Top Story
Congress Must Act to Protect the Fundamental Right to Vote—for All

In an op-ed for *Slate’s The Root* on the anniversary of the Selma to Montgomery march, distinguished professor of government Julian Bond discussed the importance of protecting the advances of the past 50 years to safeguard voting laws preventing discrimination. Bond urged support for the bipartisan Voting Rights Amendment Act to protect the fundamental right to vote after the Supreme Court nullified parts of the Voting Rights Act last summer. *Chicago Tribune, Orlando Sentinel* and *Sun Sentinel* republished the op-ed. (3/21)

Additional Features
Local Business Schools Set Up Degree Programs Away From Campus

In a *Washington Post Capital Business* article that highlighted the trend of local business schools taking their MBA programs to students in Northern Virginia and Maryland, Kogod School of Business dean Michael Ginzberg discussed Kogod master’s degree programs in Northern Virginia exclusively for the employees of a large company. (3/23)

Gastrodiplomacy: Cooking Up a Tasty Lesson on War and Peace

*NPR’s The Salt* blog featured SIS scholar in residence Johanna Mendelson Forman’s course on gastrodiplomacy—using food as a tool to foster cultural understanding among countries. Mendelson Forman said that students in her course are able to learn from restaurant owners how cuisine is used as a communication tool in their communities. *America’s Quarterly, China News* and *Le Figaro* republished the piece. (3/24)

Op-Eds/AU Authors
Shawn Kuykendall’s Spirit Will Live On

In a tribute piece for the *Washington Post*, AU Men’s Soccer Coach Todd West wrote about former AU player and assistant coach Shawn Kuykendall’s death from thymic cancer while highlighting the inspiration and passion for living Kuykendall demonstrated throughout his battle. (3/21)

Republicans Must Embrace Inevitable Immigration Reform

Law professor Jayesh Rathod in a coauthored op-ed for the *Orlando Sentinel* argued Republicans risk political isolation since the immigration cause has taken on a moral dimension where Americans have lost their appetite for divisive anti-immigrant laws. (3/25)

President Obama and the Constitutional Power to Declare Peace

In an op-ed for *Yahoo!News*, Chris Edelson, director of the Politics, Policy, and Law Scholars Program questioned President Obama’s constitutional authority to effectively “declare peace” with Russia bypassing constitutional powers reserved for Congress. Edelson also spoke to *Fiscal Times* about this topic. (3/21)
Expertise

How Astronauts Survive Diplomatic Tensions in Space
With political tensions rising between Moscow and Washington, public affairs professor Howard McCurdy spoke to Agence France Presse about how politics could be affecting American and Russian astronauts on the International Space Station. More than 40 outlets, including Yahoo!News, republished this article. (3/22)

Modern Rosie the Riveter a Path to Women’s Higher Pay
Economics professor Robert Lerman spoke to Bloomberg News about the need to create more overall positions for female apprentices in the United States rather than spend public money to shift existing jobs from men to women. (3/26)

3 Presidents and a Riddle Named Putin
School of International Service dean James Goldgeier spoke to the New York Times about how Presidents Clinton, Bush, and Obama chose to see Russian President Vladimir Putin as a pragmatic leader with whom they could work on common interests rather than a Russian leader trying to recoup influence lost in the post-Cold War period. (3/23)

The Decline and Fall of the ‘H’ Word
New York Times spoke to anthropology professor and specialist in lavender linguistics William Leap who explained how the term “homosexual” is now considered offensive because of its association with medical history. (3/21)

Charting the Years-Long Decline of Local News Reporting
J-Lab executive director Jan Schaffer spoke to Washington Post about local, regional, and statewide digital news outlets’ struggles to draw reader traffic and revenue even with the demise of local newspapers. (3/26)

Republicans Gain Little Ground Among Women
With USA Today, director of the Women & Politics Institute Jennifer Lawless discussed the value of former secretary of state Condoleezza Rice headlining GOP campaign events. Lawless also spoke to Boston Globe about the difficulty to win more congressional seats faced by female Republican candidates. (3/26)

The Presidential Election Does Start Earlier Every Four Years
National Journal spoke to history professor Allan Lichtman about 2016 presidential media coverage beginning earlier than ever. Lichtman discussed the trend’s acceleration since the 1990s and legitimacy of media coverage so early. (3/24)

Supreme Court About to Hear Arguments on Birth Control
Law professor Stephen Wermiel appeared on MSNBC’s Daily Rundown to discuss the Supreme Court oral argument in Hobby Lobby v. Conestoga where a private company is claiming freedom of religion rights in order to deny healthcare coverage for contraceptives. (3/25)

Are Exclamation Marks Killing Us With Kindness?
Naomi Baron, executive director of the Center for Teaching, Research and Learning, spoke to Discovery.com about language evolving over time, especially the rise in the use of exclamation points in online and mobile conversations. The article also mentioned Baron’s research showing that girls and young women use their phones for strengthening social connections. (3/25)
International Search Has Impact on Relationships

In two interviews with BBC Radio, international service professor Jessica Trisko Darden discussed the impact that the search for Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 has had on the 25 countries involved in the search including trouble in China and Malaysia cooperation and weaknesses in China’s influence. (3/22)

Bonus Clip

Doctoral Candidate Makes a DJ Appearance

Doctoral candidate and anthropology instructor Kalfani Ture showed off his skills outside of the classroom as DJ K’Ture for WTTG-FOX5’s DJ Friday segment. (3/28)