



Expert Sources from Minnesota’s Private Colleges

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- Political Science

| Campus Safety and Security | | | |
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| Expert | Expertise | Background | Media Relations Contact |
| Ray Thrower Director of Safety and Security Gustavus Adolphus College | Thrower is an expert in campus safety and security and public health issues, including domestic preparedness. | Thrower has served in the public safety profession for nearly 30 years; he has served as the director of safety and security at Gustavus since 1998 and is the 49th president of the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators, Inc., (IACLEA). He has more than 20 years of experience overseeing and teaching in the areas of public safety, environmental health and safety, and fire safety. He serves as a master trainer and an adjunct faculty member in the areas of public safety and environmental health at community colleges. He holds two national certifications - Firefighter II and a Level II Fire and Rescue Instructor. Thrower also serves as the North Central Regional Chair for the International Association of Chiefs of Police, University, and College Police Section. | Matt Thomas Media Relations Manager Gustavus Adolphus College 507-933-7510 mthomas@gustavus.edu |

| Education | | | |
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| Joseph Erickson Professor, Education Augsburg College | Erickson is an expert in the areas of testing and measurement, K-12 education, school policy and governance, service-learning and technology integration in schools | Erickson recently served on the Minneapolis School Board. Education: B.A. University of St. Thomas M.A. Luther Seminary Ph.D. University of Minnesota | Judy Petree Media Relations Manager Augsburg College Office: 612-330-1114 Cell: 612-363-3812 Email: petree@augsborg.edu |
| Environmental Studies | | | |
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| Paul Jackson Associate Professor of Chemistry and Environmental Studies St. Olaf College O: 507-786-3404 H: 507-645-5591 E: jackson@stolaf.edu | Jackson teaches and conducts research in areas spanning analytical chemistry (especially environmentally friendly "green" chemistry), environmental science and sustainable practices. | Jackson's application of "green" chemistry principles in the classroom is leading efforts to reduce the environmental impact of college campuses and science building design. His classrooms focus on chemical analysis of surface waters, environmental science and the chemistry of building materials. Jackson conducts much of his research on the Cannon River, one of Minnesota's "Wild and Scenic Rivers." | David Gonnerman Director of Media Relations 507-646-3315 cell 507-301-8769 gonnermd@stolaf.edu |
| Generational Difference in the Workplace | | | |
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| Wendy Klepetar Professor of Management Virginia Arthur Professor of Management College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University | Wendy Klepetar and Virginia Arthur have studied the millennial generation of students and held workshops about them. They teach about managing generational differences in the workplace. They are experienced facilitators who conduct traveling workshops through the Collaboration for the Advancement of College Teaching and Learning based in St. Paul, Minn. The Collaboration is an alliance of colleges and universities that supports and promotes outstanding college teaching and learning. | Klepetar has served as Director of the Learning Enhancement Service and as Chair of the Joint Faculty Assembly at the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University. She teaches a variety of management courses, with a focus on organizational behavior, cultural diversity and international business. Klepetar is particularly interested in issues involving interactive learning and cultural diversity. Arthur is involved in promoting innovative and active classroom teaching. She is a former member of The Collaboration's case editorial board and has presented widely on case pedagogy and other topics related to teaching innovation. Her primary teaching interest is in strategic management taught through interactive simulations. | Michael Hemmesch College of Saint Benedict/Saint John's University 320-363-2595 mhemmesch@csbsju.edu |

| Global Warming | | | |
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| Ken Peterson, Ph.D. Director of Environmental Studies Bethel University | Peterson can speak about the Christian response to global warming | Peterson received an M.A. in wildlife biology and a Ph.D. in animal ecology at Iowa State University. He came to Bethel in 2003 after teaching at Viterbo College, LaCrosse, Wis.; Monmouth College, Monmouth, Ill.; and Dordt College, Sioux Center, Ia. | Amanda Wanke Director of Media and Internal Communications 651-638-6266 (w) 651-245-0604 (c) |
| History | | | |
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| Frenchy Lunning Professor of Liberal Arts Minneapolis College of Art and Design | Lunning can speak about history of comics, including both classic American comics and Japanese manga comics. | Lunning recently won a Fulbright to study manga in Japan in 2008. She will learn about all the cultural factors that led to the popular comics style. She also will serve host of the upcoming "Schoolgirls and Mobilesuits" – a manga/anime convention at MCAD that takes place Sept. 28-30. Lunning is the founder and editor of the only academic journal dedicated to anime and manga, <i>Mechademia</i> , the first volume of which was published earlier this year. (Ph.D., University of Minnesota.) | Michael Blumfield Director of Communications and External Relations 612-874-3807 612-419-4405 (cell) michael_blumfield@mcad.edu |
| Peter Rachleff Professor - History Macalester College | Rachleff conducts research in U.S. labor, immigration and African American history. He teaches courses in these areas, as well as theme-focused courses between the Civil War and World War II. | Rachleff has tied much of his teaching and service to interdisciplinary programs, such as Urban Studies, African American Studies and Women's and Gender Studies. Active in the community around Macalester, from the Minnesota Historical Society to the labor movement, he is a frequent sponsor of internships and student research projects. He earned his B.A. from Amherst College, 1973; M.A., University of Pittsburgh, 1976; Ph.D., University of Pittsburgh, 1981 | Barbara Laskin Media Relations Macalester College (651) 696-6451 laskin@macalester.edu http://www.macalester.edu/college/relations/ |

| Information Technology | | | |
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| <p>Bob Andersen Director of Instructional Technology Saint Mary's University of Minnesota rganders@smumn.edu (612) 728-5206</p> | <p>Andersen's primary areas of expertise include telecommunications, information technology, information security and wireless communications as it fits in with today's technology issues.</p> | <p>Andersen is an accomplished information technology professional with over twenty-five year's of experience. Some of Andersen's accomplishments have been: completing a comprehensive security review of a large health care organization, authoring a methodology on network security and network risk assessments and directing the M.S. in Telecommunications program at Saint Mary's University of Minnesota. He speaks frequently at regional and national conferences on telecommunications technology and management topics.</p> | <p>Clayton D. Tenquist Executive Director of External Affairs (612) 728-5199 tenquist@smumn.edu</p> |
| International Business | | | |
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| <p>Elizabeth Brown Assistant Professor of Law University of St. Thomas School of Law efbrown@stthomas.edu (651) 962-4972</p> | <p>Banking regulations related to international trade are the focus of Brown's current scholarship.</p> | <p>Brown worked on securities transactions (including both debt and equity offerings) having an aggregate value of over \$30 billion. Her clients included, among others, major commercial and investment banks, internet service providers, retailers, automotive suppliers, and energy suppliers, and her clients came from the United Kingdom, Italy, Portugal, Turkey and Japan. Her work internationally involved a wide range of industries, including energy and telecommunications firms, in a variety of countries, including Russia, Azerbaijan, Mexico, Canada and Brazil.</p> | <p>Jim Winterer St. Thomas News Service (651) 962-6404 jwinterer@stthomas.edu</p> |

| International Business (continued) | | | |
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| Karen Gulliver, Ph.D. Associate Dean, International Initiatives Director, Graduate Program, Master of Business Administration Saint Mary's University of Minnesota's Private Colleges kgullive@smumn.edu (612) 728-5142 | Gulliver's primary research interests are globalization, international business and post-secondary business education. She has recently give lectures on immigration policy and the energy crisis. | Gulliver managed Metro State's graduate and undergraduate program with Tamkang University and Taiwan for 6 years. In 1999, she became the director of the Master of International Management Program at the University of St. Thomas. Prior to going into academics, she worked for 10 years as an economist. She has taught in China, Taiwan, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Romania and Poland. | Clayton D. Tenquist Executive Director of External Affairs (612) 728-5199 tenquist@smumn.edu |
| Law and Religion | | | |
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| Tom Berg St. Ives Professor of Law University of St. Thomas School of Law tberg@stthomas.edu Phone: (651) 962-4918 | Berg has established himself as one of the leading scholars of law and religion in the United States. He has written approximately 60 articles in law reviews and religion journals on religious freedom, constitutional law, and the role of religion in law, politics and society. | Berg's credentials include a B.S. in journalism from Northwestern University, an M.A. in philosophy and politics from Oxford University, and both an M.A. in religious studies and a J.D. from the University of Chicago, all with honors. He was a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford. | Jim Winterer St. Thomas News Service (651) 962-6404 jwinterer@stthomas.edu |
| Mass Media and Society | | | |
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| Clay Steinman Professor - Humanities and Media and Cultural Studies Macalester College | Steinman can discuss the role of mass media in society as well as a variety of media and film issues including news media coverage, political advertising, television viewing habits and stereotypes in Hollywood films. | Steinman's research interests include the impact of television and film on culture, and racism and Hollywood film. He teaches courses on critical media theory, film history and analysis, racism and the media, and gender and media. Steinman is the co-author of <i>Consuming Environments: Television and Commercial Culture</i> , which explores how television has helped create a culture of consumerism and over-consumption. He is a former journalist, writing for newspapers and other news organizations such as <i>The Nation</i> and <i>Xinhua</i> , the China news agency. | Barbara Laskin Media Relations Macalester College (651) 696-6451 laskin@macalester.edu http://www.macalester.edu/collegerelations/ |

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| Rev. Dr. Mark Schuler Professor of Religion & Theology Concordia University, St. Paul | Schuler's expertise lies in the areas of New Testament Theology, Archaeology, Biblical Greek. | Schuler is the co-author of the text <i>Called by the Gospel: An Introduction to the New Testament</i> , part of a four-volume textbook series published in 2007 by Wiph and Stock. Schuler directs the archaeological excavation of the Northeast Church project at the Hippos (Sussita) National Park in Israel and annually leads a team of Concordia students and other volunteers to work at the project. | Jill Johnson, Director of Communications 651-641-8755 (w) 651-245-1724 (c) jjohnson@csp.edu www.csp.edu |
| Political Science | | | |
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| John Shockley Assistant Professor, Political Science Augsburg College | Shockley's expertise lies in the areas of American Politics, campaigns and elections, ethics of campaigning and campaign finance reform. | Shockley earned his M.A. and Ph.D in political science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and his B.A. from the University of Texas, Austin. | Judy Petree Media Relations Manager Augsburg College Office: 612-330-1114 Cell: 612-363-3812 Email: petree@augsb.org |

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