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Top Story
Conservatives Face Tougher Time in Elections as Urban Burbs Take on City Trends
In post-election analysis, Washington Post online’s Govbeat blog and PBS NewsHour featured American Communities Project director Dante Chinni’s research which identifies 15 types of counties in America including the suburbs, exurbs, college towns, big cities and the aging farmlands and how the populations in these districts tend to vote. Chinni used these designations to explain how recent candidates used their knowledge of these counties to win their elections. (11/8, 11/12)

Additional Features
AU Museum’s “Siberia Through the Eyes of Russian Photographers” Reviewed
The Washington City Paper reviewed the “Siberia through the Eyes of Russian Photographers” exhibit at the American University Museum at the Katzen Arts Center. The exhibit features Siberian life through photographs spanning more than 150 years—from the 1860s to 2011. (11/8)

Open Doors 2013 Report: Growth in Foreign Students in the U.S.
In a segment about how Saudi Arabia is among the top 5 countries sending its students to the United States to study, KSA2 Kingdom of Saudi Arabia English TV highlighted the services that American University provides to assure that the Saudi students adapted well at the university. (11/13)

Op-Eds/AU Authors
Argentina Threw Its Creditors Under the Bus
For Financial Times, international service professor Arturo Porzecanski wrote an op-ed explaining Argentina’s heavy handed tactics in dealing with bondholders after its default. *Login Required*

From War Protester to Teaching the Vietnamese How to Write Speeches
In an op-ed for the Christian Science Monitor, communication professor Robert Lehrman wrote about teaching speechwriting to a group of young Vietnam diplomats. (11/10)

How It Sounds: To Be A Sound Guy
For NPR online, communication professor Greg Smith recorded sounds for an experimental storytelling piece which reflected his new role as a professor, and what his life sounds like now that he is teaching in a college classroom. (11/8)
Expertise

India Fears More Militants as U.S. Quits Afghanistan

Justice, law and society professor Stephen Tankel spoke to the Associated Press about the likelihood of increased unrest in India’s border region with Pakistan from transnational terrorist groups such as Lashkar-e-Taiba. More than 125 outlets, including Atlanta Journal Constitution, San Francisco Chronicle, and Washington Post republished this article. (11/9)

Charities Try Provocative Ads to Attract Attention

In a trend piece about provocative nonprofit ad campaigns, New York Times spoke to communication professor Wendy Melillo about nonprofit organizations using guerrilla marketing efforts to raise brand awareness. (11/7)

Guantanamo Bay Detainees Seek Answers

With NPR’s National Newscast law professor Stephen Vladeck talked about how Guantanamo Bay detainees are arguing there is no justified reason to keep them prisoner when the U.S. is withdrawing from Afghanistan. (11/13)

President Clinton Chimes In

Communication professor Leonard Steinhorn spoke to CBS Radio about former President Bill Clinton’s recent comments in the media concerning the Affordable Healthcare Act. The segment aired nationally on CBS radio affiliate stations. (11/13)

Ted Cruz Unilateralism a Prelude as Party Loyalty Falters

With Bloomberg Businessweek, James Thurber, director of the Center for Congressional and Presidential studies, talked about how Senator Ted Cruz’s access to the media and an independent source of money is making it hard for the Republican Party to control him. (11/8)

Europe’s Right Turn

International service professor Clarence Lusane spoke to Harvard Political Review about a resurgence of racism and extreme nationalism in European countries. (11/10)

Getting Aid Relief Right in the Philippines

Carola Weil, dean of the School of Professional and Extended Studies, spoke to CBC Radio’s The Current to discuss the humanitarian aid efforts in the Philippine cities affected by Typhoon Haiyan. (11/12)