



PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY EXPERTS AVAILABLE FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH INSIGHTS

PRAIRIE VIEW, Texas (February 3, 2025) - Prairie View A&M University is proud to announce that a distinguished group of faculty members from various disciplines are available to provide expert insights and perspectives for news programs during **Black History Month**.

These experts bring a wealth of knowledge and research experience that will be invaluable for media coverage on topics related to African American history, culture, and contemporary issues.

Featured Experts:

1. **Kimberly Gay** – Kimberly Gay is head of Reference and Information Services at PVAMU, Representative-at-Large for all Texas Academic Libraries for the Texas Library Association (TLA), and a genealogist with over 30 years of research experience specializing in tracing African American ancestry. She explains how to develop a concise methodology for researching at local, county, state, national, and international levels. Her insights into genealogy and libraries as a catalyst for bridging cultural divides make her a valuable resource for discussions on African American history, genealogy and education.
2. **Marco Robinson** - Dr. Marco Robinson is an Associate Professor of History and the Assistant Director of the Ruth J. Simmons Center for Race and Justice at PVAMU. His expertise in public history, qualitative methods, archival studies, historic preservation, and digital humanities, along with his focus on U.S. history (Reconstruction to present), education in the U.S. South, civil rights activism, and the intersections of race, class, and gender, positions him as a key contributor to discussions on social justice, community studies, the African diaspora, and race relations.
3. **Tiffany Thomas** - An Assistant Professor of Community Development at PVAMU and a Houston City Council Member, Dr. Tiffany Thomas brings a unique perspective on community development, housing, and public policy. Her work on heirs' properties and Black land loss is particularly relevant for discussions on economic justice and urban development.
4. **Melanye Price** - Dr. Melanye Price is the Director of the University's Ruth J. Simmons Center for Race and Justice and an Endowed Professor of Political Science. Her research on Black politics, public opinion, and social movements, along with her leadership in African American Studies, positions her as an expert on race and justice issues.
5. **Malachi Crawford** - An Associate Professor of History and Program Coordinator at PVAMU, Dr. Malachi Crawford specializes in African American legal history, Africana religions, and social ethics. His work on race and policing and Black liberation theology provides critical insights into historical and contemporary social justice issues.
6. **Matthew Washington** - An Assistant Professor of History at PVAMU, Dr. Matthew Washington is the author of "The Jim Crow North: The Struggle for Civil Rights in Pottstown, Pennsylvania." His expertise in civil rights history and African American intellectual history makes him a key contributor to discussions on historical and ongoing struggles for racial equality.
7. **Michael L. McFrazier** - Dr. Michael L. McFrazier is the Senior Vice President for Strategy and Transformation at the University. A seasoned administrator, he has also served as Interim President of the University and Dean of the Whitlowe R. Green College of Education. In his current role, Dr. McFrazier reports directly to the President and is responsible for executing transformational initiatives, cross-institutional planning, and implementing PVAMU's strategic plan.
8. **Kareem Jordan** - The Dean of the College of Juvenile Justice at Prairie View A&M, Dr. Kareem Jordan's research focuses on juvenile justice and race/justice issues within the criminal justice system. His work on the disproportionate representation of Black and Latino youth in the justice system is essential for discussions on criminal justice reform.
9. **Bequita Pegram** - A History Lecturer at PVAMU, Dr. Bequita Pegram's research on the HBCU experience and the Black experience post-slavery provides valuable insights into the historical and contemporary challenges faced by African Americans. Her work on social justice through literature adds a unique dimension to discussions on cultural and educational topics.
10. **Tabitha Morton** - An Assistant Professor of Political Science in the University's Brailsford College of Arts and Sciences, Dr. Tabitha Morton specializes in public policy, public administration, and race, ethnic, and gender politics. Her research on educational outcomes for minorities and climate change policy

implementation offers a broad perspective on policy issues affecting African American communities.

For media inquiries or to schedule interviews with any of these experts, please contact Liz Faublas-Wallace by emailing lswallace@pvamu.edu.

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