Top Story
AU Legal Experts Weigh in on the Supreme Court

Jessica Waters, law professor, spoke to the Christian Science Monitor about the challenges that the Supreme Court declining to rule in the Obamacare birth control challenge poses. Waters concludes that the case, Zubik v. Burwell, is a consolidation of seven different petitions with conflicting rulings in the lower courts, as a result a tied vote would mean that the contraceptive mandate would apply in some areas of the country and not in others. (5/16)

For CNN Online, law professor Steve Vladeck spoke about the Supreme Court declining to rule on the Obamacare contraceptive mandate. In addition, in a TV interview with CNN he spoke about the proposed Supreme Court nominees of presidential candidate Donald Trump, saying that the candidate’s picks were tried and true conservatives on the bench. Vladeck was also featured in a podcast on the Supreme Court on Bloomberg. (5/16, 5/18)

For Education Week, Stephen Wermiel spoke about Merrick Garland. Wermiel posed that looking at Garland’s cases as a law clerk might offer insights, although some justices didn’t preserve the memos and writings of law clerks for posterity. (5/17)

Additional Features
Meet the Game Designer Creating Video Games with Social Impact

Director of the American University Game Lab and Studio, Lindsay Grace was featured in Black Enterprise. Grace designs games with the purpose of having social impact and two of Grace’s games, Black Like Me and Big Huggin’, were highlighted in the article. Grace also works extensively to diversify the game industry through a non-profit, The Global Game Jam. (5/17)

Peter Kuznick on the Complexities of the Atomic Bombings During WWII

History Professor Peter Kuznick was featured on Hearst Television’s Matter of Fact with Fernando Espuelas. Kuznick said that the use of nuclear weapons also carries a responsibility to eliminate them and that the bombings are morally reprehensible and actually did not bring about the surrender of Japan in World War II. (5/14)

Faculty Authors
How Obama Gets Away With It

Communication professor Richard Benedetto authored an article for the Wall Street Journal on how Obama has managed to stay above the fray this election season. Benedetto wrote about the PR machine that has kept President Obama’s track record out of the 2016 presidential campaign. “With Donald Trump now the media obsession—and most in the media don’t like him—it is easy to see why Mr. Obama’s performance over the past seven-plus years is still not a major issue in the 2016 campaign.” (5/19)
6 Things You Need To Know about Venezuela’s Political and Economic Crisis

For the Washington Post, Michael McCarthy, Research Fellow at The Center for Latin American & Latino Studies, authored an article for about Venezuela’s political and economic crisis. McCarthy suggested six points that are important to understanding the current crisis. He also spoke to Al Jazeera English about the crisis in Venezuela. (5/18, 5/16)

“A Fig Leaf of Good Intentions” - The Age of Humanitarian Inaction

THE HUFFINGTON POST Johanna Mendelson Forman, professor in the School of International Service authored a blogpost for The Huffington Post on the United Nations Humanitarian Summit in Istanbul, Turkey. Mendelson Forman argued that the gap between donor dollars and the need of the world’s 60 million refugees is widening. With the Summit lacking plans to confront contentious issues, Mendelson Forman predicted that the international convening would end without “an effective call to action.” (5/16)

A Third-Party Run Against Trump Would Lack Political Punch

THE HILL Communication professor, Tom Squitieri, authored an article in The Hill about the shortcomings of a third-party presidential run. “We have met the third-party candidate, and he is Trump,” he wrote. Squitieri argues that both major parties have made every effort to thwart third-party candidates and it is unlikely that a third-party candidate will now save the race. (5/18)

For a Stronger Military, Draft Women Too

THE HUFFINGTON POST Jessica Trisco Darden, professor in the School of International Service, authored a blogpost for The Huffington Post. Trisko argued that the House leadership’s decision to quash a bill that would require women 18 to 25 to register for the draft was short sighted. “What makes the House GOP’s decision even more befuddling is that the evidence is in: women make a military better,” wrote Darden.

Expertise

Giving $1 to Sanders or Clinton? You’re Helping Set Campaign Records

For McClatchy, government professor Candice Nelson spoke about the Democratic presidential contest and campaign finance. Nelson said that “the advantage of small donors is that you can go back to them again, and again, and again.” (5/16)

Making the Case Against Donald Trump

The Atlantic For the Atlantic, Director of the Women and Politics Institute, Jennifer Lawless spoke about how Democrats can leverage the dislike of Donald Trump by women to their advantage. Lawless said that the ad campaign that started airing this week in Ohio, Nevada, and Florida, aims at ensuring that feelings of ill-will toward Donald Trump don’t fade. (5/19)

Tax Professionals Still Wary of IRS Online Account System

Bloomberg BNA’s Daily Tax Report covered Caroline Bruckner, managing director of the Kogod Tax Policy Center, talk at the National Taxpayer Advocate Public Forum. Bruckner said “taxpayers who work for on-demand platforms like Airbnb, Uber, Lyft and Etsy should be considered small-business owners, but there is currently no way to identify their income on government forms.” She noted that not enough focus on tax compliance of the sharing economy could cause tax gap implications. The Journal of Accountancy also covered Bruckner’s remarks. (5/17)
The End of Itunes Music Sales is Inevitable
Aram Sinnreich, communication professor, spoke to *Computer World* about the music industry and its transition to digital. Sinnreich said that "it's not a matter of whether [Apple stops offering downloaded music via iTunes], but when and how they're going to position it." He also interviewed with *Al Jazeera English* about how social media companies control the way we consume news and what this means for the future of digital journalism. (5/13)

When Housing Mixes Rich and Poor, It's not Instant Harmony
*Greater Greater Washington* For *Greater Greater Washington*, Derek Hyra, Director of the Metropolitan Policy Center, spoke about the unfulfilled promise of mixed income neighborhoods. Hyra says that communities often experience "micro-segregation" and, in turn, experience the ill effects of that segregation. (5/13)

Obama Considering Weapons Sales to Former Enemy, Vietnam
Miles Kahler, professor in the School for International Service, spoke to *McClatchy* about the Obama administrations plan to begin selling weapons to Vietnam. Kahler said that "this is about the signal being sent to China." (5/18)

Why The Controversy over an Israeli General’s Holocaust Comments Matters
*THE HUFFINGTON POST* Dan Arbell, scholar-in-residence, in the Center for Israeli Studies, spoke to the *Huffington Post* about a top Israeli general's comments which seemed to compare the Israeli political climate to that of Nazi Germany. Arbell called the speech, and ensuing controversy, a part of the "battle for the soul of Israeli society." (5/17)

Brazil’s New Acting President Temer Calls for Unity
*USA Today* Professor in the School of International Service, Matthew Taylor, spoke with *USA Today* about Michel Temer, who took over for Dilma Rousseff after she was suspended from the presidency. Taylor said that the government will likely be stalled after the impeachment vote, leaving most of Temer’s plans unrealistic. (5/13)

Water Contamination in the Wake of Flint, Michigan
*CBS News* Bill Snape, practitioner-in-residence in the Washington College of Law, spoke to *CBS News* about the problem of water contamination. Snape said that it is possible that litigation is the only recourse now for problems that arise from contamination. (5/18)

Bonus Clips
*The Washington Business Journal* The *Washington Business Journal* featured the announcement of *Project 500* by Mayor Muriel Bowser, a joint effort between American University and the District to spur "inclusive innovation" and make D.C.’s startup community more diverse. Melissa Bradley, director of the Entrepreneurship and Innovation Initiative said the program will build up businesses in Southeast D.C. through technical assistance, workshops, one-on-one mentoring, and sources of funding. *Project 500* was also featured in *DCist, Tech.Co, DClinno, Washington City Paper*, and *Technical.ly*. (5/4, 5/10, 5/5, 5/4)

The New Language of Protest
*The Washington Post* For the *Washington Post*, several of AU’s student leaders and activists were interviewed about their definitions of some of the important terms of today's activism, like microaggressions, and cultural
appropriation. Outgoing student government president Sasha Gilthorpe, Meri Salem, Rocquel Crutcher, and Naomi Zeigler each weighed in to help define these terms.