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Top Stories

Unravelling Capitalism's Hidden Networks of Power

Kogod School of Business international finance professor **Robin Lumsdaine's** research is featured in a [New Scientist](#) article about the 29 systematically important financial institutions (SIFIs) selected by the Financial Stability Board and the IMF to avoid another financial crisis. **Lumsdaine's** research measures SIFIs complexity because firms with a complex structure can be a source of dangerous financial uncertainty. (5/20)

Why Young People Don't Want to Run For Office

[TIME](#) featured an interview with Women & Politics Institute director **Jennifer Lawless** about her co-authored book, *Running from Office*. **Lawless** discussed the Congress's bitter partisanship and dysfunction impacting young American's ambition to run for any elected office. The [Washington Post](#) also reviewed

Lawless and Richard Fox's book. (5/19 - 5/20)

Gains by ISIS Prompt Questions about U.S. Strategy



For [WAMU's The Diane Rehm Show](#) on NPR, international service distinguished scholar-in-residence **Nora Bensahel** spoke about ISIS' seizing Ramadi and efforts to retake the Iraqi city. **Bensahel** discussed the symbolism of this defeat and the U.S. strategy moving forward. She also appeared on [Federal News Radio](#) and spoke to the [Washington Times](#). International service practitioner-in-residence Lt. Gen. **David Barno** spoke to [Reuters](#) about the "unwarranted amount of optimism about progress

against ISIS" separating the rhetoric from reality. (5/17 - 5/20)

Additional Features

How to Get Arrested Without Really Trying



[NPR's Here & Now](#) featured an [Investigative Reporting Workshop \(IRW\)](#) report about the District of Columbia's broad definition of the "assault on a police officer" law. IRW's AU graduate students found that in two-thirds of the cases examined, the only charge against the arrestee was "assault on a police officer." (5/19)

Ancient Art of Shandong Displayed



[China Daily](#) featured a story about the opening reception and exhibit of ancient art from China's Shandong province now on display at **American University Museum at the Katzen Arts Center**. AU

alumna and Maryland First Lady Yumi Hogan attended the reception. The exhibit contains more than 60 kinds of rubbings of stone inscriptions taken during the Qin and Han Dynasties. (5/20)

Graduating Without a Plan? That's How This Millennial Ended Up At the White House

Forbes

[Forbes](#) featured Kogod School of Business graduate **Vivian Graubard** in a "Self-Made Women" article about her journey to becoming senior advisor to the United States Chief Technology Officer at the White House. (5/18)

How Tim Russert helped This Intern Become the Executive Producer for 'Meet the Press'

bizwomen
THE BUSINESS JOURNALS

[BizWomen](#) featured School of Public Affairs executive-in-residence **Betsy Fischer Martin** in an article about her career at NBC's Meet the Press. **Fischer Martin** shared three key lessons she learned from Tim Russert that shaped her work and personal life. (5/18)

Faculty Author

Do Black Presidents Matter?

 **Tribune News Service**

International service professor **Clarence Lusane** in his op-ed for [Tribune News Service](#) argued that President Obama as the first black president cannot change institutional and structural racism alone. **Lusane** advocated for active black civil society to engage in electoral politics, mass protest and resistance. (5/22)

Expertise

Coalition of Labor, Immigrant Groups Flexing Muscles in Va. Local Races

The Washington Post

populations of Latinos and Asians. (5/18)

Metropolitan Policy Center director **Derek Hyra** spoke to the [Washington Post](#) about the opportunity for candidates in Virginia's local elections to reach out to the growing

Congress Plots to Pay for a Trade Deal by Raiding Medicare

Los Angeles Times

research. **Reynolds**' found that workers receiving assistance did scarcely better than other laid-off workers at finding new employment. (5/18)

For a story about the Trade Assistance Program and Trans-Pacific Partnership trade deal, [Los Angeles Times](#) featured economics professor **Kara Reynolds**' trade assistance

Obama's Missing Police-Reform Proposal

the Atlantic

Law professor **William Yeomans** spoke to the [Atlantic](#) about President Obama's Task Force on 21st Century Policing report. **Yeomans** discussed the reforms missing from the report. (5/18)

Don't Leave Money on the Table: Tips for Negotiating Salaries as a College Grad

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Career Development director **Susan Gordon** spoke to [NBC New York](#) about salary negotiation tips for recent college graduates entering the workforce. (5/19)

U.S., Cuba to Focus on Re-opening Embassies



Government professor **William LeoGrande** appeared on [Voice of America Television](#) to discuss the United States removing Cuba from the State Sponsor of Terrorism list and the re-opening of embassies in Havana and Washington. (5/18)

National Security and the Schoolhouse



For a special Schoolhouse edition of a [War on the Rocks](#) podcast, international service professor **Stephen Tankel** discussed how he began his career in academia. **Tankel** and the other guests discussed the intersection between the policy world and the academy. (5/20)

Bonus

Entertainment and Media Alumni Alliance Hosts Launch Party in DC



The [District Insider](#) and the [Fab Empire](#) featured an American University Alumni Association event for its new Entertainment and Media Alumni Alliance. (5/19)