

Oct. 3, 2016

By NCTA News Service

College to host political issues forum

Curtis, Neb. – Americans have been inundated over the past few months with messages from across the political spectrum. This range of ideas will be explored at the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture (NCTA) Political Issues Forum on Oct. 11, at 7:30 p.m. at the NCTA Education Center, University and Siminoe streets.

The forum will feature three speakers representing three different political views.

Chauncey Brown, Gothenburg, will represent the Democratic Party position. Brown is a registered Democrat who has worked in politics for the last eight years, including at the Nebraska Legislature, the Nebraska Democratic Party, and in several local and state races. She is also involved in the Nebraska Young Democrats, having served three years as its president.

Justin Baugher, Stockville, is a Donald Trump supporter and he will represent the Republican viewpoint. Baugher received his Bachelor of Science in Computer Science from Northern Illinois University and is the IT Services Manager at NCTA.

Eric Reed, Curtis, will represent the Libertarian Party point of view. Reed is a registered Libertarian. He is pursuing a PhD in Technical Communication and Rhetoric online at Texas Tech University and has obtained master's degrees in History, English, and Political Science.

Reed, an NCTA associate professor, is chair of the college's Division of General Education, the event host.

"This event was organized as part of our new diversity program," Reed said. "Most people think of diversity as the ability to understand and effectively communicate with people of other cultures and backgrounds, and that is accurate," Reed said. "But another important type of diversity—one I would call critical in higher education—is diversity of opinion, or of viewpoint. Hearing diverse viewpoints is essential for deep thinking."

Tee Bush, NCTA associate professor of mathematics and horticulture will serve as moderator. The event is free and open to the public.

Voters can register or check their registration information at their county clerk or election commissioner's office, or online at <https://www.nebraska.gov/apps-sos-voter-registration/>.

#

Writer/source: Eric Reed, NCTA associate professor, ereed2@unl.edu

Editor: Mary Crawford, NCTA News, 308-367-5231, Mcrawford@unl.edu

NCTA.PoliticalForum.09.03.16

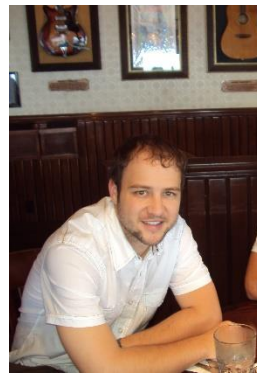
Three courtesy photos attached and on Page 2



Chauncey Brown



Justin Baugher



Eric Reed



Voters can register or check their registration information at their county clerk or election commissioner's office, or online at <https://www.nebraska.gov/apps-sos-voter-registration/>.