

The background of the slide features a photograph of the Oakland University clock tower on the right side, set against a blue sky with scattered white clouds. On the left side, there are branches of trees with vibrant autumn foliage in shades of red, orange, and yellow. The text is overlaid on this scene.

# Oakland University Board of Trustees

## President's Report

Friday, October 18, 2024

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# **OU Board of Trustees**

## **Leadership**

### **Chair Joe Jones**

**(Assumed position in June. Term through 2026)**

## **Reappointment**

### **Trustee David Kramer**

**(Term: Through August 2032)**

## **Appointment**

### **Trustee Melanie Brown**

**(Term: Through August 2032)**

# Justin Lamb

Assistant Professor, Applied  
Percussion

*OU School of Music, Theatre & Dance*

- Performer, educator, composer, originally from South Carolina.
- Holds graduate degrees from the Eastman School of Music, where he was awarded the prestigious Performer's Certificate.
- Joined Oakland last year.



# Carolyn Hogan

## Executive Legal Secretary Office of Legal Affairs

- 35 Years at Oakland University
- Has served the Board of Trustees since 1989.
- Outstanding work coordinating and posting the official documents of the board.
- Twice Employee of the Month.
- Excellent support to a team of attorneys, and admirable professionalism for her commitment to “getting the job done.”



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# **AGENDA**

## **President's Report**

- **Golden Grizzlies Pride – President Ora Hirsch Pescovitz**
- **Department of Political Science: Making Connections**
  - **Peter F. Trumbore – Professor & Chair, Political Science Dept.**
  - **David Dulio – Distinguished Professor, Political Science, Director, OU Center for Civic Engagement**



# Welcome Back Grizz Fest

Tuesday, Sept. 10





# Fall Enrollment

- **15,768 students**
  - Slightly down from last year (264 fewer students)
  - Credit hours slightly up
- **New Undergraduate**
  - Surpassed new undergraduate enrollment goals for the third consecutive year
  - Second-highest transfer destination in state





# **ENCOURAGING SIGNS**

- **OU is the #2 destination for transfer students for Fall 2024.**
- **Ongoing collaborations with MCC and OCC position OU for long-term enrollment stability.**
- **OCC students live in residence halls, a benefit we may soon extend to other students.**
- **Admissions applications for new undergraduate students for Winter 2025 up 34%.**
- **“Go for the Gold,” held on Oct. 5, was the highest-ever attended open house for prospective undergraduates (34% increase from last year).**

# Most Diverse Incoming First-Year Class

- 39% first-generation students
- 27% URM (4.8% increase from last year)
- Incoming African-American FTIAC: 16.3% (increase from 15.4% last year)
- First-year students come from 45 Michigan counties.
- Transfer students come 35 Michigan counties.



# Support for First-Generation Students

- On Oct. 2, OU received \$482K from MiLEAP's College Success Grant program. With MiLeap support along with the Dream Initiative, OU has nearly \$1M in grants to improve graduation rates.
- 37% of FTIACs are first-generation students.
- OU GOAL: Increase 6-year bachelor's degree completion rate for from 47% to 65%.



**RIC**



**OUWB**



**South  
Foundation Hall**



**Outdoor  
Learning  
Space**



**MBH  
DeCarlo Visitor  
Center**

**FIVE Ribbon-Cuttings In FIVE Months**



## Connecting with OU Student Congress

- Vice President Marion Brumer
- President Jimena Garcia

# Vice Presidential Debate

The Habitat, Oakland Center

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

# Political Science and the Center for Civic Engagement

**Extraordinary Opportunities for Oakland University and the Community**

*Prof. Peter Trumbore, Chair, Political Science*

*Prof. David Dulio, Director, Center for Civic Engagement*

## What's ahead:

- Introduction of the Department of Political Science
  - Who we are
  - What we do
- Extraordinary opportunities for OU students
  - Model UN
  - Diplomacy Lab
  - OU in D.C.
- Extraordinary opportunities for campus and community
  - CCE and the upcoming election
  - With less than a month to go ...



## About the Department

- Expert faculty
  - 15 full-time faculty (1 assistant, nine associate, five full professors)
  - Highly productive scholars
    - 97 refereed publications (including nine books) since 2019
    - Nearly 4,000 collective citations since 2019
  - Sought-after expert analysis and partners in community engaged and applied research
- Four degree programs
  - BA Political Science, International Relations, Public Administration/Policy
  - Masters of Public Administration
    - 187 undergraduate majors / 35 graduate MPA students



# Extraordinary Opportunities – Model UN

Since 2008, OU students have been winning individual and team honors at regional, national, and international Model United Nations competitions. Each spring we welcome area high school teams to campus for a student-run conference.



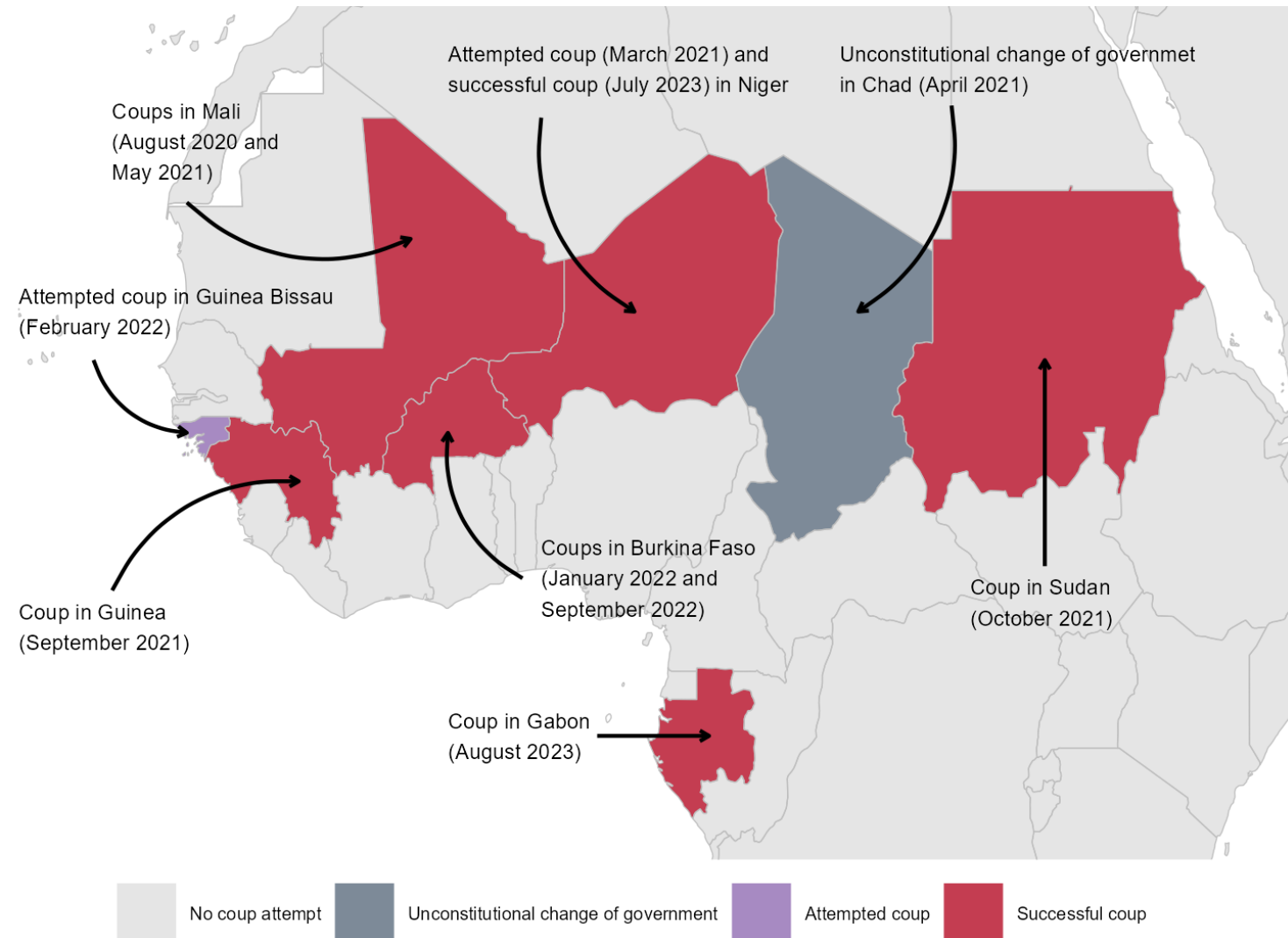
## Fall 2024 Project: The Resurgence of Military Coups in Africa and the Impact of Colonial Legacies

### Faculty mentor:

- Dr. Matt Fails, Dept. of Political Science

### State Department stakeholder:

- Foreign Service Institute



## **Fall 2024 Project:** Is Eco-Tourism Truly Sustainable? Impacts on Wildlife Conservation

### **Faculty mentor:**

- Dr. Paul Kubicek, Dept. of Political Science

### **State Department stakeholder:**

- Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs



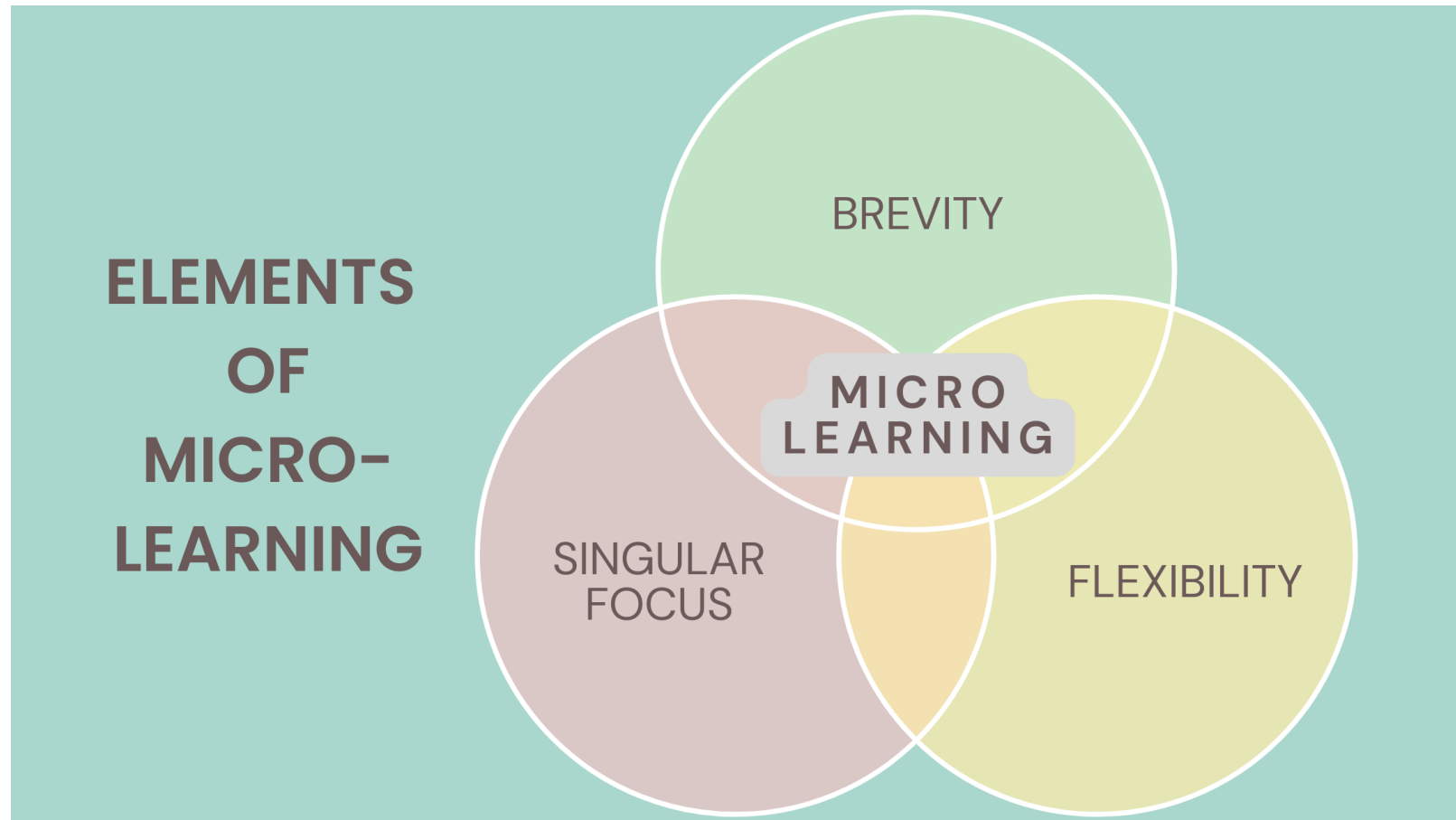
## Winter 2025 Project: Strategic Planning and Microlearning

### Faculty mentor:

- Dr. Bill Solomonson, School of Education

### State Department stakeholder:

- Bureau of Foreign Assistance, Office of Planning, Performance and Systems



## Winter 2025 Bid: Surfing the Wave of Youth Pan-Africanism

### Faculty mentors:

- Dr. Mark Stone, School of Music Theater and Dance
- Dr. Jennifer Law-Sullivan, Dept. of Modern Languages

### State Department stakeholder:

- US Embassy Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso



## Winter 2025: OU in D.C.

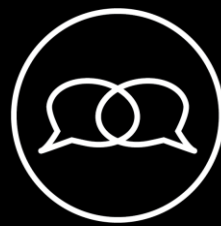
Thanks to the generosity of a number of D.C.-area alumni and friends of the university, OU Political Science faculty will lead a student learning trip to Washington, D.C. during Winter Break.

- **Tentative itinerary**

- National Archives
- White House
- Supreme Court
- US Capitol / Michigan congressional delegation

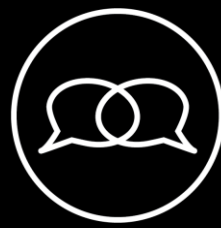
A reception with D.C.-area alumni will provide networking opportunities for our student participants. Faculty will lead student debriefing and discussion sessions.





*Election and democratic engagement update*





*A continued focus on civility*



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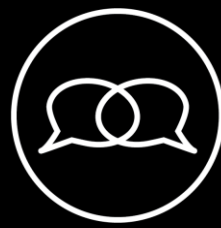
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Tuesday, Sept 10  
7:00 PM

Location

Farmington Hills Community Center  
The Hawk Theater  
29995 W 12 Mile Rd  
Farmington Hills, MI 48334





*Expanding OU's reach*

**DECISION 2024**  
YOUR VOTE TOWN HALL SERIES  
A Center for Civic Engagement and WDIV Local 4 Series

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 | 12:30 P.M.**

**Elections and Campaigning:** Misinformation, social media and trust in politics

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29 | 12:30 P.M.**

**Michigan '24:** The road to the White House and the state of pivotal congressional races

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12 | 12:30 P.M.**

**'24 Election Debrief:** Now What?

Oakland Center's Winter Garden  
(southeast corner of the OC, main floor)

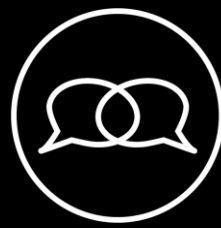
FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



Oakland University's Center for Civic Engagement and WDIV Local 4 are teaming up with three voter town hall events this fall surrounding the 2024 election.

The moderated conversations will be livestreamed on Local 4 Plus, WDIV's fast-growing streaming platform for news and engagement.

Those attending either in person or watching on Local4+ will have a chance to ask questions.



*Expanding OU's reach*

Watch: Youth voters in Michigan focus on issues in vice presidential debate  
OCT. 1, 2024 / 06:35

ROCHESTER, MI  
11:24 PM

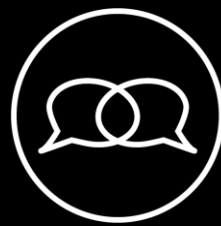
**BREAKING NEWS**

**WALZ & VANCE SQUARE OFF IN FIRST & FINAL VP DEBATE**

**MSNBC**  
DECISION 2024

**VICE PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE ANALYSIS** **VANCE VS. WALZ**

The image is a screenshot of a news broadcast. On the left, a news anchor is shown in a studio setting with American flags. On the right, a large group of young people, likely students, are gathered in a hallway in Rochester, MI, at 11:24 PM. Some are holding signs, including one that says "SANIC PANIC PANIC PANIC" and another with "NVE". The broadcast includes a "BREAKING NEWS" banner and a title "WALZ & VANCE SQUARE OFF IN FIRST & FINAL VP DEBATE". The MSNBC logo and "DECISION 2024" are also visible. At the bottom, there are banners for "VICE PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE ANALYSIS" and "VANCE VS. WALZ".



## Expanding OU's reach

 **Maddow Blog**   
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Marcus dismantles one of JD Vance's main talking points in tonight's debate with the application of a little high school civics. cc [@jacobsoboroff](#)

**ROCHESTER, MI**  
11:29 PM

**Watch on X**

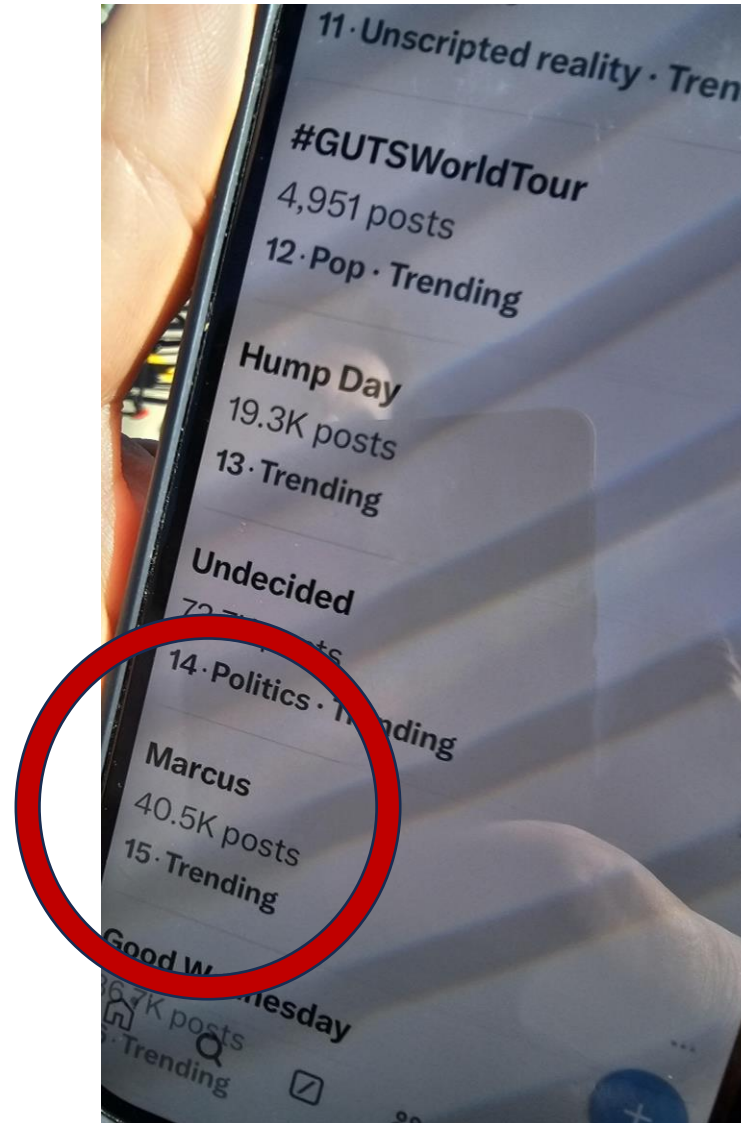
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**COLLEGE VOTERS REACT TO VANCE-WALZ DEBATE**  **DECISION2024**

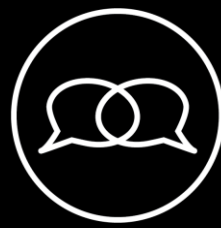
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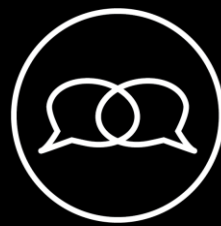


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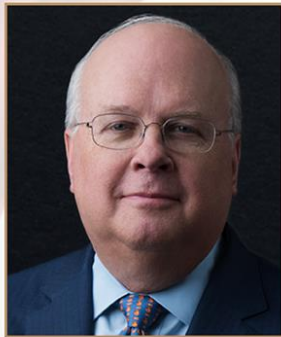


- If you haven't noticed, there's an election coming up.
- What to watch for in the homestretch
- Candidate resources deployed here in Michigan
  - Ads, ads and more ads
  - Candidate visits
- Small shifts in support can make a big difference in outcome
  - Arab-American voters
  - Young voters
  - Union voters
  - Rural voters
  - Perceptions about hurricane response in GA and NC?
- Three keys:
  - Turnout
  - **Turnout**
  - **TURNOUT**



# ALL EYES ON THE GREAT LAKES STATE: MICHIGAN'S IMPORTANCE IN THE 2024 CAMPAIGN

October 30, 2024 at 7 p.m. | Oakland Center Founders Ballroom



The Center for Civic Engagement welcomes  
**KARL ROVE AND DONNA BRAZILE**  
to discuss Michigan's critical importance  
in the 2024 presidential and congressional campaigns.



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