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Top Story
Inside Look: Student Centers

*University Business* May cover story took an inside look at student centers and featured AU’s University Center among eight universities that created visual appeal and flexible space as a way to build culture and community with students. (May)

Additional Features
Mother, Daughter Graduate From AU On Mother’s Day

WUSA-CBS9 highlighted Karen Parker-Thompson and her daughter Ariell, after receiving degrees from the School of Public Affairs and the Kogod Business School, respectively. WashingtonPost.com, WRC-NBC4 and WNEW 99.1 also highlighted AU’s commencement. (5/11, 5/12)

MOOCs Meet Resistance

Bloomberg News talked to Provost Scott Bass about the cost/benefits of offering massive open online courses and the university’s decision to declare a moratorium on these courses. (5/15)

JFK @ AU

JFK’s Wisdom for Graduates

An opinion column in the Boston Globe suggested that anyone giving a commencement address this spring should look to former President John F. Kennedy's *A Strategy of Peace* speech given at AU’s 1963 commencement for its wise words of moral courage and strong sense of idealism. (5/12)

Expertise

US Senator Probing Why IRS Revealed Mistakes at Lawyer Meeting

With Reuters, communication professor Scott Talan discussed problematic attempts by the IRS to fend off Congressional criticism after revealing that it targeted conservative groups. More than 10 outlets, including the Orlando Sun Sentinel, Chicago Tribune, and Baltimore Sun, republished this article. (5/14)

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Coming Clean on Your Taxes

Executive director of the Kogod Tax Center Don Williamson spoke to Reuters about what causes people to not file their income taxes. (5/14)

Despite Convictions, Brazil Corruption Case Drags On

International service professor Matthew Taylor spoke to The New York Times about what causes people to not file their income taxes. (5/14)

Multiple Controversies Suddenly Plague Obama

McClatchy Newspapers spoke to history professor Allan Lichtman about the controversies plaguing President Obama’s second term. More than 30 outlets, including the Sacramento Bee, Miami Herald, and Charlotte Observer, republished this article. (5/14)

Controversies Risk Starving Obama’s Agenda of Air

James Thurber, director of the Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies, spoke to NPR’s It’s All Politics about the cloud of White House controversies and the risks to President Obama’s second term agenda. (5/14)

Guatemalan Dictator’s Genocide Conviction A First

Law professor Diane Orentlicher discussed with NPR’s Talk of the Nation the significance of former Guatemalan dictator General Efrain Rios Montt’s genocide conviction. (5/14)

After The Office, Dunder Mifflin Will Live on in Every Office

Time magazine spoke to marketing professor Cristel Russell about Quill, a subsidiary of office supply chain Staples, using the brand recognition of Dunder Mifflin, the fictitious employer in NBC’s sitcom The Office, to sell real paper and office products. (5/16)

Amid Security Worries, Student Visas Come Under New Scrutiny

The Chronicle of Higher Education talked to the Chronicle of Higher Education about renewed scrutiny surrounding student visas and the impact changed regulations may have on international student enrollment. (5/10)