Top Story
American University President Neil Kerwin Discusses the School’s Past, Present And Future

President Neil Kerwin appeared on WAMU’s Kojo Nnamdi Show and reflected on his tenure at American University. Kerwin shared he was most proud of the accumulated achievements of faculty, students, staff and alumni. He also stated that he is proud of work done to increase accessibility of AU to students of all backgrounds. Kerwin also discussed the important relationship between AU and its location, saying, “We are acutely aware of how important the city of Washington is to American University. It is a magnet for highly qualified faculty, staff and students.” (4/20)

Additional Feature
American University Names New Dean to Lead Business School

The Washington Business Journal featured the announcement about John Delaney’s appointment as new dean of the Kogod Business School. Delaney is a former dean and professor at the University of Pittsburgh’s Joseph M. Katz Graduate School of Business & College of Business Administration. Poets and Quants also covered the announcement. (4/20, 4/19)

Faculty Authors
The Future of Journalism in Three Words: Collaboration, Collaboration, Collaboration

Investigative Reporting Workshop Executive Editor Charles Lewis authored an op-ed in the Guardian on the publication of the Panama Papers by the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists, a group that Lewis founded. Lewis wrote, “What is remarkable and indeed unprecedented about the epic Panama Papers project, however, is the year-long, discreet and embargoed investigative collaboration between 370 journalists and their respective news organizations throughout the world.” (4/18)

Do You Eat? Then You Should Care About Agriculture Policy.

School of International Service Professors Adam Diamond and Garrett Graddy-Lovelace co-authored an op-ed in the Baltimore Sun. Diamond and Graddy-Lovelace wrote about the unrecognized importance of agricultural policy to Americans’ lives and argued that voters should know candidates’ stance on food policies, such as the labeling of foods containing genetically modified organisms and how candidates would support small organic farmers. (4/20)

Should A Small Texas Court Set Immigration Law For The Nation?

Law Professor Herman Schwartz wrote an article for Reuters about immigration law and the Supreme Court. Schwartz wrote that “The sharp divisions among the justices make it likely that some cases will end in a 4-4 decision, which would leave the lower court rulings in effect.” (4/19)
How a President Trump or Clinton Could Upend the Constitution

For Government Executive, Chris Edelson, professor of government and Director of Politics, Policy, and Law Scholars Program, has authored an article that focuses on the dangers of unchecked executive power. He writes that “unchecked executive power is dangerous and unnecessary” and that “Congress should act because unchecked executive power is dangerous and unnecessary.” (4/22)

Expertise

In Brazil Impeachment, President Rousseff Poised for a Fall

School of International Service Professor Matthew Taylor spoke with the Wall Street Journal about the impeachment process in Brazil. Taylor said, reflecting on Rousseff’s downfall, “Sadly, Dilma thought that all she had to do was give directions, rather than build loyalty and smooth feathers day in and day out.” Taylor also spoke with the Economist, Vox and KQED Radio about the events in Brazil. (4/17)

8 Ways to Make Your Legs Feel and Look Great

Suzie Carmack, a lecturer in the Department of Health Studies, spoke to Washingtonian about the benefits of multiplanar movements. Carmack said that multiplanar movements work the body in multiple directions at a time and result in legs that are shapely but not bulky. (4/18)

Microsoft Suit is Latest Tech Clash with U.S. Over Privacy

Law Professor Jennifer Daskal spoke to the Associated Press about Microsoft’s recent lawsuit and tech challenges to government inquiries. Daskal commented that “privacy is an economic good at this point.” She estimates that companies are competing over protecting customer privacy because it is something that customers value. (4/15)

Justice Department Seeks SCOTUS Opinion on Presidential Appointments

Law Professor Steven Wermiel spoke to Federal News Radio about the Supreme Court weighing in on the Federal Vacancies Reform Act. Wermiel said that the ruling shouldn’t affect acting Director of the Office of Personnel Management Beth Coberts, but the longevity of her policy decisions may be affected. (4/18)

Crises Mount, House Still Won’t Act

For Roll Call, Government Professor David Lublin spoke about Congress’s governing by crisis. Lublin said “There are pretty much two ways to pass legislation in the House these days: You get Democrats to agree with a minority of Republicans or you get a supermajority of Republicans.” The story was also picked up by The Courier-Tribune. (4/19)

The Man Who Says He’s On America’s Kill List and Can’t Get Off It

For Independent, Chair of the Islamic Studies Department in the School of International Service Ambassador Akbar Ahmed spoke about the abundant presence of drones in Waziristan. Ahmed said that U.S. strategy had ignored the tribal complexities of the province. (4/17)

Media’s Expectations for New York Primary

Communication Professor Jane Hall spoke on CNN’s Reliable Source. Hall spoke about endorsements in the days leading up to the New York primary, saying that they may matter to voters in New York. (4/17)
Move Over Andrew Jackson: Harriet Tubman to Adorn $20 Bill

History Professor Alan Kraut spoke to CBS NewsPath about the announcement that Harriet Tubman would replace Andrew Jackson the $20-dollar bill. Kraut said that Jackson’s reputation was tarnished by his enforcement of the Indian Removal Act of 1830 and the fact that he was a slave owner. Kraut also spoke to the Washington Post about patriotism in 1916. (4/20, 4/19)

Bathroom Bills: Yet Another Attempt to Use Women as a Shield for Discrimination

For Vox, School of International Service Professor Christine Chin spoke about the ‘othering’ of migrants, especially those from non-Western or low-income backgrounds. Chin said that these issues intensify in times of economic strain. (4/20)

Women Fare Better in Politics, but Barriers Remain

For Portland Tribune, Director of the Women and Politics Institute Jennifer Lawless spoke to the Portland Tribune about why women aren’t choosing to be candidates. Lawless said that when women get to the start line they do as well as men but for a variety of reasons women still choose not to run. Lawless also spoke to Fusion and Pacific Standard. (4/15, 4/17)

‘The Saddest Ship Afloat’ And America’s Response to Refugees

History Professor Allan Lichtman spoke to Ozy magazine about the historical context for America’s popular disapproval of taking in refugees from conflict-torn countries. Lichtman said that there was a significant sentiment that Jews fleeing Nazi Germany might be spies. (4/19)