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Top Stories

Adieu, Europe, Asia: Americans Favor Trade Deals Closer to Home

A Wall Street Journal online exclusive based on the results of the Center for North American Studies poll on attitudes regarding tri-national issues revealed that a majority of Americans would rather trade with Mexico and Canada rather than Europe. (10/31)

Roger W. Jones Award for Executive Leadership

Government Executive highlighted the School of Public Affairs’ signature event—the 36th Annual Roger W. Jones Award for Executive Leadership—which recognizes federal employees for their outstanding leadership and service. The article noted the special significance of this year’s ceremony in the aftermath of sequestration, the government shutdown, and Washington Navy Yard shootings. Politico previewed the event. (10/30, 10/29)

Additional Features

Fulbright Starts Efforts to Help Alumni Keep Global Ties

The Chronicle of Higher Education online included American University on the list of top schools that produced the most Fulbright students for this academic year, noting that 10 of AU’s 32 applicants were chosen. (10/28)

The Myth of the War of the Worlds Panic

On the 75th anniversary of Orson Welles’ production of H.G. Wells’ War of the Worlds, Slate.com highlighted journalism professor W. Joseph Campbell’s research from his book, Getting It Wrong: Ten of the Greatest Misreported Stories in American Journalism which debunked a longstanding myth that the production caused mass panic. More than 50 outlets, including El Paso Times, Chicago Tribune and Orlando Sun Sentinel republished this article. Campbell also spoke to BBC Radio on this topic. (10/26, 10/28)

American Students Embrace Israeli Art

Jewish News One Television noted that the American University Museum at the Katzen Arts Center’s most recent donation from art collector Dr. Donald Rothfeld has expanded people’s perception of contemporary Israeli art. (10/30)
Op-Eds/AU Authors
Democrats: It’s the States, Stupid
In an op-ed for Reuters, law professor Herman Swartz wrote about how Democrats need to learn what Republicans have already identified—gaining control of state legislatures help elect more of their political party to Congress. (10/29)

Expertise
Insight: U.S. Congress Finds Cure for Gridlock in Water
Patrick Griffin, associate director of the Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies, spoke to Reuters about why the U.S. House of Representatives passed a bipartisan $8 billion water infrastructure budget. More than 30 outlets republished this article. (10/29)

Post 9/11, NSA Spying 'Virtually Unchecked'
With Agence France Presse, international service professor Gordon Adams traced how National Security Agency since 9/11 began overstepping its bounds by citing the threat posed by Al-Qaeda. More than 30 outlets republished this article. Separately, Adams spoke to Bloomberg about the budget battles in Congress the Pentagon faces in an effort to escape sequestration. (10/26, 10/30)

Users Booted From Wikipedia Over 'Sock Puppetry' Accusations
Communication professor Andrew Lih spoke to American Public Radio’s Marketplace Morning Report to explain the meaning of ‘sock puppetry’, or a single human being creating many user accounts on one internet platforms. (10/25)

Obama Heads to Boston to Defend Obamacare While Sebelius Takes Heat in D.C.
Communication professor Leonard Steinhorn talked to U.S. News & World Report online about difficulties President Obama has had in talking about the new healthcare policy and website. (10/29)

Many Vested Interests Benefit From a Lack of Open Government
In a Q&A with The Guardian, international service professor Jonathan Fox discussed his research on open government reforms and what his hopes are for the 2013 Open Government Partnership summit. (10/30)