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Top Story
Margaret Thatcher Remembered

In separate interviews, history professor Allan Lichtman and director of the Women & Politics Institute Jennifer Lawless spoke to U.S. News & World Report about the passing of Great Britain’s former Prime Minister, Margaret Thatcher. Lichtman discussed the personal and political relationship between Thatcher and former president Ronald Reagan. Lawless discussed Thatcher’s influence on women’s participation in politics. (4/8)

Additional Features
FDR and the Jews in Review and Discussion

The New York Times reviewed FDR and the Jews, the new book coauthored by history professors Allan Lichtman and Richard Breitman that speaks to Roosevelt’s efforts to help the Jews during WWII and the Holocaust. The review highlighted the professors’ extensive research. Lichtman also appeared in studio on WTTG-FOX5’s Morning News to discuss the book. (4/5, 4/7)

Job-Hunting MBAs in D.C. Brush off Uncle Sam

With Bloomberg Businessweek, Arlene Hill, director of the Kogod Center for Career Development, discussed the new trend of Kogod MBA graduates starting government consulting careers rather than taking jobs with the government. (4/8)

Making Sense of Conflicting Worlds

Literature professor Kyle Dargan appeared on PBS’s Moyers & Co, to discuss his poetry, which encourages readers look at the world differently and is inspired by culture clash he observes during his daily commute from poverty stricken Southeast, D.C. to the affluent area where he teaches. (4/5)

JFK at AU

Two panel discussions broadcast by C-SPAN this week mentioned former president John F. Kennedy’s speech “A Strategy of Peace”, delivered 50 years ago at AU’s commencement ceremony. At The Presidency: JFK in History and Memory Event, Timothy Naftali, senior research fellow at the New America Foundation, talked about JFK’s bold requests for Americans to make peace with the Soviets. At the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace panel, Rose Gottemoeller, assistant secretary Department of State, Verification and Compliance, discussed the long lasting importance of the Non-Proliferation Treaty, which JFK called for in his speech. (4/7, 4/9)
Expertise

Pentagon Struggles with High Cost of Health Care

The Associated Press spoke to international service professor Gordon Adams about the challenge the government faces in dealing with the growing cost of military and military retiree medical coverage. More than 275 outlets republished this article, including the Sacramento Bee, Charlotte Observer, and Atlanta Journal Constitution. (4/8)

U.S. Targets Web of Companies Accused of Evading Iran Sanctions

International service professor Jeff Colgan talked to Reuters about whether another round of sanctions aimed at crippling Iran's ability to profit from its oil industry would finally stop the nation's nuclear program. (4/11)

Tax Season Is Here

Executive-in-residence David Kautter provided tips to Reuters for people who can’t afford to pay their taxes by the April 15 deadline. Kautter also spoke with Bloomberg.com about the lack of tax reform in Obama’s latest budget proposal. Kautter also spoke to the New York Times about baby boomers paying the majority of all income taxes. (4/11)

Judge Strikes Down Age Limits on Morning-After Pill

Law professor Lewis A. Grossman spoke to the New York Times about the Federal Court ruling to make the morning after pill available to women of all ages. (4/5)

You Got In; Now, Please Come

With the Wall Street Journal, Greg Grauman, director of undergraduate admissions, talked about AU’s increase in accepted student receptions around the country, this year doubling at 24. (4/10)

Misspoken President

Communication professor Leonard Steinhorn spoke to CNN Newsroom about the impact that President Obama’s remark to California Attorney General Kamala Harris may have on her political career. (4/9)

Sexual Assault on Campus

With NPR’s Diane Rehm Show, Daniel Rappaport, sexual assault prevention coordinator, discussed the provisions in the Violence Against Women Act that will change the way sexual assaults are dealt with on college campuses. (4/11)

Role of American First Ladies

With Michigan’s Big Show (radio) executive-in-residence Anita McBride talked about the First Lady’s conference held this week at the Ford Library (MI). McBride also spoke to LegalNews.com about the success of this week’s conference. (4/8, 4/10)