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Neil Kerwin Made AU a 'Force' in Greater Washington, Business Leaders Say


Additional Features

A Military Pilot Study Shows How Mindfulness Can Help Ease Pain

Huffington Post featured research by Thomas Nassif, Department of Health Studies professorial lecturer. Nassif conducted the first controlled study to examine how mindfulness can help returning combat veterans manage chronic pain. Nassif found that mindfulness is an effective tool to help soldiers. (3/30)

Large Bias Against Black Students Surfaces in National Study of Teacher Opinions

Seth Gershenson, assistant professor of public administration and policy, was quoted in The Independent, about a new study that reveals large bias against black students in education. Gershenson discussed the research and its implications, and expressed concern over how the study's findings may not be limited to education. Gershenson, the study's co-author, was also quoted in NBC News (online), The Seattle Times, EdWeek Blog, and The Atlanta Black Star.

Review: ‘No, No, Nanette’ at American University

DC Theater Arts reviewed the AU performance of ‘No, No, Nanette,’ directed by Karl Kippola, performing arts associate professor. The performance was called an “utter delight.” A second review in DC Theater Arts detailed the many strengths of the play including the actors’ performances and the set used to illustrate scenes from the 90-year-old classic. (3/25)

K-12 Reading in the Digital Age: Books or Nooks?

Center for Teaching, Research and Learning Director Naomi Baron participated in a Q-and-A in Education Week about her research on student preferences for print and digital reading. Baron's research is detailed in her book, Words Onscreen, and includes results of a survey of 400 students from Germany, Slovakia, India and the U.S. Baron finds that for learning purposes, students prefer reading in print. (3/25)
Faculty Authors
On Pardons, Obama Could Go Down as One of the Most Merciless Presidents in History

Investigative Reporting Workshop Scholar-in-Residence George Lardner Jr. co-authored an op-ed in the *Washington Post* about the Obama administration’s handling of the program Clemency 2014. Lardner writes that the program was meant to give federal prisoners with unjustifiably long drug sentences a chance at reducing their sentences. (3/25)

Marie Kondo and the Privilege of Clutter

Writing Instructor Arielle Bernstein authored an article for *The Atlantic* about her upbringing as the child of Cuban refugees and compared the importance of collecting things to the popular minimalist movement led by Marie Kondo. Bernstein writes that against the backdrop of the current refugee crisis, the minimalist admonition of Kondo may miss important truths about being human. (3/25)

Expertise
Obama Crystalizing Criticism of 2016 Campaign Coverage

For the *Associated Press*, Communication Professor Jane Hall spoke about President Obama’s criticism of the media’s coverage of the campaign season. Hall said that a lot of people in the media are beginning to question the over-representation of coverage of candidate Donald Trump. (3/29)

The League of Men Voters

Jennifer Lawless, director of the Women and Politics Institute, spoke to *The New York Times* about male voters. Lawless explained that because of their privileged position, white male voters are the yardstick by which other groups measure their political fortunes and influence. Lawless also spoke to *The New York Times* about how older Americans are finding second careers in politics and to *Vox* about Donald Trump and male voters. Lawless also discussed the role of gender in the presidential campaign with the *Washington Post*, *the Guardian*, *Time*, the *Washington Times*, and *CQ Roll Call*. (3/29, 3/25, 3/29, 3/30, 3/31, 3/30, 3/28, 3/31)

All Trump All the Time

Aram Sinnreich professor of communication studies, spoke on *KCRW*’s *To the Point* about the media’s portrayal of presidential candidate Donald Trump. Sinnreich said that Donald Trump has an unparalleled ability to satisfy the insatiable need for news in the news cycle because he has mastered the art of the sound bite. (3/25)

Forecasting the Republic National Convention

ForPBS, History Professor Allan Lichtman gave historical context about the possibility of an open convention for the Republic party. Lichtman said that historically an open convention is when no one nominee has the necessary votes for the nomination, while a brokered convention is when the nominee vote goes past the first ballot. (3/30)

U.S.-Cuban Relations: A Changing Domestic Issue

Government Professor William LeoGrande spoke to *WTOP* about changes in the Cuban-American community. LeoGrande emphasized that many of the attitudes of Cuban-Americans as a whole have changed due to demographic shifts, as a majority of Cuban-Americans now support normalization of relations with Cuba. (3/27)
NerdWallet Just Ranked Arlington the Best City for New College Grads. Are They for Real?

Washington Business Journal highlighted Kogod School of Business' Millennial Index. Citing the high cost of living in the Washington metro area, the article notes that Kogod's survey also identified this factor as a major challenge for millennials in the area. (3/29)

Russia's Absence Means Nuclear Summit Likely to End in Anticlimax for Obama

Nuclear Studies Institute Director Peter Kuznick talked with The Guardian about the Nuclear Security Summit and said, "This is the last of the summits and Putin isn't even participating. It's going to lose momentum at a time we need to be increasing momentum." (3/31)

President Obama Could Make a Recess Appointment to the Supreme Court

Professor of Political Science Karen O'Connor and Politics, Policy, and Law Scholars Program Director Chris Edelson were interviewed on NBC about the Supreme Court nomination of Merrick Garland. O'Connor indicated it could be wise for President Obama to make an appointment during the upcoming recess of Congress. Edelson commented that a recess appointment would play into GOP critiques of Obama using unilateral action too often in his presidency. (3/28)

Akbar Ahmed on Lahore Attack

Akbar Ahmed, professor in the School of International Service, spoke to BBC Radio about the attack in Pakistan. Ahmed said that Christians were targeted and that there has been criticism of the authorities in Pakistan and the ability of its security apparatus to protect citizens. Ahmed also spoke to BBC about the attack and to The Nation about security issues in Europe. (3/29, 3/30)

SCOTUS 4-4 Decision Hands Public Sector Unions A Victory

Law Professor Steve Vladeck spoke to CNN about the recent Supreme Court decision on public sector unions. Vladeck said that the tied decision was not a surprise but an indication of the challenge posed by an eight-justice court. (3/29)

The Republican Presidential Primary

Public Communication Professor Leonard Steinhorn spoke with WBZ Boston about the fighting between presidential candidates Ted Cruz and Donald Trump, saying that the conversation is now removed from the issues that voters care about. Steinhorn also spoke with WJCL Savannah about the current state of the presidential race. (3/25, 3/28)

Trump's Manager Lewandowski Makes U.S. Presidential Campaign History

Director of the Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies James Thurber spoke to Journalstandard.com about how it is unprecedented in modern campaigns for a campaign manager to be charged with assault. (3/29)

2016's Fattest Cities in America

Director of Undergraduate Health Promotion Elizabeth Cotter spoke to Wallet Hub about obesity in America. Cotter talked about eating healthy on a budget and dispelled the myth that there is one single diet that works for everyone. (3/25)
**Bonus clips**

**The False Choice at the Core of the Apple-FBI Standoff**

For *The National Interest*, School of International Service Professor Daniel Gerstein wrote about the standoff between Apple and the FBI. Gerstein writes that there is a false choice between absolute security and absolute privacy and that neither should prevail. (3/21)

**Building Bridges and Hope**

Amb. Akbar Ahmed, School of International Service professor, was featured in several articles authored by current and past AU students and staff. The articles focused on fighting Islamophobia and hatred, and on building bridges and hope. For *Huffington Post*, Matthew Agar, senior in the School of International Service, wrote about a Jewish-Muslim interfaith luncheon chaired by Ahmed. For the *Friday Times*, alumna Priyanka Srinivasa wrote an article about how Ahmed’s poems counteract the hate speech of the campaign season. In *Huffington Post*, Patrick Burnett, program coordinator, wrote about the Shakespeare Theater Company’s performance of *Othello*. Burnett reflected on the implications of the performance for bridging the gap between the West and the Muslim world. (3/31, 4/1, 3/30)