# Hofstra University **Experts**

**Presidential Debate 2016** 





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# A resource for media professionals

With about 500 full-time faculty members, 92 percent of whom hold the highest degree in their fields, we offer this guide as a sampling of the experts at Hofstra University who are available to speak with reporters, editors and producers about issues that are of importance during the 2016 presidential campaign cycle.

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# **Hofstra University Profile**

# At a Glance

- Founded in 1935
- Located in Hempstead, Long Island, 25 miles east of NYC
- Total enrollment: Approximately 11,000 students
- President: Stuart Rabinowitz, JD
- Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs: Gail M. Simmons, PhD
- Private, nonsectarian, coeducational
- 113 buildings on 240 acres
- 24 academic and 27 total accreditations
- Member of Phi Beta Kappa
- 100% program accessibility for persons with disabilities
- More than 131,000 alumni

# **Academic Colleges and Schools**

# Frank G. Zarb School of Business

# Hofstra College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

- ▶ Peter S. Kalikow School of Government, Public Policy and International Affairs
- ▶ School of Education
- ▶ School of Humanities, Fine and Performing Arts
- ▶ School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

Lawrence Herbert School of Communication

School of Engineering and Applied Science

School of Health Professions and Human Services

**Hofstra University Honors College** 

Hofstra Northwell School of Medicine

Hofstra Northwell School of Graduate Nursing and Physician Assistant Studies

Maurice A. Deane School of Law

# **National Recognition**

Hofstra University is a nationally and internationally recognized institution that has been cited on the Best College lists of U.S. News & World Report, The Princeton Review, Fiske, Washington Monthly and Forbes. Among Hofstra's distinctions:

- Only university to host three consecutive
   U.S. presidential debates (2008, 2012, 2016).
- Ranked the second best school in the nation for media professionals based on alumni career outcomes (LinkedIn, 2014).
- One of the top 50 most entrepreneurial universities in the nation (Forbes, 2014).
- Home to student-run radio station WRHU 88.7 FM, ranked the No. 1 college station in the nation (The Princeton Review, 2015 and 2016), the top non-commercial station in the U.S. (National Association of Broadcasters Marconi Award, 2014), and the flagship station of the NHL's New York Islanders, the only college radio station in the nation with exclusive rights for a professional major-league sports franchise.
- President's Higher Education & Community Service Honor Roll (2008-2014).

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# GOVERNMENT/POLITICAL SCIENCE

**Meena Bose** (Professor of Political Science and Executive Dean for Public Policy and Public Service Programs, Peter S. Kalikow School of Government, Public Policy and International Affairs; Director, Kalikow Center for the Study of the American Presidency) The American presidency; leadership and politics; presidential elections; foreign policy

**Evan Cornog** (Dean, The Lawrence Herbert School of Communication) *Presidential politics; media; politics and the press; NYC history* 

**Carolyn Dudek** (Professor of Political Science and Director of European Studies, Peter S. Kalikow School of Government, Public Policy and International Affairs)

European and Latin American relations; **FLUENT IN SPANISH** 

**Brenda Elsey** (Associate Professor of History, Peter S. Kalikow School of Government, Public Policy and International Affairs) *Latin America*; **FLUENT IN SPANISH** 

**Leslie Feldman** (Professor of Political Science, Peter S. Kalikow School of Government, Public Policy and International Affairs) Nassau and Suffolk politics; state politics; American politics; the presidency; Ronald Reagan; Memorial Day; terrorism; State of the Union

**Bernard J. Firestone** (Dean, Hofstra College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Professor of Political Science)

International relations; American presidency

**Paul Fritz** (Associate Professor of Political Science, Peter S. Kalikow School of Government, Public Policy and International Affairs)

U.S. foreign affairs

**Richard Himelfarb** (Associate Professor of Political Science, Peter S. Kalikow School of Government, Public Policy and International Affairs) Presidential politics and elections; public care policy; health care policy; Affordable Care Act; poverty; seniors; Social Security

**Lawrence Levy** (Executive Dean, National Center for Suburban Studies at Hofstra University)

Suburban issues; local government and politics; impact of suburban swing voters in national politics

**Gregory Maney** (Professor of Sociology, Peter S. Kalikow School of Government, Public Policy and International Affairs; Co-Director, Center for Civic Engagement)

Active citizenship; civic engagement; peaceful protest; democratic demonstrations

**Rosanna Perotti** (Associate Professor and Chair of Political Science, Peter S. Kalikow School of Government, Public Policy and International Affairs)

Presidential elections; immigration reform; American politics; U.S. political parties; public opinion and the mass media; Congress; Bill Clinton presidency; George W. Bush presidency

# POLITICAL COMMUNICATION & MEDIA; RHETORIC & DEBATE

**Kara Alaimo** (Assistant Professor of Journalism, Media Studies and Public Relations, The Lawrence Herbert School of Communication)

Global and political public relations

**Evan Cornog** (Dean, The Lawrence Herbert School of Communication) *Presidential politics; media; politics and the press; NYC history* 

**Philip Dalton** (Associate Professor of Rhetoric, School of Humanities, Fine and Performing Arts)

Political communication; campaign rhetoric; public argument; coarseness in public communication

**Kelly Fincham** (Assistant Professor of Journalism, Media Studies and Public Relations, The Lawrence Herbert School of Communication)

Social media practices and ethics for journalists and students

**Jeffrey Morosoff** (Assistant Professor of Journalism, Media Studies and Public Relations, The Lawrence Herbert School of Communication) *Crisis management; public image; nonprofits' use of public relations* 

**Joseph Peyronnin** (Associate Professor of Journalism, Media Studies and Public Relations, The Lawrence Herbert School of Communication) *Media issues; news coverage; national politics; broadcast news business; ratings* 

**Tomeka Robinson** (Associate Professor of Rhetoric, School of Humanities, Fine and Performing Arts; Faculty Advisor for Hofstra Speech & Debate Team)

Health communication; speech & debate; message control; public perception of health crises; public debate and deliberation

**Mary Anne Trasciatti** (Associate Professor of Rhetoric, School of Humanities, Fine and Performing Arts)

Popular culture; public address; persuasion; political communication

**Jingsi Christina Wu** (Assistant Professor of Journalism, Media Studies and Public Relations, The Lawrence Herbert School of Communication) Political communication; use of entertainment and new/social media for political engagement; general entertainment media; Chinese media; **FLUENT IN CHINESE** 

# **BUSINESS/ECONOMY/TRADE**

**Herman Berliner** (Dean, Frank G. Zarb School of Business; Lawrence Herbert Distinguished Professor; Professor of Economics) *Economic analysis; job trends; economics of higher education* 

**J. Scott Colesanti** (Professor of Legal Writing, Maurice A. Deane School of Law)

Financial markets; Dow Jones; New York Stock Exchange; securities laws

**Ronald Colombo** (Professor of Law, Maurice A. Deane School of Law) Federal Reserve; subprime mortgage crisis; monopolies; competition; free trade; cartels; mergers and acquisitions; price gouging; business organizations; securities laws; contracts

**Gregory DeFreitas** (Professor of Economics and Director of the Labor Studies Program, Peter S. Kalikow School of Government, Public Policy and International Affairs; Director, Center for the Study of Labor and Democracy)

Job and pay trends; the economics of immigration; earnings inequality; labor unions; youth unemployment; New York City economy

**Joel Evans** (Professor of Marketing and International Business, Frank G. Zarb School of Business)

Consumer trends; ethics in marketing; retail research and strategy; advertising

**Anne Hamby** (Assistant Professor of Marketing and International Business, Frank G. Zarb School of Business)

Consumer behavior and psychology; international business; marketing

**Ahmet K. Karagozoglu** (Professor of Finance, Frank G. Zarb School of Business)

Financial markets and analysis; credit risk; futures markets;

#### **FLUENT IN TURKISH**

**Julian Ku** (Professor of Constitutional Law, Maurice A. Deane School of Law)

TPP (Trans-Pacific Partnership); First Amendment issues; civil rights/liberties; freedom of speech; freedom of religion; human rights; foreign policy; international law;

# CHINESE PROFICIENCY FOR PRINT/ONLINE INTERVIEWS

**Yong Zhang** (Professor of Marketing and International Business, Frank G. Zarb School of Business)

Chinese businesses; international business; export promotion and marketing; **FLUENT IN CHINESE** 

# **CLIMATE CHANGE & ENVIRONMENT**

**Robert Brinkmann** (Professor of Geology, Environment and Sustainability, School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics; Vice Provost for Scholarship and Engagement and Associate Dean of Graduate Studies)

Environment; sustainability; pollution; environmental policy; hazards; suburban environments; storm water; sinkholes

**E. Christa Farmer** (Associate Professor of Geology, Environment and Sustainability, School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics) *Global warming; climatology* 

Margaret Hunter (Associate Professor of Engineering, School of Engineering and Applied Science) Infrastructure, water and soil contaminants; watershed protection; management; energy issues

# **EDUCATION**

**Andrea Libresco** (Professor of Teaching, Learning and Technology, School of Education of Hofstra College of Liberal Arts and Sciences)

Social studies and civic education; teaching guides for the presidential debate

# **HEALTH CARE**

**Janet Dolgin** (Professor of Health Care Law, Maurice A. Deane School of Law; Co-Director, Hofstra University Bioethics Center; Director, Gitenstein Institute for Health Law and Policy)

Affordable Care Act; health care law; bioethics

**Martine Hackett** (Assistant Professor of Health Professions, School of Health Professions and Human Services)

Health inequity, particularly in the American suburbs and minority communities

**Corinne Kyriacou** (Associate Professor of Health Professions, School of Health Professions and Human Services)

Public health issues and policies in the United States; Affordable Care Act

Anthony Santella (Assistant Professor of Health Professions, School of Health Professions and Human Services) Public health issues and policies; HIV and STI prevention; sexual health; LGBT health; correctional/jail health

# **LAW**

**Eric Freedman** (Professor of Constitutional Rights, Maurice A. Deane School of Law)

Constitutional law; First Amendment; presidential powers; death penalty

**James Sample** (Professor of Law, Maurice A. Deane School of Law) Citizens United; campaign finance; judicial ethics; voting rights; constitutional issues; federal courts

# **RACE & ETHNICITY**

**Margaret Abraham** (Professor of Sociology, Peter S. Kalikow School of Government, Public Policy and International Affairs)

Ethnicity; gender and migration; South Asian Diaspora

**Gregory Maney** (Professor of Sociology, Peter S. Kalikow School of Government, Public Policy and International Affairs; Co-Director, Center for Civic Engagement)

Race and ethnic studies; social movements

**Kristal Brent Zook** (Professor of Journalism, Media Studies and Public Relations, The Lawrence Herbert School of Communication) Race and gender in media and politics; social justice reporting

# **RELIGION**

**Julie Byrne** (Associate Professor of Catholic Studies and American Religious History, Peter S. Kalikow School of Government, Public Policy and International Affairs)

Catholic studies; American Catholicism; race and gender issues in Catholicism

**Robin Charlow** (Professor of Law, Maurice A. Deane School of Law) Religion and the law; constitutional law

**Hussein Rashid** (Adjunct Assistant Professor of Religion, Peter S. Kalikow School of Government, Public Policy and International Affairs)

Muslims and American popular culture; South and Central Asian studies; Shi'i justice theology

**Phyllis Zagano** (Senior Research Associate-in-Residence, Religion, Peter S. Kalikow School of Government, Public Policy and International Affairs) Catholic studies; role of women in the Catholic Church; recently named to a Vatican commission on women deacons

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# **WOMEN'S STUDIES**

**Amy Baehr** (Associate Professor of Philosophy, Peter S. Kalikow School of Government, Public Policy and International Affairs) Women's studies; feminist philosophy; liberalism and theories of gender justice

**Linda Longmire** (Professor of Global Studies and Geography, Peter S. Kalikow School of Government, Public Policy and International Affairs) *Women's studies; women in politics* 

