Top Story
Agustín Fernández: Ultimate Surrealist

WETA’s Around Town featured American University Museum at the Katzen Arts Center’s exhibit Agustin Fernandez: Ultimate Surrealist. The review highlighted how well the exhibit flowed in the Katzen’s space and how the influence of Parisian surrealist artists shows through in the work of this Cuban artist. (2/10)

‘Young Voters’ in Focus at AU Forum

The Washington Post highlighted the Kennedy Political Union’s DC Democratic Primary Mayoral Debate where six of the mayoral candidates debated topics from traffic cameras to the future of embroiled DC Fire Chief Kenneth Ellerbe before a crowd of 200 AU students and others from the local community. WTTG-TV, Roll Call and Northwest Current also covered the event. (2/13)

Additional Features
Monsieur Hollande Comes to America

Leading up to French President Hollande’s state dinner at the White House, executive in residence Anita McBride spoke to dozens of national media outlets on the purpose and significance of the dinner and who is typically invited. McBride appeared on CBS Evening News, CBS This Morning and CNN and spoke to Los Angeles Times, USA Today and New York Daily News. (2/10, 2/11)

Widows Peak

Journalism professor Iris Krasnow wrote an op-ed for Slate.com about her latest book, “Sex After…Women Share How Intimacy Changes as Life Changes,” which focuses on Krasnow’s research on the sexual health and practices of women in all phases of their lives. San Jose Mercury News and El Paso Times republished the article. Krasnow also wrote an op-ed for CNN online and appeared on WUSA9-TV discussing her research.

Book Discussion on Emergency Presidential Power

C-SPAN’s Book TV featured government professor Chris Edelson's National Constitution Center discussion focused on his book Emergency Presidential Power: From the Drafting of the Constitution to the War on Terror. (2/9)
A Stitch in Time

Bethesda Magazine highlighted filmmaker in residence Nina Shapiro-Perl’s documentary, Through the Eye of the Needle, which illustrates the wartime experiences of a Holocaust survivor. *No Link Available

Op-Eds/AU Authors

Who Are the Protesters in Ukraine?

The Washington Post

For Washington Post online’s Monkey Cage blog, international service professor Keith Darden and his coauthor argue the mass protests in Kiev, Ukraine, are primarily a collective, diverse response to efforts by President Yanukovych to impose a more repressive regime rather than representing a unified protest movement speaking for the people. (2/12)

Missing From Presidents Day: The People They Enslaved

In his op-ed for Huffington Post and Zinn Education Project, international service professor Clarence Lusane revealed the less well-known U.S. presidential facts about the twelve presidents dating from Washington who participated in slavery and human trafficking. Lusane discussed the contributions and struggles faced by the often overlooked slaves. (2/13)

The US and the Arab Awakening: Deja Vu?

ALJAZEERA

International service professor Hillary Mann Leverett’s op-ed in Al Jazeera online argued for a shift away from the troubled 30 year U.S. Middle East strategy of exclusively propping up autocratic leaders from the Shah of Iran to Egypt’s Mubarak during the Arab Spring in favor of a more diverse approach. (2/11)

Expertise

Prove to Workers That Their Lives Will Be Better

The New York Times

With New York Times’ Room for Debate, international service professor Stephen Silvia analyzed the United Auto Workers defeat in Chattanooga, Tennessee, explaining that successful unionization needs a convincing narrative with local appeal more than material support and strategic alliances in order to win over traditionally resistant workers. Silvia also spoke to the Wall Street Journal, Atlanta Journal-Constitution, and WAMU’s Kojo Nnamdi Show about labor union efforts in the South. (2/13, 2/18)

In the Cruz Family, Ted is the Diplomatic One

Associated Press spoke to history professor Allan Lichtman about U.S. Senator Ted Cruz trying to distance himself from his father Pastor Rafael Cruz’s more polarizing, sensational remarks. More than 200 outlets republished this article. (2/9)

Robert Greenwald Turns His Lens on Drone Warfare in 'Unmanned'

Los Angeles Times

With the Los Angeles Times, Patricia Aufderheide, director of the Center for Media and Social Impact, discussed Robert Greenwald’s studio devoted to making documentary films to influence public discussion on timely political and social issues. More than 15 outlets, including Miami Herald republished this article. (2/7)

Did the Winter Olympics in Sochi Really Cost $50 Billion?

The Washington Post

Communications professor W. Joseph Campbell spoke to Washington Post about the media’s perpetuating questionable cost estimates rather than developing an independent analysis for the Sochi Olympics. (2/10)
Wave of Capitol Hill Retirements May Force Lobbyists to Rebrand Themselves

Washington Post spoke to government professor Patrick Griffin about congressional staffers’ prospects on becoming lobbyists and the necessity of reinventing themselves after their powerful bosses retire from Congress. (2/17)

FCC Media Survey Plan Draws Fire

Communication professor John Watson appeared on Fox News Channel voicing serious concern about the Federal Communications Commission’s probing into U.S. media newsrooms to determine how and why they select which stories to cover. (2/20)

Lawmaker Holds Stock in Defense Contractor that he Champions

USA Today talked to James Thurber, director of the Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies about Congressman Tom Petri’s conflict of interest in supporting U.S. contracts for Oshkosh Corp., a company in which he personally holds stock shares. More than 40 outlets republished this article. (2/8)

First Ladies Series Review

Executive in residence Anita McBride appeared on C-SPAN’s two hour wrap-up show looking back at the year-long C-SPAN series, First Ladies: Influence and Image. (2/17)

Obama Administration Sharpens Its Language Toward Syria

With NPR’s Weekend Edition Saturday law professor Kenneth Anderson discussed the Obama administration’s removing military strikes from consideration in exchange for Syria’s giving up its chemical weapons. (2/8)

Russia’s Coming Out Party

Director of the Initiative for Russian Culture Anton Fedyashin spoke to U.S. News & World Report and NBC’s Today Online about the Sochi Olympics serving Russian President Vladimir Putin’s ambition to internationalize Russia and highlight its culture. (2/7)

Degrees of Change

Washington Post Express highlighted graduate programs in homeland security and spoke to justice, law and criminology professor Joseph Young about the value of adapting coursework to real and current domestic and foreign terrorism in AU’s Master of Science in Justice, Law and Criminology program. (2/10)

Are Groupon Deals a Sign a Business is Failing?

Marketing professor Nelson Amaral spoke to WTOP Radio about how a restaurant offering Groupons could mean that the business is not doing well. (2/8)
US Prayer Breakfast Draws World Leaders

AU Chaplain Joe Eldridge appeared on Voice of America Television to discuss President Obama’s National Prayer Breakfast message and how it demonstrates his faith and values inside the White House. (2/7)

Kerry Traveling to South Korea and China for Talks on North Korea

In four separate interviews with Voice of America Television, School of International Service emeritus dean Louis Goodman discussed Secretary of State Kerry’s trip to South Korea and China to discuss North Korea. (2/10, 2/11, 2/13, 2/17)