Top Story

President Obama Plays Hardball

In an NBC exclusive, MSNBC Hardball host Chris Matthews interviewed President Barack Obama at American University's Greenberg Theatre. During the interview Obama discussed topics including the Affordable Healthcare Act, NSA leaks, why both Hilary Clinton and Joe Biden would make great presidents, and his presidential legacy. Matthews used a clip of John F. Kennedy's 1963 commencement speech at AU to ask how confidence in the government can be restored. MSNBC online exclusives featured a behind the scenes photo gallery and a student Q&A session with Matthews.

The one hour broadcast from campus, generated more than 250 news articles that mentioned AU. Matthews also previewed the interview on MSNBC's Morning Joe, and a post-interview analysis also on Morning Joe, and Fox News Channel asked AU students their opinions on the Affordable Healthcare Act. (12/5, 12/6)

Additional Features

AU Museum Exhibits on Review:

The Washington Post reviewed “What Can I Say?” and “Alive;” on exhibit at the American University Museum at the Katzen Arts Center, highlighting both exhibits for their figurative paintings, from cartoonish to realistic ends of the art spectrum. Slate.com reviewed the museum’s “SIBERIA in the Eyes of Russian Photographers,” noting that the exhibit highlights the Russian region for its diversity and warm summers. (11/22, 12/2)

Journalism Schools Dig Deeper Into Videogames

PBS’s Mediashift online previewed communication professor Lindsay Grace's “The Design of Game Play” course which will launch in January. Grace discussed how his class positions gaming in liberal arts education as ‘a case study for interesting experiences.’ (11/25)

Women Hold Just 11 Percent of Board Seats in D.C. Area

The Washington Post featured a new report by Kogod School of Business professor Jill Klein that showed only 11 percent of women hold a board seat in the Washington, D.C. metro area. (11/22)
Op-Eds/AU Authors

Sunday Dialogue: Using the Power to Pardon
The New York Times

With the New York Times' Sunday Dialogue, American politics professor Jeffrey Crouch wrote about the presidential power of pardoning, and how President Obama has not used the power in self-interest like past presidents. (11/30)

Turning Off the Next Generation of Politicians
The Washington Post

Jennifer Lawless, director of the Women & Politics Institute, co-authored an op-ed for the Washington Post about her 2012 poll of high school and college students, which revealed that few would consider ever running for elected office. Miami Herald and Dallas Morning News republished this piece. (11/24)

Taking the “Meh” Out of Metadata
Slate

With Slate.com, law professor Stephen Vladeck wrote an op-ed about governmental use of metadata, or information collected about when, where and how people use the internet, as a way to discover American’s political beliefs, health problems and religious practices. (11/22)

Is the Sky Really Falling?
Foreign Policy

In an op-ed for Foreign Policy magazine, international service professor Gordon Adams wrote about how the defense industry anticipated cutbacks three years prior to sequestration without devastating consequences. San Jose Mercury News and USA Today republished this piece. (11/27)

Expertise

MSNBC Host’s Attack on Palin Draws Criticism
The Wall Street Journal

In a discussion about MSNBC host Martin Bashir’s inappropriate comments regarding Alaska Governor Sarah Palin, journalism professor Jane Hall talked to the Wall Street Journal about how a journalist’s opinion and passion can go ‘over the line’ in political discussions. (11/22)

Where Factory Apprenticeship Is Latest Model From Germany
The New York Times

Economics professor Robert Lerman talked to the New York Times about his hopes for a new push in direct funding for apprenticeships programs. (11/30)

Tension Rising: Caroline Kennedy’s Stern Message to China
ABC’s World News Tonight

School of International Service Dean James Goldgeier spoke to ABC’s World News Tonight about the important symbolism and diplomatic significance of Caroline Kennedy’s role as ambassador to Japan at a tense time in the China Sea region. (11/27)
Japan-South Korea Discord Seen Harming Efforts to Defend Against N. Korea
International service professor Ji-Young Lee spoke to National Journal's National Threat Initiative Wire about historic tensions between Japan and South Korea and the contemporary need for collaboration in confronting a belligerent North Korea. (12/2)

Outpouring of Emotion Worldwide for Mandela
International affairs professor James Mittelman appeared in-studio with WUSA-CBS9 hours after the death of former South African president Nelson Mandela and discuss Mandela’s incredible legacy. (12/5)

Holiday Movie Releases Key for Strong Box Office, Award Returns
In an interview about holiday movie releases, communication professor Russell Williams spoke to WJLA-ABC7 about the pressure on studios and filmmakers to capitalize on, and capture the audience’s attention during the busy, six-week holiday season. (11/25)

When Vulnerable Democrats Need an Obama Boost, They Call Michelle
School of Public Affairs executive in residence Anita McBride spoke to The Hill about the leading role first ladies play raising funds in their husband’s second term, and how First Lady Michelle Obama is fairing as she raises funds for democratic candidates. (11/26)

Congress Back to Work on Federal Spending Deal After Thanksgiving Break
Time Warner Cable’s Your News Network spoke to public affairs professor Bradley Hardy about Congress’ looming deadline to negotiate a long term budget deal. (11/26)

‘Obamacare’ Rollout Woes Could Bode Ill for Future Presidential Agendas
James Thurber, director of the Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies, spoke to Al Jazeera online about how Americans are growing tired of government failures and referenced the rollout of the Affordable Healthcare Act. (11/26)