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UF election experts present on voting technology, big data ahead of 2016 election

Two UF elections experts, computer science Professor Juan Gilbert and political science Associate Professor Michael McDonald, will speak on Tuesday, October 18, at 6 p.m. in the Pugh Hall Ocora on the University of Florida campus. The program will explore the development of accessible electronic voting technology and the use of big data to make election predictions.

Gilbert is the Andrew Banks Family Preeminence Endowed Professor and chair of UF's Department of Computer & Information Science & Engineering. He leads UF's Human-Experience Research Lab and he and his team have been leaders in the development of electronic voting technology, including Prime III, a software enabling voters with disabilities to easily participate in the electoral process.

McDonald's districtbuilder.org website is helping to depoliticize the redistricting process by putting the ability to draw fair voting districts in the hands of the people. His United States Elections Project has become an invaluable resource for the media, politicians and a public interested in real-time voter turnout data.

The presentations are part of the Explore More series – a forum for scientists and scholars featured in UF's Explore research magazine. The series was created in collaboration with the

Office of Research and the Bob Graham Center for Public Service. The League of Women Voters is co-sponsoring the event as well.

The event is free and open to the public and parking is available. Those not able to attend in person can stream the event live online at bobgrahamcenter.ufl.edu.

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