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30 Experts Available on 2024 Election in Key Swing States

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With the 2024 election less than three weeks away, all eyes are on the swing states that are likely to decide the presidency.

For reporters covering voting, state politics, and some of the top issues of this election in these key states, the following experts from Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin are available to provide commentary and analysis:

Arizona

KENICIA WRIGHT

Arizona State University-Tempe



Key topics: **racial/ethnic politics, women in politics, and health policy.**

Wright studies how representation and policy outcomes are influenced by social identities, such as race/ethnicity, gender, and class. She regularly applies intersectionality in her work, which centers on power and the effects of being comprised of multiple marginalized identities. Her recent Working Papers examine how social identities influence the public's perceptions of candidates and their political behavior.

ALEX TRIMBLE YOUNG

Arizona State University-Downtown Phoenix



Key topic: **gun politics/policy, Arizona politics**

Alex Trimble Young is a scholar of the culture and history of the US West. Broadly speaking, his work investigates the historical origins of the Arizona and the West's gun culture and public lands policy in the violence of the frontier. His recent public facing writing has engaged questions of self-defensive gun ownership, the "campus carry" debate, and recent efforts to privatize public lands.

Georgia

HENRY F. CAREY

Georgia State University



Key topics: **election administration**

Carey is a comparative political scientist who has specialized in transitional elections in nascent democracies during the 1990s and more recently in hybrid regimes under democratic erosion. He has monitored elections as part of international NGOs and organizations, and in the past decade he has been a board member of Democracy Counts, an NGO focused on monitoring elections, primarily in the USA, but also abroad.

RICK F. DONER

Emory University



Key topics: **history of Georgia elections, election administration, poll working**

Doner's academic work focuses on variation in economic development, especially upgrading and innovation, as a function of institutions (such as business associations), and politics (cabinet changes, resource endowments, crises). Doner was extensively involved in the 2000, 2004, and 2008 presidential campaigns, including the creation of a "speakers bureau" to engage rural Georgia voters.

WHITNEY S. RICE

Emory University



Key topics: **abortion politics and policy**

Rice is the Director of the Center for Reproductive Health Research in the Southeast, which conducts research to inform social, systems and policy change in the direction of greater reproductive equity in the US Southeast region, in partnership with reproductive health, rights and justice organizations.

BERNARD DEBABRATA TAMAS

Valdosta State University



Key topics: **electoral systems, election forecasting, gerrymandering, third parties**

Tamas is the author of *The Demise and Rebirth of American Third Parties* and is an expert on elections, electoral history, third parties, and electoral systems. He is a frequent media commentator for national and international news outlets.

Michigan

DAVID A. DULIO

Oakland University



Key topics: **state politics, political campaigns**

Dulio teaches courses on campaigns and elections, Congress, political parties, interest groups, and other areas of American politics. Dulio has published fifteen books, with two of his most recent being *Campaigns and Elections American Style: The Changing Landscape of Political Campaigns* and *Cases in Congressional Campaigns: Split Decision*.

ERICA FRANTZ

Michigan State University



Key topics: **threats to democracy, electoral integrity**

Frantz studies authoritarian politics and the dynamics of political change. Her most recent book, *The Origins of Elected Strongmen*, looks at the key causes of the contemporary wave of democratic backsliding around the globe, where democracies are collapsing from within at the hands of their elected leaders.

KARYN LACY

University of Michigan-Ann Arbor



Key topics: **race and state politics**

Lacy's research focuses on black elites, race relations, residential segregation, identity, parental socialization, and suburban inequality. She is the author of the award-winning book, *Blue-Chip Black: Race, Class, and Status in the New Black Middle Class*.

WILLIAM D. LOPEZ

University of Michigan-Ann Arbor



Key topics: **immigration politics and policy, deportation, immigrant activism**

Lopez's research, teaching, and writing address the experiences of immigrants in the rural U.S. He is the author of the award-winning book, *Separated: Family and Community in the Aftermath of an Immigration Raid*.

ROBERT ALLEN MANDUCA

University of Michigan-Ann Arbor



Key topics: **economic inequality, urban-rural inequality**

Manduca's research focuses on urban and regional economic development and the consequences of rising inequality for social life in the United States. One emphasis of his work is the importance of federal policy decisions in shaping the economic geography of the

US. Another research area focuses on declining upward income mobility in the US and other countries.

NAZITA LAJEVARDI

Michigan State University



Key topics: **voting rights, voter fraud beliefs**

Lajevardi's work focuses mainly on issues related to religion, race, and ethnicity in American politics; political behavior; voting rights; and immigration. She has particular expertise on US Muslims and their political attitudes and behaviors.

TONY G. REAMES

University of Michigan-Ann Arbor



Key topics: **climate and energy politics and policy, environmental justice**

Reames' research investigates fair and equitable access to affordable, reliable, clean energy, and explores the production and persistence of energy disparities across race, class, and place. He was recently a presidential appointee in the Biden-Harris Administration serving as Deputy Director for Energy Justice and later Principal Deputy Director for State and Community Energy Programs at the U.S. Department of Energy.

North Carolina

CASSANDRA R. DAVIS

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill



Key topics: **natural disasters**

Davis has researched environmental disruptions, specifically exploring how extreme events impact historically and socially marginalized communities and the extent to which these groups ultimately recover from an event. Dr. Davis' scholarship also focuses on dismantling forms of oppression and racism that are situated in spatially disadvantaged communities, causing them to be ill equipped to face repeated events.

DANIEL KREISS

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill



Key topics: **campaigns, journalism, elections, democratic processes, mis/disinformation**

Kreiss studies journalism, politics, and elections, and is the faculty director of a disinformation research center at UNC Chapel Hill.

SHANNON C. MCGREGOR

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill



Key topics: **campaign communication strategy, social media, identity in politics, media coverage**

McGregor's research focuses on the role of media and social media in political processes, with a focus on the interplay of three groups essential to a functioning democracy: politicians, journalists, and the public, and she is co-editor of *Media and January 6th*, published in 2024 by Oxford University Press.

GLADYS L. MITCHELL-WALTHOUR

North Carolina Central University

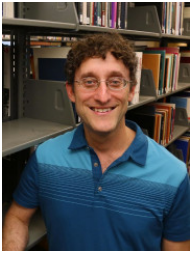


Key topics: **race and politics, African Americans and voting; Black college students in NC and voting**

Mitchell-Walthour studies racial politics in the USA and Brazil. She is the author of *The Politics of Survival: The Political Opinions of Social Welfare Beneficiaries in Brazil and the USA* and is an Executive Board member of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists.

JONATHAN OBERLANDER

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill



Key topics: **healthcare policy and politics, healthcare reform, Medicare, ACA**

Oberlander's research focuses on U.S. health care policy, the politics of health care reform, and Medicare. He has written on access to health insurance, health care cost control, Medicare, Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program, and the Affordable Care Act.

WHITNEY ROSS MANZO

Meredith College



Key topics: **gender and politics**

Manzo's research focuses on representation and power, broadly conceived. Within these areas, she examines barriers to women's electoral success, the impacts of women in office, the impacts of different electoral laws, and public opinion.

CANDIS WATTS SMITH

Duke University



Key topics: **race and state politics**

Smith's expertise highlights the role race, racism, and structural inequality play in shaping the American political landscape. Specifically, she focuses on the evolution of the expressions and role of racial attitudes among Americans. Her research also speaks to questions of social policy and resource allocation in a federalist system, with a focus on reproductive healthcare.

Pennsylvania

ROBIN BROOKS

University of Pittsburgh-Pittsburgh Campus



Key topics: **race, gender, and politics**

Brooks's research focuses on matters concerning Black communities in the United States and the wider African Diaspora, particularly African American and English-speaking Caribbean

populations. Overarching themes in Brooks's writings include inequality, social justice, working-class studies, and education policy.

ZIAD MUNSON

Lehigh University



Key topics: **politics, populism, abortion policy**

Munson's research focuses on conservative social movement mobilization and political violence. He is best known for his work on the pro-life movement and abortion politics, and terrorism. His current research focuses on populism and the changing meaning of politics in suburban America.

ERICA OWEN

University of Pittsburgh-Pittsburgh Campus



Key topics: **economic policy and politics, labor**

Owen's research focuses on the politics and economics of trade, global production, and automation, emphasizing the economic well-being and political influence of labor. Overarching themes in Owen's writing emphasize how workers and multinational firms influence policy outcomes governing trade and foreign direct investment.

DARA E. PURVIS

Temple Beasley School of Law



Key topics: **abortion politics and policy, LGBTQ rights, gender**

Purvis' research focuses on transgender children's rights and family law. Purvis' most recent research focuses on the constitutional speech rights of transgender students, disputes over frozen embryos, the constitutional parental rights of fathers, and abortion.

LARA PUTNAM

University of Pittsburgh-Pittsburgh Campus



Key topics: **political participation and social movements, Pennsylvania politics**

Putnam researches social movements and political participation in local, national, and transnational dimensions. Her writings on grassroots politics in rust belt Pennsylvania and beyond have appeared in scholarly and public-facing venues. She is co-lead of the Southwest PA Civic Resilience Initiative at Pitt's Institute for Cyber Policy, Law, and Security.

JENNIE SWEET-CUSHMAN

Chatham University



Key topics: **gender and politics, Pennsylvania politics**

Sweet-Cushman teaches courses in public policy, American politics, women and politics, and state and local government. A former successful congressional campaign manager herself and the former assistant director of the Pennsylvania Center for Women and Politics, Jennie pays particular attention to state-level politics in Pennsylvania.

FERNANDO TORMOS-APONTE

University of Pittsburgh-Pittsburgh Campus



Key topics: **Puerto Rican/Latino politics, electoral organizing, left politics**

Tormos-Aponte specializes in social movements, identity politics, social policy, and transnational politics. His research focuses on how social movements cope with internal divisions and gain political influence.

NIKI VONLOCKETTE

Pennsylvania State University-University Park



Key topics: **economic policy, class and race, inequality**

VonLockette's work examines the impact of residential segregation on unemployment and wages for blacks and Latinos in metropolitan areas. She has served as consultant for the U.S.

Departments of Labor and Commerce and the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

MIRANDA ELYSE YAVER

University of Pittsburgh-Pittsburgh Campus



Key topics: **healthcare politics and policy, voting rights, the role of court**

Yaver's research focuses on administrative burdens and health insurance disparities, the politics of health care reform, and reproductive health policy post-Dobbs v. Jackson. Prior to working in academia, she worked in the field on several political campaigns and worked on voter protection issues through People for the American Way.

Wisconsin

BARRY C. BURDEN

University of Wisconsin-Madison



Key topics: **election administration, voting**

Burden's research and teaching focus on U.S. elections, public opinion, representation, and the U.S. Congress. His recent research has centered on aspects of election administration and voter participation. He is the author of *Personal Roots of Representation*, co-editor of *The Measure of American Elections*, co-author of *Why Americans Split Their Tickets*, and editor of *Uncertainty in American Politics*.

MICHAEL W. WAGNER

University of Wisconsin-Madison



Key topics: **news and social media, misinformation, voting**

Wagner studies how individuals' use of the overall information ecology affect what they believe, what their preferences are, and how they participate politically. He is co-author of the book *Political Behavior of the American Electorate*, one of the most-assigned election books in American universities.