Top Story
AU Names Anderson Cooper Wonk of the Year

American University and the Kennedy Political Union honored esteemed CNN journalist Anderson Cooper last weekend as AU’s Wonk of the Year for 2013. The Associated Press, Washington Post and U.S. News & World Report online featured some of Cooper’s comments from the evening and noted the significance of the award. (10/20, 10/21)

Additional Features
10 Colleges with the Highest Rate of Student Internships

American University lands on U.S. News & World Report online’s list of 10 colleges with the highest percentage of students interning. Ninety percent of the class of 2012 graduated with internship experience. (10/22)

Op-Eds/AU Authors
Ziv: Negotiate With Iran, but Stay Skeptical

In an op-ed for Newsday, international service professor Guy Ziv argues that a diplomatic solution with Iran regarding its nuclear program is preferable to military strikes or allowing the Iranians to complete a bomb; however, he is skeptical about Iran’s true intentions given its track record. (10/18)

Expertise
Shutdown Coverage Benefits Cable News Networks

The Associated Press spoke to journalism professor Jane Hall about the boost in cable network ratings during the government shutdown which she attributed to the volume of stories about how the shutdown impacted government workers. (10/19)

World Worries Despite Temporary Truce in Polarized United States

Government professor Patrick Griffin spoke to Agence France Presse about the last minute debt ceiling solution. Griffin also spoke to Bloomberg News about how business group are disappointed with their Republicans allies. (10/20)
Startup to Sell Balloon Trips to Edge of Space

Public administration professor Howard McCurdy spoke to the Wall Street Journal online about private space tourism ventures that are helping to develop a more commercial space industry. (10/22)

AP Reporter’s Mistake: Did the Punishment Fit the Crime?

In a Washington Post article about an Associated Press reporter being fired for a factual error, journalism professor W. Joseph Campbell agreed that the punishment was too much, citing examples of other cases where there was no retribution for reporters misstating facts. (10/22)

Managing a ‘Victimized’ Federal Workforce After the Shutdown

Robert Tobias, director of the Key Leadership Program, talked to Washington Post online’s On Leadership column about the anger the federal work force is feeling as they return to a back log of work and how managers should reprioritize projects. (10/18)

Saudi Arabia Rejects Seat on U.N. Security Council and Confuses Everyone

In a discussion with TIME online, international service professor David Bosco talked about Saudi Arabia’s decision to refuse a rotating term on the United Nations Security Council. (10/18)

Pitting Credit Unions Against the Banks

David Kautter, managing director of the Kogod Tax Center, spoke to Politico about how the banking industry is dealing with tax reform efforts by Congress. (10/23)

China’s ‘Airpocalypse’

Judith Shapiro, director of the Natural Resources and Sustainable Development master’s program, spoke to WBEZ Radio (Chicago) about China’s environmental issues. (10/23)

Obama, Sharif Discuss Drones, Extremism, Afghanistan

Akbar Ahmed, Ibn Khaldun Chair of Islamic studies appeared on ABC Australia Television to discuss the meeting between Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and President Barack Obama. Ahmed also wrote an op-ed for Al Jazeera online discussing this topic. (10/22)