Top Story

AU Experts Discuss ISIS, Paris Attacks, and Syrian Refugees

Justice, law and criminology professor Tricia Bacon went on MSNBC’s The Cycle to talk about coordinated counter-terrorism efforts between countries after the Paris attacks. Bacon outlined the steps it takes for France’s intelligence network to track and decode messages from ISIS terrorists and talked about the difficulties and challenges countries face. (11/19)

Law professor Stephen Vladeck spoke with CNN.com about Syrian refugees and the legal issues surrounding state governors’ refusal to accept them. (11/16)

Jordan Tama, School of International Service professor, spoke with the International Business Times about ISIS and national security, arguing that the U.S. has uniform border security protocol, unlike most of Europe, which could make planning an attack here different. Tama also spoke to U.S. News and World Report about how the Paris attackers evaded European security. (11/20, 11/18)

Joseph Young, justice, law and criminology professor, spoke with the International Business Times about how the threat of suicide bombers is impacting U.S. law enforcement. (11/20)

For Think Progress, history professor Max Paul Friedman discussed the historical context for the current treatment of Syrian refugees compared with the treatment of Jews fleeing Nazi Germany in 1939. Friedman points out that then, like now, security concerns were among the chief reasons desperate refugees were denied safe haven, and those fears were exaggerated then, as now. (11/19)

Chris Edelson, director, Politics, Policy, and Law Scholars Program, authored a commentary for the National Constitution Center blog, warning that a president should not attempt to single-handedly take on ISIS, because the framers of the U.S. Constitution intended a balance of power. (11/17)

Additional Features

‘Bachelorette’ at American University’s College of Arts and Sciences

DC Metro Theater Arts ran a review of American University's production of Leslye Holland’s Bachelorette. The glowing review noted that “All of the actors are phenomenal in this production, and they are beautifully directed by Carl Menninger.” (11/14)
Diversity in the Virtual Classroom

Insight Into Diversity featured Kogod Business School’s innovative online programs, noting that in the changing face of online education, Kogod leads a new trend of onscreen visibility. Jeff Harris, professor of finance, spoke about his course, explaining that the learning and teaching takes place inside virtual classrooms where students are no longer anonymous to one another. Assistant dean for Digital Initiatives and New Programs Jill Klein spoke about the diversity of the first cohort of students in Business@American. (11/19)

Faculty Author
Getting the Story Wrong on Campus Racism

Jon Gould, professor of public affairs and law, penned an article about racism on campus for The Hill. Gould counters the popular assumption that these incidents are about political correctness and are an assault on free speech. “If anything, they're evidence of a larger debate we’re having in American law and society about the bounds of expression and the control of culture,” Gould writes. (11/17)

Expertise
Overseas Students Pour into Some American Campuses

Assistant Vice President of Campus Life Fanta Aw spoke with the Chronicle of Higher Education about the rise in international student enrollment at American universities. Aw said, "The perception of quality at the graduate level trickles down.” (11/16)

Could National Security Make 2016 Tougher for Women Candidates?

Jennifer Lawless, director of the Women and Politics Institute, spoke with Roll Call about the challenges women candidates face in an environment where national security is a top issue. "Whether you have a D or an R next to your name is more important than whether you have a Y chromosome," Lawless said. (11/18)

How Scientific Fact Informs Science Fiction

For WAMU-FM’s The Kojo Nnamdi Show, Despina Kakoudaki, director of AU’s Humanities Lab, discussed the relationship between scientific fact and science fiction. Kakoudaki said, “There are two pleasures for science fiction nerds: one to recognize that the science is right, and the second is to recognize that the science is wrong.” (11/17)

Spy Pollard Set for U.S. Release Three Decades On

Center for Israel Studies Director Michael Brenner and scholar-in-residence Dan Arbell spoke with AFP World News about the release of Israeli spy Jonathan Pollard. Arbell pointed out that Israelis feel as though Pollard was given a harsh sentence. Brenner said, “U.S. presidents wanted to set an example that spying on a friendly country should not be tolerated.” (11/17)

The Forgotten Story of How Refugees Almost Ended Bill Clinton’s Career

Mary King School of International Service professor spoke with the Washington Post about the once frosty relationship between President Carter and then-governor of Arkansas Bill Clinton. King explained the source of the rift was the Fort Chafee refugee riot in 1980. (11/17)
Information Can Become Information Overload

For the *New York Times*, Lindsay Wiley, professor of law, discussed information overload. Wiley spoke about fitness trackers and other wearable devices, saying, “Parents should definitely be aware that the companies that market these devices are not subject to the rules that they think of as governing health information.” (11/17)

The National Museum for Women in the Arts and the Future of the D.C. Art Scene

Jack Rasmussen, director and curator of the American University Museum at the Katzen Arts Center, spoke with the *Washington City Paper* about advocating for more political and local art in D.C. museums. Rasmussen said, “Our museums must also support the people who live and work in our community.” (11/18)

1995 was a Transcendental Year

W. Joseph Campbell, communications professor, spoke with *KGOU Radio* in greater Oklahoma City about the 1995 bombing there and his book “1995: The Year the Future Began,” in which he explains a series of watershed events from that year. (11/16)

The World of Dante Alighieri

Karen Telis, professor of justice, law and criminology, spoke with *Styrk* about Dante. Telis emphasized that “Dante talks about the heavens and the cosmos in a very structured way and the buildings at that time were analogous.” Telis also focused on the secular architecture of Florence in Dante’s time. (11/13)

We Can Achieve a More Cooperative World if We Understand Our Differences


Financial Insights on Black Friday

For *Wallet Hub*, Jeffrey Harris, professor of finance, spoke about pressures in the retail industry from online and direct mail advertisements. Harris said, “Black Friday holds the potential to build brand affinity and can enhance positive consumer perceptions, but for retailers the influx of shopping activity and extended hours can have effects on both employee performance and morale.” (11/18)

Democratic Presidential Candidates on Terrorism

Communications professor Leonard Steinhorn spoke with *WWJ-AM* (Detroit) about the second Democratic Presidential Debate. Steinhorn shared that the candidates emphasized that America must lead on terrorism but not unilaterally. He said Republicans may criticize Hillary Clinton’s words, as their viewpoint is to have a strong U.S. presence in the Middle East. (11/14)

Bonus Clip

*Forbes* featured research by anthropology graduate student Rebecca Gibson on the health and habits of Victorian women. *NEXUS: The Canadian Student Journal of Anthropology* published Gibson’s research on corsets and their effect on the skeleton. (11/16)
Republican: '2017 is the Year for Tax Reform'