Top Story
NPR Talk-Show Legend Diane Rehm Will Retire From Broadcasting Next Year
The Washington Post reported that after nearly 40 years on the air, Diane Rehm will retire after the presidential election in November. A staple of news-oriented public radio, WAMU’s The Diane Rehm Show reaches a national audience of more than 2.4 million listeners at nearly 200 radio stations, digital networks and a podcast. Rehm, who started as a volunteer at WAMU in 1973, is known for her ability to maintain a civil tone on the program. Rehm’s retirement was covered by media outlets including: NPR’s The Two Way, NPR’s Morning Edition, the New York Times, CNN Money, Radio Ink, Current, and DCist, which also highlighted program changes at WAMU’s The Kojo Nnamdi Show (12/8, 12/8, 12/9, 12/8, 12/8, 12/8, 12/8, 12/8)

Additional Features
Kogod’s Analytics@American Featured in Forbes, Huffington Post
Forbes featured research from Kogod School of Business online master’s in business analytics program, Analytics@American. Researchers analyzed the careers of 23 actors by comparing the total box office revenue of their Star Wars films to their total career box office revenue. They found that the majority of these actors owe most of their total box office gross to the Star Wars films. In addition, Frank Armour, professor of information technology, spoke with Huffington Post about the program and what differentiates it from other master’s in analytics degrees. Armour explained that the future use of analytics is unlimited. (12/9, 12/7)

My First English Teacher Was Hip-Hop
Creative Writing Program Director Kyle Dargan spoke with WAMU’s Metro Connection about his fourth poetry collection Honest Engine. Dargan said, “For me the ‘honest engine’ is the mind and the heart in that moment when you’re trying to figure out … what is it that you still believe, what is it that you still value?” (12/4)

Faculty Authors
AU Scholars Discuss Donald Trump’s Proposed Ban on Muslims
For CNN, law professor Stephen Vladeck wrote a commentary on the legal problems with Trump’s proposal and discussed the serious error in comparing such a ban to the widely condemned internment of Japanese Americans during World War II. (12/8)

DAILY NEWS
History professor Max Paul Friedman wrote an op-ed for the New York Daily News in which he discusses how Trump’s rhetoric echoes the early efforts of the Nazis to separate Jewish Germans from Germany’s public life. (12/9)

THE HILL
For The Hill, Chris Edelson, director, Politics, Policy, and Law Scholars Program, authored an article about the effect of the extreme Islamophobia in presidential candidate Donald Trump’s rhetoric. Edelson writes that other candidates’ views have become more palatable in comparison to Trump. (12/9)
Sleep is for Wimps

Distinguished Artist-in-Residence Russell Williams co-authored an article in Psychology Today about the effects of sleep deprivation on film production crews. He wrote, “The reality of show business is that the work hours tend to be long and the sleep hours tend to be short.” Williams talked about the grueling schedule and recounted a scary experience working on overnight scenes with too little sleep. (12/10)

Savor the Power of Place

For the Washington Business Journal, law professor Stephen Shapiro wrote about the Washington College of Law’s move to Tenley Circle. Shapiro wrote that he believes that the move will give the law school a newfound sense of purpose because he believes in the power of place. *Link unavailable*

Expertise

Media Face Backlash for Coverage of San Bernardino Shooting Suspects’ Home

For the Wall Street Journal, communications professor Jane Hall discussed the swarm of media that entered the home of the San Bernardino shooting suspects. Hall said an effort to get exclusive content likely fueled the poor decision. John Watson, director of the journalism program, spoke with CBS, questioning the need to air the images at the home instantly. (12/4, 12/4)

A Congress That Doesn’t Want to Weigh In on War

For the New York Times, Nora Bensahel, scholar-in-residence at the School of International Service, spoke about Congress and its lack of a debate and vote on the issue of war against ISIS, saying “The debate is not something that individual citizens will get excited about, but it is a fundamental part of our political process.” (12/9)

Provocation, Vitriol are Trump Strategies, Analysts Say

Government professor Jennifer Lawless spoke to AFP about Donald Trump’s proposal to ban all Muslims from entering the United States. Lawless said that Trump’s move to include terrorism in addition to his ultra-conservative immigration policy gives him the potential to “cast a much wider net,” and she questioned whether he overstepped crucial boundaries. (12/8)

Who Pays For Change Remains A Key Question At The Paris Climate Talks

Environmental Science Professor Alexander Golub spoke with the L.A. Times about the Paris Climate Talks. Golub said that once risk and uncertainties can be communicated clearly, it will be easier to convince people to take steps to prevent climate change. (12/9)

The Linguistics of ‘YouTube Voice’

Center for Teaching, Research and Learning Director Naomi Baron spoke with The Atlantic about electronically mediated communication and the so-called “YouTube voice.” Baron argued that “YouTube voice” constitutes ways of emphasizing words that grab the listener’s attention. (12/7)

Exploring Conflict, Community And Identity in Cuisine

Johanna Mendelson-Forman, scholar-in-residence at the School of International Service, talked with WAMU’s The Kojo Nnamdi Show about “conflict cuisine” and
how food builds bridges between communities displaced by violent conflicts and the countries they left behind. (12/9)

**Beyond ‘He’ and ‘She’: The Rise of Non-binary Pronouns**

Sara Bendoraitis, director of programming, outreach, and advocacy in AU’s Center for Diversity and Inclusion, spoke with BBC News about the university’s freshman orientation practice of asking new students to introduce themselves with their name, hometown and preferred gender pronoun. (12/7)

**Thousands of Cubans Taking Different Path to U.S.**

For HuffPost Live, Philip Brenner, professor in the School of International Service, discussed the special asylum privileges that Cubans have in the United States. Brenner analyzed the forces behind the recent rush of thousands of Cubans to the U.S. through countries in Central America. (12/10)

**U.S., Cuba to Hold First Claims Talks in Havana**

For Voice of America, government professor William LeoGrande spoke about normalization between the United States and Cuba. LeoGrande discussed companies and their preferences for doing business in Cuba again. (12/8)

**Military Personnel Changes**

School of International Service Scholar-in-Residence David Barno spoke with Federal News Radio about the removal of the last barrier for women in the military. Barno called the decision “long overdue” and one that will make the U.S. military stronger. Nora Bensahel, scholar-in-residence at the School of International Service, also spoke with Federal News Radio about the use of civilian and contract workers for certain non-combat duties. (12/7, 12/9)

**Nothing’s Gonna Stop Him Now: Why the GOP Can’t Derail Donald Trump**

History professor Allan Lichtman spoke to Talking Points Memo DC about why the GOP establishment will not be capable of stopping Donald Trump or otherwise diminishing the numbers of his supporters. Lichtman said, “If anyone is going to kill Trump, it is Trump.” (12/9)

**Puerto Rico’s Broke, So How Did It Make a $355M Debt Payment?**

Economist-in-residence Arturo Porzecanski spoke to the Daily Tribune about how Puerto Rico recently made a debt payment of $355 million, despite previous statements that it could not afford to make payments. Porzecanski called the payment “a very hopeful sign.” (12/4)

**Bonus Clips**

Freshman Rhrea Rallies American Past Youngstown State 60-56

AP reported that freshman Jalen Rhrea scored all eight of his points for American University’s men’s basketball team in the closing minutes of their game against the Youngstown State Penguins, breaking their four game winning streak. Jesse Reed also led the Eagles (2-5) with a season-high 20 points, including four 3-pointers. Marko Vasic had five assists. (12/4)
For Muslims in the Military, a Different U.S. Than the One They Swore to Defend

In the Washington Post, American University student Ibrahim Hashi (a Muslim veteran of the U.S. military) spoke about how growing anti-Muslim sentiment following the Paris and San Bernardino attacks have negatively impacted Muslim American service members. Hashi discussed his personal experiences, saying, “I’m concerned for myself and my family’s safety.” (12/9)

The Revolutionary Technology Helping to Fight Food Waste

The Washington Post featured sophomore Maria Rose Belding and the online database MEANS (Matching Excess and Need). The database allows food pantries to transfer excess goods to other pantries in need. This program has been lauded by L’Oréal Paris (which named Belding one of its 10 Women of Worth) and Arianna Huffington. (12/6)