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Experts Available to Comment on Megixt, The Oscars, and the ERA

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The University of Richmond media relations team can connect you with experts to insights into some of this week’s top stories.

Megixt
Medieval historian Joanna Drell has been closely following 'Megxit'. As the news about Harry and Meghan continues to captivate the world, Drell can provide historical context related to precedents in the last century for members of the royal family to break away from ‘The Firm’ (as they call themselves) in a variety of ways — some successful, others failures. Contact Lindsey Campbell to connect with Drell.

The Oscars
In Oscar news this week, Joker leads with 11 nominations. Psychology professor Scott Allison, who has studied hero and antihero figures in movies, wasn’t surprised. He notes the movie is both disturbing and illuminating. Allison can discuss how immense emotional pain and feelings of powerlessness can lead to what he calls a “dark transformation” and why audiences connect with this character. Contact Sunni Brown to connect with Allison.

ERA
Virginia may have become the 38th state to ratify the ERA, but law professor Tara Casey says there is a long legal battle ahead before the amendment becomes part of the Constitution. She discussed that challenge with NPR’s Morning Edition earlier this week and can add context to your stories. Contact Sunni Brown to connect with Casey.

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