Top Story
Solar Decathlon 2013: Team Capitol DC

The *Orange County Register* highlighted AU School of Communication’s efforts to build the most energy-efficient home as a part of Team Capitol DC in the 2013 Solar Decathlon competition. The competition that ends this week is a culmination of two years of planning, designing, and building. *Renewable Energy World online*, *Clean Energy Authority online*, *Energy Blogs.com* and *PBS NewsHour* also highlighted the team’s efforts. (10/6)

Additional Features
Collector Donates Israeli Art to AU’s Katzen Center

*Washington Jewish Week* reviewed the Rothfeld Collection of Contemporary Art now showing at the American University Museum at the Katzen Arts Center through October 20. The collection is a gift to the museum from Dr. Donald Rothfeld, and chronicles Israel’s history, featuring 151 pieces ranging from photos, sculptures, videos and paintings created by numerous prominent and emerging Israeli artists. (10/6)

Video Game Fan Anxious to Find a Family

WRC-NBC4’s *Wednesday’s Child* featured persuasive gaming professor Lindsay Grace interacting with Matthew, a 15 year old foster child and fellow gaming fan. The segment focused on Grace teaching Matthew about how video games are made. The *Wednesday’s Child* program aims to give foster children a chance to learn more about activities they enjoy, and share their story with the public in the hopes of finding them a loving family to call their own. (10/9)

The New Rankings Frontier: Mentions in the Media

*Chronicle of Higher Education* highlighted the inaugural Faculty Media Impact Project, which measures media coverage of faculty in the social sciences. American University ranked 12 out of 94 universities. Last academic year, AU had more than 41,000 placements, with about half specifically quoting faculty about their scholarship or expertise related to a current newsworthy issue. (10/7)

The 50 Best Law Schools in America

*Business Insider* ranked the 50 best law schools in America, highlighting American University’s Washington College of Law at number 23. (10/7)

Op-Eds/AU Authors
Salam and Salutation to Pope Francis

In an op-ed for the *Washington Post*, Ibn Khaldun Chair of Islamic Studies Akbar Ahmed talked about the significance to which Pope Francis making building relationships between Muslims and Catholics a priority so early in his tenure. (10/8)
Shutdown Result of Many Alarming Trends

With McClatchy News, international service professor Clarence Lusane wrote an op-ed on the continuing likelihood of confrontations with a minority of far right Republicans for the foreseeable future. The Fresno Bee republished this piece. (10/9)

The Shutdown and the Case for Federal Government

In an op-ed for the Huffington Post, government professor Chris Edelson analyzed the House GOP piecemeal strategy for reopening the government beyond the showdown of the Affordable Care Act. (10/9)

Expertise

No Time Constraints for U.S. in Holding Libyan on Ship: Experts

Law professor Stephen Vladeck spoke to Reuters about the legal constraints of military detention and military force with Al Qaeda suspects. More than 20 outlets republished this article. (10/8)

Rail Commuters on Phones Didn’t Notice Gun

The Associated Press spoke to linguistics professor Naomi Baron about adults becoming so absorbed in using electronic devices that they are not aware of their surroundings in public spaces. More than 30 outlets, including ABCNews.com and Atlanta Journal-Constitution, republished this article. (10/9)

A GOP Moderate in the Middle of a Jam

Constance Morella, SPA’s ambassador in residence, spoke to the New York Times about the near extinction of moderate Republicans in Congress as compared to when she served in Congress. (10/7)

Argentine President Cristina Fernández de Kirchner Undergoes Brain Surgery

With the Washington Post, Arturo Porzecanski, director of the International Economic Relations Program, explained the worsening economic situation in Argentina in the wake of political uncertainty because of President Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner’s brain surgery. (10/8)

Katy Perry Comes Under Fire for Using Critters in Her Videos

The New York Daily News spoke with Chris Palmer, distinguished film producer in residence, about the problems with pop star Katy Perry’s use of elephants in her music videos and private parties. (10/10)

Impact of the Federal Government Shutdown on Americans

Dante Chinni, director of SPA’s American Communities Project, spoke to WAMU’s Diane Rehm Show as syndicated to NPR, about the effects of the government shutdown rippling across America and impacting the lives of American in many different ways. (10/10)

Government Shutdown Continues

Communication professor Leonard Steinhorn spoke to WTTG-FOX5 about what both political parties really want to accomplish during the government shutdown. (10/4)