



Expert Sources from Minnesota’s Private Colleges

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The member institutions of the Minnesota Private College Council are home to 17 communities of scholars who provide insight, analysis and expertise on a wide variety of news and events. Members of the media are invited to locate leading thinkers for expert commentary on a wide variety of issues and topics from this periodic listing of faculty experts. **This listing is a special edition focusing on the Olympics and the upcoming Republican National Convention** and includes resources on:

- American Studies
- Athletics – Baseball
- Economics
- Olympics Policy
- Political Science
- Security

American Studies			
Professor and Institution	Expertise	Background	Contact
Duchess Harris <i>Associate Professor, American Studies</i> Macalester College	Harris is an interdisciplinary scholar trained in American Studies. Her general area of interest is Twentieth Century African American political history. She has conducted research for the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights and was a Constituent Advocate for the late U.S. Senator Paul Wellstone.	Harris' research interests include U.S. politics, African American political movements and the emergence of Black feminist theory and organization in the 1960s and 1970s, emphasizing sexuality and socio-economic status as points of conflict and coherence.	Barbara K. Laskin Media Relations Manager Macalester College 651.696.6451 laskin@macalester.edu
Athletics – Baseball			
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Mark McKenzie <i>Head Baseball Coach</i> Concordia University, St. Paul	McKenzie is Concordia University’s head baseball coach and coach for Olympic Development Program USA Baseball. He and his coaching staff will select and train the top 18 kids in the nation that are 18 or under to compete in this year’s World Championships in Edmonton, Alberta in July.	This will be McKenzie's 10 th year working with the Olympic Development Program for USA Baseball – the national governing body for the sport of baseball. Since his first year with USA Baseball he has been a part of three Gold Medals for World Championships (1998, 2002, 2003) and one Gold Medal for a Pan American Championship in 2001.	Jill Johnson Director of University Marketing & Communications Concordia University, St. Paul 651-641-8755 jjohnson@csp.edu

Economics			
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Matt Nowakowski <i>Master of Business Administration Director</i> Saint Mary's University of Minnesota	Nowakowski's areas of expertise include education and global economics. As the M.B.A. Program Director, he conducts the international field study each year at the Twin Cities campus.	Nowakowski hold a B.S. in Education from the University of Wisconsin- LaCrosse. He has traveled abroad to work with companies on global economics and training the workforce on research focused leadership.	Clayton Tenquist Executive Director of External Affairs- Schools of Graduate and Professional Programs Saint Mary's University of Minnesota 612-728-5199 ctenquis@smumn.edu
Olympic Policy			
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John Wendt <i>Assistant Professor, Ethics and Business Law Department</i> Opus College of Business University of St. Thomas (651) 962-4250 (Office) (651) 303-3033 (cell) (651) 552-1111 (home) jtwendt@stthomas.edu	Wendt's areas of expertise include sports law, Olympics policies and business, arbitration issues and swimming.	<p>Wendt, an attorney, was reappointed last fall to the Court of Arbitration for Sport, an international dispute-resolution body created in 1981 at the urging of the International Olympic Committee and was recently admitted to the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators in London.</p> <p>Wendt is a nationally recognized authority on anti-doping efforts in athletics and recently was named to the LPGA's anti-doping panel (golf may be an Olympic sport in 2012). Wendt also has done legal work for USA Swimming and has a long history of involvement with the sport at every level.</p>	Pat Sirek UST News Service 651-962-6408 pjsirek@stthomas.edu
Political Science			
Professor and Institution	Expertise	Background	Contact
Adrienne Christiansen <i>Associate Professor and Chair, Political Science</i> Macalester College	Christiansen studies political communication/rhetoric. Her scholarly efforts have focused on the language of war and the rhetoric of social movements. Most recently, she has been drawn to visual persuasion, particularly as manifested in political editorial cartoons and in the role political monuments play in maintaining conflict in Cyprus.	She received her BA and MA from Kansas University, and her PhD in Speech Communication from the University of Minnesota. Christiansen has been at Macalester since 1990.	Barbara K. Laskin Media Relations Manager Macalester College 651-696-6451 laskin@macalester.edu

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<p>Julie Dolan Associate Professor, Political Science Macalester College</p>	<p>Dolan is interested in women and politics, presidential campaigns and elections. She is currently working on a book about Senator Hillary Clinton.</p> <p>Her research and teaching interests include bureaucratic politics, women and politics, public policy, research methods and Congress.</p>	<p>She has published articles in a variety of journals, including PS: Political Science and Politics, Public Administration Review, the Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory, Women & Politics, and the Harvard International Journal of Press/Politics.</p> <p>Dolan received her BA in Political Science from St. Olaf College and received her PhD in Political Science from American University.</p>	<p>Barbara K. Laskin Media Relations Manager Macalester College 651-696-6451 laskin@macalester.edu</p>
<p>Chris Gilbert Professor of Political Science Gustavus Adolphus College</p>	<p>Gilbert's areas of expertise include American politics and elections, religion and politics, political parties, research methods, Minnesota politics. With the Republican National Convention coming to St. Paul, an upcoming election, and rumors of Tim Pawlenty being a candidate for the Vice Presidency, Gilbert is a timely source.</p>	<p>Gilbert received his B.A. from Moravian College and his Ph.D. from Washington University in St. Louis. He has authored four books including his latest, The Political Influence of American Churches. He has offered political analysis in the past for MPR, WCCO radio, the Star Tribune, and the Pioneer Press.</p>	<p>Matt Thomas Media Relations Manager Gustavus Adolphus College 507-933-7510 mthomas@gustavus.edu</p>
<p>Stacey Hunter Hecht Department Chair/Associate Professor of Political Science Bethel University</p>	<p>Hunter Hecht's areas of expertise include Social Policy, Cosmopolitanism, Citizenship & Immigration Policy, and Religion and Politics. Hunter Hecht has been a frequent political contributor on TPT's "Almanac" this year.</p>	<p>Ph.D., University of Minnesota, B.A., Pennsylvania State University.</p>	<p>Amanda Wanke Director of Media and Internal Communications Bethel University 651-638-6266 a-wanke@bethel.edu</p>
<p>Mary Jo McGuire Faculty member, Master of Arts in Organizational Leadership and Political Science College of St. Catherine</p>	<p>McGuire's areas of expertise include ethics and leadership, public policy and current issues. Consulting in public policy, advocacy, leadership and non-profit board management, Maguire co-founded MJ2 Group, a bi-partisan consulting company. She served fourteen years as a state representative in the Minnesota Legislature.</p>	<p>Maguire earned a BA in Business Administration from the College of St. Catherine, a JD from Hamline University School of Law, and an MA in Public Administration from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.</p>	<p>Julie Michener Media Relations Manager College of St. Catherine www.stkate.edu 651-690-6521 651-253-8931 jcmichener@stkate.edu</p>

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James H. Read <i>Professor of Political Science</i> College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University 320-363-5239 jread@csbsju.edu	In 1992, Read was a candidate for the Minnesota House of Representatives in District 14A. He is author of an upcoming book titled <i>Doorstep Democracy: Face-to-Face Politics in the Heartland</i> (University of Minnesota Press, 2008) where he demonstrates how conversations between citizens concerned about their communities can get us beyond the television ads, mass mailings and sound bites to rejuvenate American democracy.	Read has been a professor at CSB and SJU since 1988. He received an A.B. degree from the University of Chicago and a M.A. and Ph.D. from Harvard University.	Michael Hemmesch Director of Media Relations Saint John's University 320-363-2595 mhemmesch@csbsju.edu
Security			
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Donald S. Winger <i>Dean, School of Professional Programs</i> <i>Program Director, B.S. - Police Science and Industrial Technology</i> Saint Mary's University of Minnesota	Winger will help organize security at the Republican National Convention taking place this September in St. Paul, MN. He has expertise in the areas of Law Enforcement Administration and Leadership, Criminal Investigation, Community Outreach and Domestic Violence Intervention. He is an experienced public speaker on local, state and national levels.	Winger was Chief of Police for the City of Maplewood Police Department from 1998 to 2002. Previously, he was a member of the City of Saint Paul Police Department from 1972 to 1998, service as a police officer, sergeant, lieutenant and commander. He is active in his community, volunteering with Merrick County Services and the Saint Paul Domestic Intervention Project.	Clayton Tenquist Executive Director of External Affairs- Schools of Graduate and Professional Programs Saint Mary's University of Minnesota 612-728-5199 ctenquis@smumn.edu

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