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Voting and Results Across the States: Experts Available for Election Day and Beyond

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It's election week and the Scholars Strategy Network has assembled a list of experts who are available to provide commentary and analysis on election developments in their home states throughout the week. From commenting on who is winning the race, to the use of mail-in ballots, to the situation on the ground on Election Day, these university-based researchers bring both their academic expertise and their personal experience to bear on the election.

Our list covers the following 29 states: Arizona, California, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin.

Cell phone numbers are available for any listed expert upon request. Additional experts and states may be added throughout the week.

Arizona

JENNIFER EARL

University of Delaware



Professor of Sociology

Earl's research focuses on social movements and the sociology of law, with research emphases on the Internet and social movements, social movement repression, and legal change.

California

MELISSA R. MICHELSON

Menlo College



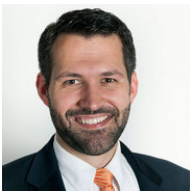
Professor of Political Science

Michelson's research interests include California politics, with particular expertise in race/ethnic politics and voter turnout.

Connecticut

DOUGLAS M. SPENCER

University of Colorado Boulder



Professor of Law and Public Policy

Spencer is a trained political scientist and a lawyer. His research emphasizes the importance of using empirical evidence to judge campaign finance, voting rights, and election administration cases in the courts.

Florida

CIARA TORRES-SPELLISCY

Stetson University



Professor of Law

Torres-Spelliscy's work focuses primarily on the issue of money in politics, but also works on strengthening election laws more generally, as well as improving corporate governance.

Georgia

JENNIFER L. MCCOY

Georgia State University



Distinguished University Professor of Political Science

McCoy specializes in democratic transitions and backsliding, crisis prevention and conflict resolution, and electoral processes, including electronic voting and international election monitoring.

Hawai'i

COLIN D. MOORE

University of Hawaii at Manoa



Associate Professor of Political Science

Moore's scholarship focuses on American political development, how public bureaucracies shape politics and public policy, the historical analysis of institutional change, and the politics of U.S. territories.

Illinois

LAURIE L. RICE

Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville



Associate Professor of Political Science

Rice studies the presidency and policymaking, civic engagement and political participation, media and politics, and presidential campaigns.

Indiana

NADIA E. BROWN

Georgetown University



Associate Professor of Political Science and African American Studies Chair

Brown is a scholar of American politics whose work focuses on identity politics, legislative studies, and Black women's studies, using the theory of intersectionality to study topics across multiple disciplines.

Kansas

MICHAEL A. SMITH

Emporia State University



Professor of Political Science

Smith's scholarship focuses on state and local government, political parties, and civic engagement and voting laws, including how voter turnout changes in states with photo ID and proof-of-citizenship voting laws.

Kentucky

DEWEY M. CLAYTON

University of Louisville



Professor of Political Science

Clayton's research includes the modern day civil rights movement and political discourse, representation and electoral systems in the United States, law and race, and African American politics.

Maine

ROBERT W. GLOVER

University of Maine



Associate Professor of Honors and Political Science

Glover's research deals with the implications of citizenship and immigration policy for how we understand political membership, participation, and community.

Massachusetts

AMEL AHMED

University of Massachusetts-Amherst



Assistant Professor of Political Science

Ahmed's main area of expertise is the study of democratic institutions and particularly electoral systems.

Michigan

MATT GROSSMANN

Michigan State University



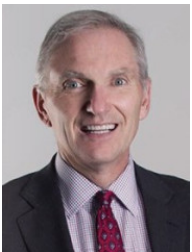
Associate Professor of Political Science

Grossmann's work focuses on American politics and government, including national and state policymaking, election campaigns, interest groups, and political parties.

Minnesota

DAVID SCHULTZ

Hamline University



Distinguished University Professor of Political Science and Legal Studies

Schultz teaches across a wide-range of American politics classes including public policy and administration, campaigns and elections, government ethics, and election law.

Mississippi

THESSALIA MERIVAKI

Georgetown University



Assistant Professor of American Politics

Merivaki's research focuses on the empirical assessment of election reforms on the administration of elections across the American states.

Missouri

DAVID C. KIMBALL

University of Missouri-St. Louis



Professor of Political Science

Kimball studies elections and interest group lobbying in the United States. His election research examines election administration and the impact of election laws and institutions on voters.

New Jersey

JULIA SASS RUBIN

Rutgers University-New Brunswick



Associate Professor of Planning and Public Policy

Rubin's research examines the intersection of education policy, community development, and social justice.

New Mexico

GABRIEL R. SANCHEZ

University of New Mexico



Professor of Political Science

Sanchez conducts research and teaches in the area of American politics with a specific emphasis on Latino politics, health politics and policy, and New Mexico politics.

New York

BORIS HEERSINK

Fordham University



Assistant Professor of Political Science

Heersink's research focuses on political parties and election campaigns. Heersink's writings include studies on the influence national party organizations have in American politics, and the way strategic choices and events influence election outcomes.

North Carolina

KERRY HAYNIE

Duke University



Associate Professor of Political Science

Haynie's research examines how the theories, structures, and practices of American sub-national political institutions, especially legislatures, affect African Americans' and women's efforts to exert influence on the political system.

Ohio

ASHLEY E. NICKELS

Kent State University



Assistant Professor of Political Science

Nickels is an interdisciplinary scholar, whose work focuses on urban politics and policy, community based organizations, and local democracy.

Oklahoma

ANDREA BENJAMIN

University of Oklahoma-Norman Campus



Associate Professor of African American Studies

Benjamin's research interests include race and politics, local elections and voting behavior, and public opinion.

Oregon

MARY C. KING

Portland State University



Professor Emerita of Economics

King is a labor economist, particularly focused on the economic conditions and policy strategies that expand opportunities for women, people of color and people from low-income backgrounds.

Pennsylvania

CHRISTOPHER WITKO

University of California-Davis



Professor of Public Policy and Political Science

Witko has expertise in interest group influence in the policy process, money in politics, state politics and policy, public policy (particularly economic, education, fiscal and regulatory

policy), and the politics of income inequality.

Tennessee

CHRISTOPHER JORGE OJEDA

University of California-Merced



Assistant Professor of Political Science

Ojeda's research focuses American politics, public opinion, and political behavior.

Texas

PATRICK J. FLAVIN

Baylor University



Associate Professor of Political Science

Flavin studies unequal political influence in the United States and what laws and institutional arrangements can promote greater political equality and democratic inclusion.

Virginia

KRISTIN ANNE GOSS



Kevin D. Gorter Professor of Public Policy and Political Science

Goss's research, teaching, and service revolve around the theme of deep engagement by everyday individuals in the policy sphere.

West Virginia

WILLIAM W. FRANKO

West Virginia University



Assistant Professor of Political Science

Franko's research generally focuses on the causes and consequences of political, economic, and social inequality in the American context.

Wisconsin

PARU R. SHAH

Rutgers University-New Brunswick



Associate Professor of Political Science

Shah's research examines the politics and policy consequences of racial and ethnic minority office holding, most often in cities and school districts.