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Top Story

American University Experts Weigh-In on Israeli Elections

News media relied on American University professors for expertise and analysis on the issues, candidates and results in pre- and post-election coverage.



International service professor **Guy Ziv** wrote an article for [CNN](#) about the dangers of incumbent Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's win, touching on further isolation between Israel and the United States and how Netanyahu's flip-flops for a two-state solution only served to appease audiences. **Ziv** wrote that Netanyahu's win shows his political instincts but comes "with a high cost for his country." **Ziv** also wrote an op-ed previewing the election for the [Philadelphia Inquirer](#) and appeared on [Al Jazeera America](#). (3/16 - 3/18)



Director of the Center for Israel Studies **Michael Brenner** spoke to [Washington Jewish Week](#) about the impact of right-wing voters' tactical decision to vote for the Likud party propelling Netanyahu to a fourth term. (3/18)



Center for Israel Studies scholar-in-residence **Dan Arbell** appeared live from Jerusalem for [CTV](#) to discuss the impending election and the expected outcome. **Arbell** provided analysis of Netanyahu's right-wing tactics and his chances for re-election. (3/17)

The New York Times

For a [New York Times](#) article about Netanyahu's victory and the future of a Palestinian state, international politics professor **David Bosco** spoke about the International Criminal Court and a possible investigation of Israeli war crimes. **Bosco** also spoke to [Slate](#). (3/18)



Communication professor **Leonard Steinhorn** spoke to the [Boston Herald](#) about Netanyahu's victory and the Republican response, saying, "That's the nature of the political machine, you take every opportunity to demonize the other side." (3/18)

Additional Features

Global Focus: Women & Violence



For [WAMU's The Kojo Nnamdi Show](#), sociology professor **Gloria Young** addressed the issue of progress made globally in ending violence against women. **Young** talked about gender roles and how societal inequality gives rise to violence against women. **Young** discussed her own research into militarization in societies in Mexico and Israel and how it factors into the problem. (3/17)

Discover the World of Communication



game design. (3/16) *Link not available

Northern Virginia Magazine featured the School of Communication's **Discover the World of Communication** camp, which is a two- to four-week long hands-on workshop designed for high school-aged children who have an interest in journalism, professional newswriting and video

Op-Eds

Congress Must Limit Obama's Military Adventures



In an op-ed for [USA Today](#), government professor **Chris Edelson** argued that President Obama's unilateral decision to begin military action against ISIL seven months ago was unwarranted under the existing Authorization for the Use of Military Force (AUMF) and that his newly proposed AUMF contains many "loopholes."

Edelson argued that Obama's actions have lacked legal authority and that Congressional approval is mandatory. Law professor **Jennifer Daskal** spoke to [Politico](#) about the AUMF. (3/15 - 3/18)

Media Portrayals of Female Scientists Often Shallow, Superficial



In an op-ed for [Scientific American](#), communication professor **Declan Fahy** argued that the media practices gender inequality when referring to female scientists. As an example, **Fahy** pointed to neuroscientist Susan Greenfield's treatment in two articles, twenty years apart, that both focused on her appearance.

Fahy also wrote an article for the [Conversation](#) about U.S. de facto science laureates. (3/16 - 3/17)

Why Congress Should Act Like a Board of Directors



In an op-ed for [Government Executive](#), Key Executive Leadership Programs' distinguished practitioner-in-residence **Robert Tobias** argued that Congress owes Americans "the same duty of care from Congress that stockholders would receive

from a private sector board of directors." **Tobias** argued that maximizing taxpayer value is impossible when agency performance results are not the primary criterion for Congress' spending decisions. (3/18)

Expertise

Transparency of Government Information



Law professor **Daniel Metcalfe** appeared on [C-SPAN's Washington Journal](#) to discuss transparency and the availability of government information. **Metcalfe** also explained the Freedom of Information Act and the Federal Records Act in a [Politico](#) op-ed refuting Hillary Clinton's email defense, calling it "laughable." (3/16 - 3/17)

More Nigerian-Americans Are Reaching Highest Levels of Sports

The New York Times

For a [New York Times](#) article about the rise of Nigerian-American athletes, international service professor **Carl LeVan** said that sports in Nigeria serve as a unifying force in a culturally diverse country. (3/18)

McConnell Urges States to Help Thwart Obama's 'War on Coal'

The New York Times

Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies director **James Thurber** spoke to the [New York Times](#) about the level of sophistication and direct involvement from Congressional leadership in the lobbying campaign to thwart President Obama's climate change agenda at the local and state levels. (3/19)

The Source: Can Gaming Save The World?



Director of the AU Game Lab and Studio **Lindsay Grace** spoke to [Texas Public Radio](#) about how gaming can change society for the better. **Grace** discussed video games that helped solve medical and social impact problems. (3/16)

Michelle Obama Looks Overseas in Final Years as First Lady

Bloomberg

SPA executive-in-residence **Anita McBride** spoke to [Bloomberg](#) about first lady Michelle Obama's trip to Japan and Cambodia to promote the Obama administration's Let Girls Learn initiative, which aims to support efforts in countries around the world to keep teenage girls in school. **McBride** said that Obama's being the nation's first black first lady may have special impact on her message about race relations to developing countries. (3/16)

Kremlin Mystery



For [NBC's Today Show](#), international service professor **Keith Darden** discussed Vladimir Putin and the speculation around his whereabouts. **Darden** said strength is very important to Putin's political prowess, and any suspicions of illness or control could weaken his image and standing. (3/15)

Paris Ghetto with Views but No Jobs Shows Decades of Failures

Bloomberg

International service professor **Cathy Schneider** spoke to [Bloomberg](#) about discrimination and unemployment rates in Clichy-sous-Bois, France, saying that "minorities will always lose out when you have competition for the few jobs available." (3/18)

An 'Upstream' Battle As Wikimedia Challenges NSA Surveillance



Law professor **Stephen Vladeck** spoke to [NPR](#) about Wikipedia's lawsuit against the National Security Agency (NSA). **Vladeck** explained "Upstream" surveillance and the distinction between Wikipedia's lawsuit and other NSA lawsuits. (3/15)

Paper Books, Alive and Well

Chicago Tribune

Linguistics professor **Naomi Baron's** research into college students' reading preferences featured in a [Chicago Tribune](#) editorial about the future of paper books. (3/19)

Pi Day Math with Donna Dietz



Mathematics and Statistics professor **Donna Dietz** appeared on [WTTG-FOX5](#) to discuss the significance of Pi Day. The five numbers of Pi (31415) correspond to March 14, 2015, which won't happen for another 100 years. (3/14)

Wikipedia Entries Edited by Someone at NYPD Headquarters

DAILY NEWS

Communication professor **Andrew Lih** spoke to [New York Daily News](#) about the NYPD's editing of Wikipedia pages detailing numerous high-profile police brutality cases, saying, "Somebody interested in a fair treatment of history would look at these entries and feel uncomfortable." (3/13)

House GOP Taps War Fund to Solve Defense Spending Cap

STARS AND STRIPES

International service professor **Gordon Adams** spoke to [Stars and Stripes](#) about the Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO) budget, saying that it "would constitute the most cynical and fraudulent use yet made on the OCO budgetary gimmick." **Adams** also spoke to [Federal News Radio](#). (3/17 - 3/18)

Bonus

In Winning Patriot League, It's A Banner Moment for AU Women

The Washington Post

The [Washington Post](#) featured the **AU Eagles women's basketball** team, its Patriot League Championship and its first trip to the NCAA tournament. [WJLA-ABC7](#) also featured the team. (3/14 - 3/18)