



## **MEDIA ADVISORY: Experts Available To Comment On Growing Conflict In U.S. Episcopal Church Over Gay Marriage And Ordination**

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DURHAM, N.H. -- The University of New Hampshire has the following experts available to comment on the growing conflict in the U.S. Episcopal Church over gay marriage and ordination. On Monday, Anglican leaders demanded that the U.S. Episcopal Church bar official prayers for gay couples and the consecration of more gay bishops.

Michele Dillon, professor of sociology with a focus in religion, can speak to the specifics of the U.S. Episcopal Church and the ordination of the church's first openly gay bishop V. Gene Robinson of New Hampshire, as well as to religion and sexuality in a more broad way. She can be reached at [michele.dillon@unh.edu](mailto:michele.dillon@unh.edu) or (781) 239-3552.

David Frankfurter, professor of history and religious studies, can discuss the Bible and how nothing in it directly addresses same-sex relationships. He can be reached at [davidtf@cisunix.unh.edu](mailto:davidtf@cisunix.unh.edu) or (603) 862-3015.