

Faculty/Staff Assignments

Convergence Desk: Programming Director/ Editor: Ron Harris and

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Photo: Craig,

PR: Ron

Tech: Jim Brown

Publications Involved: News Organizations: Hilltop, BlackCollegeView, Spotlight, Newsvision, Radio, TV, NNPA and local newspapers

STILL NEEDED:

- MAP/LIST OF POLLING STATIONS (including those near Metro)
Jamisha Purdy
- Students to do research, TV monitoring and all sorts of ODAA (other duties as assigned).
- Phone numbers, emails, lists of students with cars, etc.
- List of WiFi hotspots (hotels, Starbucks, Panera Bread) to file stories.
- Students who can do graphics
- Tech support for evening
- SET UP ELECTION BLOG PAGE w/ Twitter and social networking

ART

STANDALONE GRAPHICS:

RED/BLUE Graphic: Staff

GOOGLE MAPS

READY: YOUTUBE SITE: <http://www.youtube.com/HowardNetConvergence>

Lead Stories:

OBAMA: The main piece on the Democratic outcome. **Jamisha Purdy**

McCAIN: The main piece on the GOP outcome. **Christina Burton**

ABSENTEE BALLOTS : Election Boards reporting an increase in the number of absentee ballots this year. How students are affected, among others. Who voted by absentee and why? **Audra Pettus**

Other Stories:

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS High school and junior high students who are not able to vote. What are they doing on Nov. 4 to be a part of the historic election. **Morgan Mahone**

UNREGISTERED ADULTS. What are people who aren't registered doing on Nov. 4. Why aren't they registered? What are their thoughts this day? **Jaren Ward**

CIVIL RIGHTS PIONEERS. What do people who were active during the passage of 1964 Civil Rights Act. What does this election mean to them? **Stephanie Kennard**

WARD 7 VOTERS. There is an organization in Ward 7 that plans to pick up residents in the area and take them to voter stations on Nov. 4. Lakendra Smith will spend the day with the organization as it canvasses the Ward. **Lakendra Smith**

ETHIOPIANS FOR OBAMA: *Advance and folo* with Obama supporters. **Eboni Farmer**

VETERANS AGAINST MCCAIN. Deidre Williams finds veterans, particularly white veterans, who are voting for Obama. **Deidre Williams**

MILITARY: Soldiers and the vote, how it works when activated, preferences, etc. **Caryn Grant**

MILITARY SIDE: Quotes from other enlistees, Marines for McCain, military families, etc. **Chable Bracken, Brittney Oliver and Victoria Thomas**

GOING HOME TO VOTE: Lauren Walker finds Howard students who are returning to their hometowns, Chicago, Philadelphia, New York, to cast their vote. They chose not to vote absentee and instead want to be home to cast the historic vote. **Lauren Walker**

Students going home: Jan Ransom, New York

Caryn Grant, Bloomfield, Mich./Detroit

Victoria Thomas, Chicago (Her mother is an alderman, so she'll be at some political events on Obama's turf.)

With blogs, pics, stories from students

BUSINESSES AND INAUGURATION WEEKEND: Businesses such as hotel and airlines are already gearing up for the Jan. 20 inauguration weekend. Hotel

rates are already \$720 a night at some hotels. Will rates increase or decrease depending on how is elected? **Stephanie Kennard**

FIRST IN LINE TO VOTE: Elleni Solomon plans to visit a couple of polling lines around town to interview the first one or two people who are in line to find out if they waited up all night or what time they got there to cast their vote and why. **Elleni Solomon**

EX-CONS AND VOTING: Who can and who cannot vote? District organizations that work with ex-fellons are working with groups to get the word out as to who can and who cannot vote in the election. **Crystal Schanette**

PALIN: Local views on Palin. **Natalie Thompson & Simone Pringle**

ELECTRONIC VOTING: Will the systems and untried technology be overwhelmed by the turnout? areas most likely to be hit with such confusion and disorder are parts of the state with heavy black populations."
Advance and folo from Simone Pringle

TEES: Will newly registered first-time voters get tripped by the rules on passive electioneering? Will you be turned away with Obama '08 T-shirts/Buttons? Rules may vary from precinct to precinct. The problem may not be machines, ballots or identification, but registration. An update on wearing paraphernalia to the polls. He's already written a national piece for NNPA and knows the rules in various states. **Pharoh Martin**

FIRST TIME VOTERS. On college campuses in the region. Who are they and will they really show up this time? **Brittany, Jada Smith**

I have assigned Brittany an election story on a teenager in Temple Hills who turns 18 on election day and has registered to vote. **Photos:** Zelina will be shooting pictures for this assignment.

VICTORY PARTIES. Oh yeah, they say there will be a viewing party sponsored by HUSA in Blackburn. **Viewing parties:** Jasmine Bramlett, Brittney Oliver

Other Stories

IN MY LIFETIME/WAPOST: **Advance:** Panel Discussion: Oct. 29 Washington Post panel discussion with greatest generation and latest generation: "In My Lifetime" -- 3 stories for editorial. **Need reaction piece from participants**

BLOGGERS: Students blogging for Post on Election Day. Need the blogs' URLs.

Monitoring conservative chatter

Blog/blog watcher: Natalege Whaley

Video polling teams: Candace Smith (works with “Howard Today”)

Photojournalism: Noelle Motley

Monitoring online/TV results and research: Jessica Maddox

The Rev. Deforest Soaries (my pastor) was first co-chairman of on the Election Assistance Commission. He resigned because he said no one cared about the serious voting issues. He was a Republican

Stories for Nov. 5

Post-ELECTION LETDOWN: Reaction from the campaign workers that they've been following, glee for some, disappointment for others. What will they do now?

REACTION FROM COLLEGE STUDENTS, particularly if young people play an important part in the election. Howard, Georgetown, George Washington, University of Maryland, etc.

UNASSIGNED STORIES:

COLOR: How did the voters get there? When did they get there? What did the get out the vote machine look like? Get on the buses, vans. Go to the loading and unloading spots.

SPOT COVERAGE: Roving crews at polling places in Prince George's County, the District of Columbia, Montgomery County and Northern Virginia. Mission: capture conduct, sights, sounds and thinking that reveal voter hopes and expectations -- ASSIGN

HOMELESS VOTERS: What options, if any, do homeless District residents have if they want to vote. What are homeless shelters doing to help their residents vote. ASSIGN

VOTERS IN FORECLOSURE.

NONVOTERS: People who didn't vote. What do the results say to them? ASSIGN

LAWYERS: Find the lawyers that the campaigns have on the ground and standing by to file legal papers at the courthouses.

POLL WORKERS: Interviews with poll workers, voters, campaign officials.

SWITCH VOTERS: People who voted opposite of what they normally do. Republicans who went Democrat, Democrats who went Republican.

CONGRESS: staff the offices of a couple of Congress members and report on the calls and traffic they are getting. Probably best to do field offices. Or, it could be local representative offices, city council members, county council members, etc.

TURNOUT: What can we know on Nov. 4 about votes already cast and, what do the mid-day returns look like in jurisdictions that do mid-days. Interviews with volunteer poll workers

FOR BACKGROUND:

Federal Election Commission: <http://www.fec.gov/info/compliance.shtml>

Election Assistance Commission: http://www.eac.gov/index_html1

Federal Voting Assistance Program: <http://www.fvap.gov/>

Electoral College Map: <http://www.electoral-vote.com/>

<http://elections.nytimes.com/2008/president/whos-ahead/key-states/map.html>

<http://www.gwu.edu/~action/2008/chrneday08.html>

<http://www.exit-poll.net/index.html>

http://www.poynter.org/content/content_view.asp?id=73733

http://www.pewcenteronthestates.org/initiatives_detail.aspx?initiativeID=34044

<http://www.elections.state.md.us/index.html>

http://www.elections.state.md.us/press_room/rumor_control.html

<http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/cms/>

<http://www.dcboee.org/>

http://www.pewcenteronthestates.org/events_detail.aspx?id=45256