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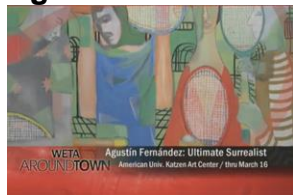
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Top Story

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

embroided 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)

[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

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)

Op-Eds/AU Authors

Who Are the Protesters in Ukraine?

The Washington Post

repressive regime rather than representing a unified protest movement speaking for the people. (2/12)

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 Yanukovich to impose a more

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?



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

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)

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

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

influence public discussion on timely political and social issues. More than **15** outlets, including *Miami Herald* republished this article. (2/7)

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

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

The Washington Post

[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



program. (2/10)

[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

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)