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*Faculty Experts Share Insights on Protests and Monument Debate*

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The University of Richmond media relations team is at the ready to connect you with expert resources as you continue to cover the protests and monument debate.

**Monument Debate**

Historian Julian Hayter, a leadership studies professor and expert on modern African American history and politics, has been a go-to expert for commentary around Richmond’s confederate monuments for several years. He is quoted in this USA Today article: [Richmond is taking down Confederate statues: Is this the end for other Confederate memorials?](https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2020/06/04/richmond-confederate-statues-trump-presidential-decree/3207875001/)

**Protest Strategy**

A teenaged participant in the Sanitation Workers strike, Andrea Simpson, a political science professor, was there at the last march led by King - the one that ended in a “riot.” An expert on the environmental justice movement, Simpson can speak to the disruption of non-violent passive resistance by police and how protest without strategy is ineffective.

**Race, Political Behavior, & Emotions**

Political science professor Ernest McGowen is an expert on the intersection of race & ethnicity and political behavior. His latest research explores how the racial divide between the perceptions and experience of whites and African Americans is mediated by emotions. McGowen can speak to how our identities are connected to our emotions and why that is important to understanding today’s race relations in America.

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