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9 Experts Available for Timely Analysis on 2024 Election in Pennsylvania

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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, including Pennsylvania.

For reporters covering voting, state politics, and some of the top issues of this election in Pennsylvania, the following experts are available to provide commentary and analysis. A full list of over a dozen experts in key swing states can be found [here](#).

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



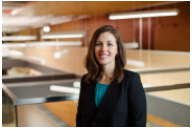
Key topics: **politics, populism, abortion policy**

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.