Top Stories

AU Experts Weigh in on Fourth GOP Debate

For NPR's *The Diane Rehm Show*, Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies director *Jim Thurber* provided analysis, discussing the role of televised debates on the election process. *Thurber* noted that the Republican National Committee's intervention has led to fewer televised debates and more viewers, but that ground campaigns in Iowa and New Hampshire would have a greater effect on voter decision. (11/11)

Communications professor *Jane Hall* spoke with *Reuters*, emphasizing that Fox Business Network conducted a more substantive debate by focusing on the economy. (11/11)

*Leonard Steinhorn*, professor of communications, spoke with *WTOP-DC* about Jeb Bush's candidacy and the importance of a strong debate performance. *Steinhorn* was also a featured expert on *KCRA (NBC)*, speaking about the communications strategies of the candidates and the candidates' role of connecting with voters. (11/10, 11/8)

Additional Features

D.C. Region Corporate Boards Struggle to Include Women

*Jill Klein*, assistant dean at the Kogod School of Business, spoke with *Washington Business Journal* about research from Kogod on the diversity of corporate boards in the region. The research found that only one in every eight board members in the D.C. region is a woman and that diversity on corporate boards is increasing but at a slow pace. (11/11)

American University Featured in Story on How to Address Racism on Campus

*Fox 5* featured AU Center for Diversity & Inclusion senior director *Tiffany Speaks* and several students discussing the ongoing work by American University to address issues of diversity and inclusion on campus. *Speaks* emphasized the importance of handling issues directly and being responsive to student concerns. (11/11)

Faculty Authors

Cox Fine Should Force Telecoms to Get Serious About Data Security

Law professor *Melanie Teplinsky* authored an op-ed in *The Christian Science Monitor* about the recent fine leveled at the nationa’s third-largest cable company, Cox. *Teplinsky* wrote that the fine should cause carriers to get serious about data security enforcement. (11/10)

Recent Evolution of Terrorism In The Maghreb

For *Eurasia Review*, government professor *Fernando Reinares* authored an article about the dramatic rise in terrorism in the Maghreb. *Reinares* wrote that the terrorist attacks in recent years have been carried out by “jihadist groups connected to al-Qaeda.” (11/11)

Disproportionate Pretrial Detention of Blacks and Latinos

*Cynthia Jones*, professor of law, penned an article for the *Huffington Post* on the impact of pretrial detention processes on the incarceration of blacks and Latinos.
Jones discusses how the dysfunctional bail process fuels the problem of mass incarceration. (11/11)

**Expertise**

**Photos Show Struggles, Successes of Working Poor**

Leena Jayaswal, communications professor, spoke with *USA Today* about the 2015 Consultative Group to Assist the Poor (CGAP) photo contest. Jayaswal noted that "many people in the world don't understand problems that low income people are facing," and that the photographs show that perspective. The article ran in 108 other outlets, and the *Washington Post* quoted Jayaswal. (11/9)

**U.S. Obesity Rates Rising for the First Time Since 2004**

Dept. of Health Studies dean Stacey Snelling spoke with *BBC News Online* about a new Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report about rising obesity rates. Snelling said that over the past 10 years, much of the focus has been on food and nutrition for keeping obesity at bay, but now people were "losing attention" to that message, so perhaps now it was time to focus on exercise. (11/12)

**Ben Carson West Point Admission Story Called Out as Fabrication**

David Lublin, government professor, spoke with *NBC News* about the admission by presidential candidate Ben Carson’s campaign that some details of his biography were not precise, saying, “It may limit his ability in the future to gain more with other voters who might no longer be opened to his candidacy but were before this occurred.” Communications professor Leonard Steinhorn spoke on harm to Carson’s credibility with *WKNX*. (11/6)

**Obama May Reach the Limit of His Powers on Guantánamo**

Government assistant professor Chris Edelson spoke with *The Hill* about President Obama's possible decision to close Guantánamo unilaterally, pointing out that because Article I of the Constitution gives Congress legislative authority, one could argue that Obama would be disrupting the system of checks and balances by circumventing the law. (11/13)

**Attacking the Media a Wise Strategy for GOP Candidates, Experts Say...For Now**

For *Sinclair Broadcast Group*, communications professor Jane Hall spoke about how Republican candidates can benefit in the primary from an adversarial relationship with the media, but may be less successful with this tactic in the general election. The article ran in 13 outlets. Hall also spoke with the *Washington Post* about presidential candidate Donald Trump’s appearance on Saturday Night Live, saying that “likeability is one reason why people vote for someone for president.” (11/9, 11/7)

**Thousands Hit With Surprise Tax Bill on Income in IRAs**

*Dow Jones Business News* spoke to director of the Kogod Tax Policy Center Don Williamson about Pershing, a unit of BNY Mellon that filed tax forms for about 5,000 people who held Kinder Morgan MLP units in IRAs. Thousands of investors holding MLP in IRAs were sent late-filing penalties and interest bills by the IRS. Williamson spoke about investment traps saying, “People need to understand what they are investing in, especially the taxes and fees.” (11/13)
Cruz Outpaces GOP Rivals by Wielding Gavel

Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies director Jim Thurber spoke with Roll Call about how Senator Ted Cruz lacks some of the elements of a productive senator. Thurber said that while Cruz’s participation is high, he neither supports the institution nor legislates with members from both parties. (11/12)

The People Issue Features CAS Graduate Student

Washington City Paper featured College of Arts and Sciences graduate student Becca Peixotto. Peixotto helped to discover a new species, Homo naledi. Peixotto discussed gender diversity in science and the open-access aspect of the project. (11/6)

Obama Hosts Netayahu in Washington

Dan Arbell, scholar-in-residence at the Center for Israeli Studies, spoke with CTV Canada about the meeting between Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netayahu and President Obama. Arbell said, “These two friendly countries need to meet because there is a range of issues that they need to discuss.” (11/9) *Link not available*

Bonus Clip

Medal of Honor Campaign Continues, Hoping to Honor Black Veteran

On Veteran's Day, WJLA-ABC7 covered the author of “Forgotten: The Untold Story of D-Day's Black Heroes, at Home and at War,” Linda Hervieux's book talk at American University that encouraged support for a campaign to award the Medal of Honor to World War II veteran and African-American, Waverly Woodson Jr. Woodson Jr. was denied the Medal of Honor because of his race. Director of the Journalism Division John Watson organized the book talk and brought Woodson’s widow and other family members to the event. (11/11)