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Top Story
Book Review: ‘Rough Justice’

Wall Street Journal reviewed Rough Justice, international service professor David Bosco’s book focusing on the International Criminal Court’s first 10 years. In the highly favorable review, Bosco’s careful research and analysis of the ICC’s function, Washington’s initial resistance, and the importance of international legal accountability is underscored. (1/21)

Additional Features
Tribute to AU’s Don Myers

Washington Post paid tribute to Don Myers, chief financial officer and vice president and treasurer, tracing his more than four decades at AU where his financial stewardship strengthened AU’s endowment and expansion. (1/23)

Op-Ed/AU Author
Open Letter to President Obama

In the Huffington Post, Vincent Intondi, co-director of research for AU’s Nuclear Studies Institute, urges President Obama to recommit to nuclear disarmament and add Japan to his spring Asia tour. In his argument, Intondi references the student trip he leads each year to Hiroshima and Nagasaki, along with co-director Peter Kuznick, where students explore Japanese wartime aggression, nuclear devastation, and current efforts to eliminate nuclear weapons. (1/22)

Expertise
Fiscal Fatigue Grabs Capital as Obama Preps Speech

Leading-up to Obama’s State of the Union, James Thurber, director of the Center for Presidential and Congressional Studies, spoke to the Associated Press about the necessity of Congressional Republicans and Democrats to repair their public images. More than 85 outlets republished this story, including the Washington Post and San Francisco Chronicle. (1/17)

Some Obama Spy Changes Hampered by Complications

With the Associated Press, law professor Stephen Vladeck questioned Congress’ political willpower to create an advisory panel of privacy experts to monitor the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court and NSA. More than 100 outlets republished this story, including the Houston Chronicle and San Jose Mercury News. (1/20)

A Novel Way to Skirt Taxes

In the Wall Street Journal, David Kautter, managing director of the Kogod Tax Center, discussed an S corporation tax avoidance technique case pending before the U.S. Tax Court. (1/17)
Budget Plan Would Slash Army by 100,000 Soldiers
International Service professor Gordon Adams spoke to USA Today about the negligible consequences of the Army’s plan to cut its forces by 100,000 troops. More than 80 outlets republished this article. (1/18)

Wendy Davis May Be Able to Leverage Backlash in Her Favor
Ambassador in residence Connie Morella spoke to U.S. News & World Report about the greater scrutiny female politicians face concerning their home life compared to their male colleagues. (1/21)

What Janet Yellen Will Do With the Nation's Purse
In the Christian Science Monitor, Jennifer Lawless, director of the Women and Politics Institute, explained the significance of Janet Yellen’s appointment as the first woman to chair the Federal Reserve. (1/19)

Hopes for Action on MLK Day
On Martin Luther King Jr. Day, government professor Julian Bond spoke to WTOP Radio about the lack of civil rights history knowledge among young Americans. Bond also expressed his concerns about the weakening of the Voting Rights Act. (1/20)

US, Russia Cooperate on Sochi Security
James Goldgeier, dean of the School of International Service, spoke to Voice of America online about security cooperation between the United States and Russia at the Winter Olympics in Sochi. (1/22)

Bonus Feature
Hot-shooting Eagles Beat Boston U. Terriers for Eighth Straight Win
After the AU Eagles men's basketball team beat Boston University, Washington Post online featured the undefeated Patriot League team, led by first season head coach Mike Brennan. The win marks the team’s best beginning to conference play in 30 years. (1/22)