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DURHAM, N.H. – Dante Scala, one of the top experts in the nation on the New Hampshire Presidential Primary and presidential politics, has joined the University of New Hampshire.

Scala is an associate professor of political science at UNH. He can be reached at dante.scala@unh.edu and 603-540-4018 (cell).

"As a political scientist who studies primary politics, there is no better place to teach and conduct research than in New Hampshire. Coming to UNH will allow me to further my research and continue to provide my students a front-row seat to electoral politics," Scala said.

As a national expert on presidential primary politics, including the New Hampshire Primary, Scala regularly provides context and expertise for national and regional news media. His other areas of expertise include American campaigns and elections, the presidential nominating process, state and local government, American political development and politics, in general.

"Professor Scala brings enormous expertise and insight about the electoral process to UNH. We are delighted that he is joining our Political Science department, where he will both teach courses in elections and expand our offerings in political theory and state and local politics. He is nationally recognized for his work on the New Hampshire Primary and should be invaluable as we approach the primary season," said Marilyn Hoskin, dean of the College of Liberal Arts.

Scala received his Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Chicago in 2000. Most recently he was a research fellow at Saint Anselm College's New Hampshire Institute of Politics and an associate professor of political science. He is the author of "Stormy Weather: The New Hampshire Primary and Presidential Politics (2003)."

Scala runs the popular political blog, Graniteprof: <http://graniteprof.typepad.com/>.

