Top Story
Researchers Install Environmentally Friendly 'Green Roofs' in D.C.

In a special Earth Day segment, WJLA-TV ABC7 featured environmental science professor Stephen MacAvoy's research on green roofs' pollution mitigation effect on the environment. MacAvoy is conducting research on garden rooftops, or green roofs, at D.C. Fire & Emergency Medical Services to determine ecological impacts and energy savings. (4/22)

Op-Eds/AU Authors
Not All Power Resides With the President

With New York Times Room for Debate, law professor Stephen Vladeck wrote about Congress’ attempt to dictate foreign policy over the executive branch through its power to regulate passports. Vladeck explains the issue in the Zivotofsky case where Congress is forcing the State Department to concede that Jerusalem is part of Israel in listing birthplaces on U.S. passports. (4/23)

Condoleezza Rice is All Wrong on Ukraine Crisis

In an op-ed for McClatchy Newspapers, international service professor Clarence Lusane argued former national security advisor and secretary of state Condoleezza Rice’s recent comments on the Ukraine crisis are unhelpful since they advocate U.S. military might over a diplomatic solution. (4/18)

30 Years After Discovery of HIV Virus: The Vital Role of the Social Sciences

Marking the week of the 30th anniversary of the disclosure of the AIDS virus, director of AU Center on Health, Risk and Society Kim Blankenship’s Huffington Post op-ed explained the role research in the social sciences plays in combatting the AIDS epidemic. (4/25)

Expertise
Film at 9/11 Museum Sets Off Clash Over Reference to Islam

New York Times talked to Akbar Ahmed, Ibn Khaldun Chair of Islamic Studies, about the concern among several groups over the use of the terms “Islamist” and “jihadist” in a film to be included at the National September 11 Memorial Museum. Ahmed explained that equating the term “jihadist” with “Muslim” or “Islamist” is an incorrect association that should not be perpetuated. (4/23)

Some Countries Get Obama, But Want His Wife, Too

In an Associated Press piece about President Obama travelling to Asia without First Lady Michelle Obama, executive in residence Anita McBride discussed the benefits of first ladies accompanying U.S. presidents on international trips by providing a different type of diplomacy. More than 160 outlets republished this story, including Houston Chronicle, San Jose Mercury News, and Sacramento Bee. (4/18)
Why Hillary Clinton’s Grandchild Shouldn’t Matter
In a discussion with USA Today about Chelsea Clinton’s pregnancy and whether it would affect Hillary Clinton’s decision to run for president, Jennifer Lawless, director of the Women and Politics Institute, said it would be naïve to think that becoming a grandmother would impact her decisions. Lawless also spoke to MSNBC.com about the plateau in women running for elected political office. (4/18, 4/21)

With Brazil’s Petrobras Under Fire for Corruption, Have Brazilians Had Enough?
Christian Science Monitor spoke to international service professor Matthew Taylor about corruption in Brazil’s state-run oil company, Petrobas, and political maneuvering ahead of elections to gain ground. (4/18)

FBU Puts U.S. Muslims on No-Fly List
Law professor Jennifer Gaskill talked to NPR about the federal lawsuit filed claiming that the FBI has illegally placed American Muslims on the no-fly list. (4/23)

After Censure, Currie Faces Rare Primary Challenge
With the Baltimore Sun, government professor David Lublin talked about the Maryland State Senate race between Melony Griffith and Ulysses S. Currie, where Griffith has shied away from bringing up allegations of bribery and extortion that her opponent is facing. (4/19)

When Congress Is on Break, Crises Can Wait
Chris Edelson, director of the Politics, Policy, and Law Scholars Program talked to the Fiscal Times about Congress not exercising its authority over foreign policy resulting in the President making decisions that Congress scrutinizes. (4/20)

What Nazi-Tied Roots to U.S. International Media Reveals About Ukraine Crisis
In a discussion about Operation Bloodstone, a U.S. intelligence program during the Cold War, Huffington Post highlighted journalism professor Christopher Simpson’s book Blowback: The First Full Account of America’s Recruitment of Nazis and Its Disastrous Effect on The Cold War, Our Domestic and Foreign Policy. (4/21)