Top Story
American Beats Top-Seed BU for Patriot League Title
For the first time in 5 years—third time in its history—the AU Eagles Men's Basketball Team is headed back to the NCAA tournament after its 55-36 victory over Boston University. Coach Mike Brennan and team players Tony Wroblicky and Darius “Pee Wee” Gardner spoke to the Associated Press about AU's clinch of the Patriot League title. CBS Sports Network's Inside College Basketball featured the Eagles' win, the AU fans storming the BU court, player highlights and an interview with Brennan discussing the Eagles' remarkable season after modest pre-season predictions. More than 400 news outlets highlighted the team's win, including the New York Times, Washington Post, and ESPN. (3/12, 3/13)

Additional Features
Finding an Online Master’s That Clicks With You
Washington Post Express featured the School of International Service's IR online master’s degree program. An IRonline student, a U.S. Navy officer posted at NATO headquarters in Brussels, explains why she chose the program for its flexibility that a traditional program could not offer. International relations professor Patrick Jackson discussed the dynamic and interactive educational experience IRonline offers faculty and students to engage. (3/10)

Latino Voters and the Republican Party
C-SPAN covered the Center for Latin American and Latino Studies' (CLALS) conference focusing on what the Republican Party needs to do to reconnect with Latino voters. Eric Hershberg, director CLALS, organized the conference and moderated one of the two featured panels. (3/7)

eRA-Electronic Enhancing Research Administration
Joseph Gesa, systems administrator in the Office of Sponsored Programs spoke with NCURA Magazine (National Council of University Research Administrators) about AU’s effort to collaborate in many different ways to maintain the flow of financial support for research on new and existing research projects since higher education institutions are experiencing funding cuts. *No link available

Expertise
Crimea Referendum to Test U.S. - Russian Diplomacy
AU foreign policy and Russian experts Keith Darden, James Goldgeier and Anton Fedyashin discussed the ongoing diplomatic tensions in the Ukraine crisis. International service professor Keith Darden appeared on CNN’s Out Front with Erin Burnett to discuss whether the United States has any leverage to deal with Putin in Crimea. Darden also appeared on Voice of America TV. With CNN International, Anton Fedyashin, director of the Initiative for Russian Culture, discussed Russia’s interests and concerns in Ukraine in the lead-up to the Crimea referendum. School of International Service dean James Goldgeier discussed the Crimea referendum implications and the ramifications it is likely to provoke with Los Angeles Times and McClatchy News. (3/7, 3/8, 3/13)
NYC Guard-Inmate Sex Scandal Triggers Jail Review

Law professor Brenda V. Smith spoke to the Associated Press about the silent culture of sex, and the frequency of guard-inmate scandals triggering jail reviews across the country. More than 70 outlets, including ABCNews.com, San Francisco Chronicle and FoxNews.com republished this article. (3/9)

China Outsourcing Smog to West Region Stirs Protest

Global environmental politics professor Judith Shapiro spoke to Bloomberg News about the risk that China will brand Muslim environmental activists in Chinese provinces as separatists or terrorists. (3/8)

On China Trip, Michelle Obama Likely to Steer Clear of Controversy

Executive in residence Anita McBride spoke to the Washington Post about First Lady Michelle Obama’s upcoming trip to China noting that First Lady Michelle Obama is seizing the opportunity to educate young people rather than address controversial foreign policy issues. (3/9)

A Rift Among Senate Women: It’s About Time

With the Washington Post, director of the Women and Politics Institute Jennifer Lawless explained that policy and party ultimately trump any special bipartisanship among female U.S. senators in passing legislation. (3/10)

Life and Happiness in Siberia’s Cold

Speaking about misconceptions that Westerners have about Siberia with the New York Times, Anton Fedyashin, director of the Initiative for Russian Culture, American University Museum at the Katzen Arts Center provided a richer look at Siberia’s diverse culture and ethnic groups. (3/10)

How Will Thompson Charges Affect DC Mayoral Race?

Journalism professor Leonard Steinhorn appeared on WTTG FOX-5 TV to discuss how businessman Jeffrey Thompson’s indictment for violating campaign finance laws in DC Mayor Vincent Gray’s first campaign could imminently impact Gray’s campaign for re-election. (3/10)