natural gas, Gulf of Mexico energy production, energy trading, energy sector, utilities, energy policy, fracking





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