Top Story
Joaquin & Julián Castro Talk about 'Preparing for the Future' at American University Forum

From AU, MSNBC.com live streamed a Frederick Douglass Distinguished Scholars and School of Communication panel discussion sponsored and moderated by MSNBC’s Shift host Maria Teresa Kumar. Senator Joaquin Castro (D-TX) and his brother Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Julián Castro spoke to students about preparing for a successful future in business or government. (4/23)

Additional Features
Young Voters and Running for Public Office

For C-SPAN’s Washington Journal, Women & Politics Institute director Jennifer Lawless discussed her book co-authored with Richard L. Fox, Running from Office: Why Young Americans are Turned Off to Politics. Lawless discussed their national survey of 4,000 high school and college students showing that there is little interest among young people for seeking any of the 500,000 elected offices in the United States. She also discussed possible solutions to the problem to lure the best and brightest to run for office. (4/21)

Jokes Will Save the World

NPR featured Center for Media & Social Impact co-director Caty Chattoo’s research on the effectiveness of humor to grow awareness for social change. Chattoo’s research indicated that 3 out of 4 participants enjoyed learning about global issues through a comedy show, 61 percent would watch the show by choice and 80 percent enjoyed learning facts about global poverty and health. (4/20)

Faculty Authors
The Hillary Clinton Doctrine

In his National Interest article, School of International Service dean James Goldgeier explored what Hillary Clinton’s foreign policy stances might be after having served as secretary of state, senator and first lady. Goldgeier explained Clinton benefits from the Clinton and Obama administrations having broken the GOP lock on national security and foreign policy issues. Goldgeier concluded that Clinton’s foreign policy would be more proactive than the Obama administration’s but more subdued than that of her husband’s administration given the shifts in geopolitics. (4/21)
Andalusia Can Teach Us about Muslims and Non-Muslims Living Together

In a Huffington Post op-ed, Ibn Khaldun Chair of Islamic Studies Akbar Ahmed argued that Andalusia, Spain, sets an example of how people of different religions and cultures should “live together in harmony and thrive.” (4/17)

Fighting Deception and Lies in Wildlife Programming

In an op-ed for Mother Nature Network, Center for Environmental Filmmaking director Chris Palmer argued that many networks and wildlife filmmakers harm animals and create shows unethically in order to achieve higher ratings. Palmer explained that the programs desensitize viewers and decrease legitimacy of animal cruelty. (4/20)

Saddam’s Last Acolyte

For a National Review op-ed, international service instructor Andrew Peek questioned the idea that the United States might have been better off with Saddam Hussain than the Islamic State, but concluded that the death of Saddam’s aide, Ibrahim al-Douri, is one less threat to worry about. (4/20)

Female Rangers Will Lead the Way, Sooner or Later

For their War on the Rocks column, international service practitioner-in-residence Lt. Gen. David Barno and scholar-in-residence Nora Bensahel discussed the significance of women starting Ranger School and being permitted in ground combat units, saying that “it is a significant and symbolic cultural and practical benchmark.” Barno also spoke to Federal News Radio about women starting Ranger School. (4/21 - 4/22)

Expertise

Putin: U.S., Russia Have Common Agendas

Carmel Institute of Russian Culture and History director Anton Fedyashin appeared on CNN International to discuss Vladimir Putin’s remarks that the United States and Russia have common agendas. Fedyashin echoed those remarks and said that both countries have been working together throughout the past few years but the mainstream media doesn’t cover it. (4/18)

Experts Say Drone Strikes Appear in Bounds of US Law

Assistant professor of government Chris Edelson spoke to Associated Press about recent U.S. strikes in Pakistan that killed Americans. Edelson said “if the attacks were carried out against al-Qaida, they were legitimate under U.S. law.” The article syndicated more than 100 times. (4/23)

Eric Holder’s Justice Dept. Routinely Backs Officers’ Use of Force

For the New York Times, law professor William Yeomans discussed the use of police force and proposals to alter the approach to police abuse cases. Yeomans explained civil rights has been more prominent under the Obama administration. (4/21)

Loretta Lynch Makes History as First Black Woman to Become Attorney General

For the Christian Science Monitor, justice, law, and criminology professor Jon Gould suggested among Lynch’s first priorities is to repair Department of Justice relations with Congress as her term is a mere 18 months, and there are several complex issues on the table. (4/23)
Sexy Robots

Humanities Lab director Despina Kakoudaki spoke to PRI's Studio 360 about the infatuation of fantasy robot lovers. Kakoudaki explained that this fantasy is appealing because robots are indestructible and can be perfectly beautiful, ageless and brilliant. (4/17)

Media Mayhem on the Clinton Campaign Trail

Communication professor Jane Hall appeared on MSNBC’s Up with Steve Kornacki to discuss the media’s coverage of Hillary Clinton. Hall explained that Hillary is trying to connect with the public on the campaign trail and the media is just doing its job. Hall said, “we shouldn’t beat up on the media too much,” as it covers the trivial aspects of her campaign until more substantive content is available. (4/19)

Republican Hopefuls Find Deep Pockets for Most Expensive Campaign

FINANCIAL TIMES

For Financial Times, professor of government and Campaign Management Institute director Candice Nelson discussed the likelihood that the total campaign budget for the 2016 presidential race could double the $2.6 billion that candidates spent in 2012. (4/20)

What Gov. Andrew Cuomo’s Cuba Trade Mission Means for US Travel Industry

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS TIMES

Government professor William LeoGrande spoke to International Business Times about thawing U.S.-Cuba relations and future trade agreements between the two countries. LeoGrande highlighted the major travel market on the horizon. (4/21)

The More Effective Cup of Coffee

For Esquire Magazine, psychology professor Laura Juliano discussed how to increase the effectiveness of daily caffeine intake, including waiting 15 minutes after you wake up before having a cup of coffee, not drinking more than 200 milligrams in a two-hour time frame, and taking at least a 90-minute break between cups. (4/22) *Link not available

Almost Nobody Believes the U.S. Air Force Can Build an Affordable Bomber

Bloomberg

For Bloomberg, international service professor Gordon Adams discussed Air Force plans for developing a new secret stealth bomber to replace the B-2 fleet. Adams refuted the idea that the B-2’s are outdated saying that “old doesn’t matter” because “you fly bombers sparingly.” (4/22)

Shake-up in the Cable TV Industry and What It Means for Consumers

For WAMU’s The Diane Rehm Show on NPR, communication professor Andrew Lih discussed the increased popularity of online TV streaming. Lih also explained the effects on cable and satellite providers as well as the response by providers, such as Verizon offering a customized-channel package and Comcast’s potential takeover of Time Warner Cable. (4/23)

Women with Grandkids May Leave Workforce Sooner

U.S. News & World Report featured international finance professor Robin Lumsdaine’s retirement research in which she studied more than 47,000 retirement-age women and concluded that women with grandchildren are more likely to retire early. (4/18)