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NC State Faculty Ready to Provide Expertise for Election Coverage

Voters will go to the polls on Tuesday, Nov. 7 to cast their ballots in the 2006 midterm elections. The following North Carolina State University faculty members are available to provide timely commentary and expert analysis about U.S. and state congressional races, candidates and issues.

The following experts, listed alphabetically, are available for interviews. If you need help reaching them, contact Chad Austin at NC State News Services at 919/515-3470 or chad_austin@ncsu.edu.

Dr. Jason Bivins, associate professor of religious studies, 919/515-6140 or jcbivins@unity.ncsu.edu, can discuss the intersection of religion and politics in America. His research includes the phenomenon of Americans' public protests of local, state and federal government policies on the basis of religious convictions.

Dr. William A. Boettcher, associate professor of political science, 919/ 515-5096 or boettche@social.chass.ncsu.edu. Boettcher is an expert on U.S. foreign policy, international relations, political psychology and national security issues. He can also address public perceptions of the war in Iraq and the war on terrorism.

Dr. Michael Cobb, assistant professor of political science, 919/513-3709 or mdcobb@social.chass.ncsu.edu, specializes in survey research and polling methods. He can discuss voting behavior and race in American politics, as well as public perceptions about the war in Iraq.

Dr. Steven Greene, associate professor of political science, 919/513-0520 or steven.greene@ncsu.edu, is an expert in public opinion and voting behavior and can discuss issues related to this year's elections and specific races. He can also address issues relating to gender and politics and political parties.

Dr. Andrew Taylor, associate professor of political science, 919/515-8618 or andrew_taylor@ncsu.edu. Taylor specializes in Congress, elections and the presidency, and can discuss how Congressional elections affect North Carolina. He served as a Congressional Fellow in Washington, D.C., from November 1999 to August 2000.

Dr. Michael Vasu, associate professor of political science and public administration and director of the Social Science Research Laboratory, 919/515-3791 or vasu@social.chass.ncsu.edu, is an expert on polls, scientific surveys, and elections and political campaigns. He is a former president of the Southern Association of Public Opinion Research.

Dr. J. Oliver Williams, professor of political science, 919/515-5027 or oliver_williams@ncsu.edu. Williams is an expert in contemporary state and national politics, and United States-East Asia relations.