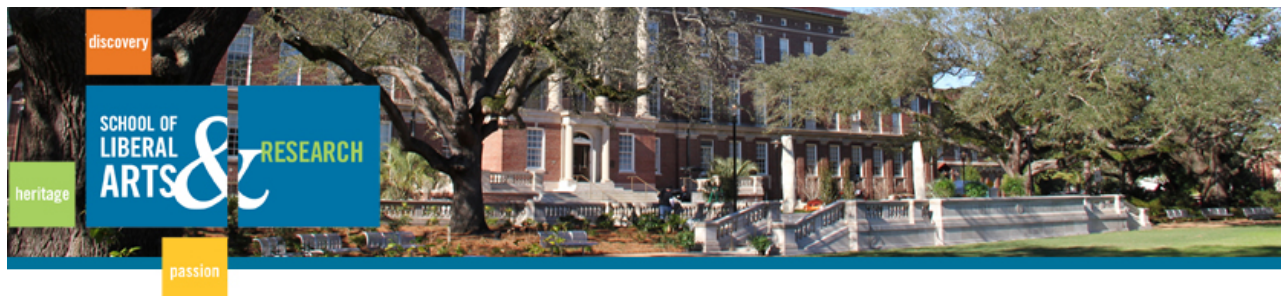




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Brian Brox, Associate Professor in Tulane's political science department, recently conducted an online survey of Louisiana residents about the La Senate runoff election. Results from the survey [can be seen here](#). Brox also commented on Louisiana elections in the following news articles:

- http://www.nola.com/elections/index.ssf/2016/11/louisiana_recall_history.html
- http://www.nola.com/elections/index.ssf/2016/12/tulanelucid_louisiana_senate_p.html
- <http://www.vox.com/policy-and-politics/2016/12/9/13847500/democrats-louisiana-senate-foster-campbell>

William Brumfield, Professor in the Department of Germanic and Slavic Studies, recently added three new articles to his Discovering Russia series entitled "Russia Beyond the Headlines." The [first article](#) focuses on the small town of Bui in Kostroma Province. On the 75th anniversary of a critical point in the struggle against the Nazi invasion, Brumfield's [second article](#) is dedicated to the monumental war memorial at Dubosekovo, west of Moscow. His [last article](#) focuses on the town of Maloyaroslavets, which played a major role in Napoleon's retreat from Moscow. Each article in the series focuses on Russia's historic architecture and cultural heritage and is written for the foreign-language service of the Russian national newspaper *Rossiiskaia Gazeta*. Also, Brumfield was the first of three featured speakers at a [symposium in honor of James H. Billington](#), the recently retired Librarian of Congress. The gala event, which included a banquet, was held in the main hall of the American University Washington College of Law.

Joel Dinerstein, Associate Professor of English, published an essay — "The Lost World of Jewish Flatbush" — in Rebecca Solnit and Joshua Jelly-Schapiro's book, *Nonstop Metropolis: A New York City Atlas* (University of California Press, October 2016).

Doug N. Harris, Associate Professor of Economics, Endowed Chair in Public Education, and Director for the Education Research Alliance for New Orleans, provided his take on Trump's pick for education secretary in an op-ed piece in the [New York Times](#) and discussed the same topic on [NPR's All Things Considered](#).

Andy Horowitz, Assistant Professor of History, published "New Orleans's New Flood Maps: An Outline for Disaster" in the *New York Times*.

Brian Horowitz, Sizeler Family Chair of Jewish Studies, published "No Apologies: How to Respond to Slander of Israel and Jews," [Mosaic Magazine](#).

J. Celeste Lay, Associate Professor and Associate Chair of Political Science, commented on a news story entitled "President-elect Trump's stances are evolving on some issues" on [WVUE](#).

Nghana Lewis, Professor of English and Africana Studies, commented on a news story entitled "Normand criticizes social media comments on Joe McKnight shooting investigation" on [WWL-TV](#).

Casey Love, Senior Professor of Practice of Political Science, commented on a news story entitled "Trump's deportation plan could put economy at risk, scholars say" on [WWL-TV](#).

Vicki Mayer, Professor of Communication, co-edited a special section entitled "The Reality Celebrity of Donald Trump" for the scholarly [Television and New Media](#). Mayer also contributed to an article in the [Los Angeles Times](#) entitled "Joe Francis: 'Baby, give me a kiss'" discussing the "Girls Gone Wild" videos created by Francis.

Laura McKinney, Assistant Professor of Sociology, evaluated data from 86 developing countries to see what helps reduce the impact of climate-related disasters: floods, storms and droughts. She commented on the findings in an article entitled "Natural disasters hit the poor the hardest, empowering women can help fix that" on [Humanosphere.com](#).

Kevin Morris, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, published an article, "Russellian Physicalism, Bare Structure, and Swapped Inscrutables," in the *Journal of Consciousness Studies* 23:180-198. His research on this article was supported by a 2015 scholarly retreat sponsored by A Studio in the Woods and the Tulane-Xavier Center for Bioenvironmental Research.

In October, 2016 **Amy Pfrimmer**, Assistant Professor of Music, recorded music for a forthcoming CD of César Franck mélodies at the historic St. Guillaume Church in Strasbourg, France. While in France, Pfrimmer also sang invited concerts at the American Cathedral in Paris (music of Gounod, Mendelssohn, Franck, Beach, and Hogan), and L'église St. Eustache, Paris (music of Fauré, Alain, Poulenc, and Vierne). In November, Pfrimmer joined *Mission Antilles Françaises*, as part of a Louisiana delegation that worked to foster creative and educational alliances between Louisiana and the French Antilles. Also, in November Pfrimmer and colleague **Maxim Samarov** co-chaired the Music Department's annual Concerto/Aria contest.

Chris Rodning, Associate Professor of Anthropology and the Paul and Debra Gibbons Professor in the School of Liberal Arts, recently attended annual meetings of the [Southeastern Archaeological Conference](#), in Athens, Georgia, and the [American Anthropological Association](#), in Minneapolis, Minnesota. At the Southeastern Archaeological Conference in late October, he was coauthor of a paper about the mid-sixteenth-century Spanish colonial outpost of Fort San Juan and Cuenca, at the Native American town of Joara, in western North Carolina. At the American Anthropological Association conference in November, he was coauthor and presenter of a paper in a symposium about the roles of archaeological and historic evidence in the study of colonial encounters and entanglements, and responses by indigenous peoples to colonialism and imperialism.

David Smilde, Charles A. and Leo M. Favrot Professor of Social Relations, was featured in a recent issue of the [Business Insider](#) about what Donald Trump's presidency means for Latin American foreign-policy.

Folklorist **Nick Spitzer**, Professor of Anthropology and producer of *American Routes* at Tulane, delivered the annual Fletcher Lecture at Nicholls State University on October 27th: "Louisiana Creoles, Cultural Creolization, and *American Routes*." Prior speakers in the series include Robert Penn Warren, Cleanth Brooks, Lee Smith, Ernest Gaines and Ellen Gilchrist. Spitzer was introduced by Dr. Shana Walton, former program director of the Deep South Humanities Center at Tulane.

Edwige Tamalet Talbayev, Assistant Professor of French, co-organized the Critically Mediterranean International Symposium at Dartmouth College with Dartmouth professor Yasser Elhairy (November 3-4). Building on the conversation initiated in the eponymous volume the pair edited, the symposium brought together leading international critics from across the humanities and social sciences to discuss new directions in Mediterranean Studies. Talbayev gave the introductory paper at the symposium, in which she delineated the

stakes of Mediterranean Studies as a methodology for the study of modernity. On November 2, she lectured at the University of Massachusetts-Boston on Algerian mujahida Zhor Zerari's prison poems and the issue of female agency in the Algerian war of independence.

John Verano, Professor of Anthropology, was recently interviewed for an article in [Smithsonian Magazine](#) entitled "Drilling Deep: How Ancient Chinese Surgeons Opened Skulls and Minds".

Toby Wikström, Assistant Professor of French, gave a talk entitled "Productive failures: Cross-cultural Negotiations and the Promotion of Diplomacy in Early Modern French Theater" at the symposium [Early Modern French Diplomacy and Theater](#), which was held at the University of Southern California on October 20-21. He also participated in a writing workshop with colleagues from Princeton, Boston University, the University of California-Davis and the University of Illinois-Chicago at the conference of the [Society of Interdisciplinary French Seventeenth-Century Studies](#), which took place at Dartmouth College from November 9 to 12.

Marc Zender, Assistant Professor of Anthropology and Linguistics, recently published an article in the Cambridge University Press journal [Ancient Mesoamerica](#). The article features a miniature inscribed tobacco flask excavated by Stanley Boggs in 1952 at the site of Tazumal, El Salvador. Although Boggs' excavations were never published, his notes and photographs are housed in Tulane's Middle American Research Institute, which graciously provided access and permission to publish. Jeb J. Card and Marc Zender, "A Seventh-Century Inscribed Miniature Flask from Copan found at Tazumal, El Salvador", *Ancient Mesoamerica* 27(2): 279-292. October 2016.