Top Story
Kogod Research Finds Untaxed Revenue in the Sharing Economy

Caroline Bruckner, managing director of the Kogod Tax Policy Center, was featured in Bloomberg for her research on the $15 billion in untaxed revenue generated by the sharing economy each year. Bruckner found services like Airbnb and Lyft have partners that either do not receive the correct forms to file taxes on their income or are confused about how to do so. Bruckner appeared on CNBC to discuss whether the Internal Revenue Service is equipped to tax sharing economy revenue under the current antiquated tax code. Bruckner also presented the research to lawmakers in the U.S. Congress and Fortune, the Washington Post, Politico and Tax Notes* featured the research. (5/23, 5/24, 5/23, 5/26) *Link unavailable

Faculty Authors
There’s Much Less Gender Bias in Politics than You Think. Here’s Why.

The Washington Post Director of the Women and Politics Institute Jennifer Lawless co-authored an article in the Washington Post on gender bias in politics. Lawless wrote that, contrary to popular belief, voters and media members treat the vast majority of women who run for office no differently than men. On the question of why women are so underrepresented in elected office, Lawless argued, “Women are under-represented not because of what happens on the campaign trail, but because they are much less likely to run in the first place.” Lawless also discussed the ‘charm factor’ in politics with Christian Science Monitor. (5/24, 5/26)

Bombing Hiroshima Changed the World, but It Didn’t End WWII

Los Angeles Times Nuclear Studies Institute Director Peter Kuznick co-authored an op-ed in the Los Angeles Times about the impact of the bombing of Hiroshima. Kuznick wrote that most Americans learn the bombings of Japan helped to bring about the end of WWII, and calls this an “erroneous contention.” Kuznick also highlights the visit of President Obama to Hiroshima as a missed opportunity for a national reckoning. (5/26)

Prosecuting Officers Won’t Lead to the Changes We Need on Race and Policing

The Washington Post For the Washington Post, Law Professor William Yeomans wrote an op-ed about race and policing. Yeomans detailed how criminal prosecution can be ineffective as a means of social change. Yeomans wrote, “While convictions may affect the behavior of some individuals, they are an inadequate driver of systemic change in policing and, of course, do nothing to affect the underlying problems of poverty, unemployment, substandard education and inadequate housing that lie at the root of many tensions between law enforcement and the communities they serve.” (5/24)

Expertise
Media Frenzy over Democratic Disarray

Jane Hall, communication professor, spoke on CNN’s Reliable Sources about the presidential campaign. Hall commented that Hillary Clinton needs the kind of enthusiasm apparent in Bernie Sanders’ social media outreach and that the schism observers see in the Democratic Party should not be discounted. (5/22)
Clerks Defend GOP-Backed Changes to Wisconsin Election Law

Associated Press highlighted History Professor Allan Lichtman’s testimony on a series of Wisconsin voting laws signed by Governor Scott Walker since 2011. Lichtman said the laws amounted to state-sponsored discrimination. (5/24)

Is the White House Manipulating the Media?

For Fox News Fox and Friends, Communication Professor Richard Benedetto spoke about the public relations mastery of the Obama White House. Benedetto said, “Every White House tries to put its best foot forward and its best face forward, but this White House has been much more successful.” Benedetto also spoke to Vox about how Republican support is coalescing around Donald Trump. (5/23, 5/24)

White House Veteran’s 5 Presidential Transition Tips

Executive-in-Residence Anita McBride spoke to Bloomberg Government about her presidential transition tips. McBride said the presidential transition is important because “the transition helps ensure a smooth transfer of power and reaffirms the continuity of our government.” (5/24)

Remnants of Past Wars Haunt Obama’s Trip to Asia

Miles Kahler, professor in the School of International Service, spoke to McClatchy about President Obama’s trip to Asia. Kahler said the president’s message is complicated because of critics who say Obama is issuing too many apologies. (5/25)

DC’s Police Force May Soon Be Majority White

For Washingtonian, Criminology Professor Brian Forst spoke about the changing demographic of Washington, D.C.’s police force. Forst commented, “The effectiveness of racial and ethnic matching of police and the communities they serve is mixed.” (5/26)

Beyonce, Drake and the ‘Exclusives’ Explosion: How Streaming Has Changed the Way Albums are Released

Communications Professor Aram Sinnreich spoke to Billboard about superstar artists and how music-streaming companies are changing the traditional model and reinventing how albums get released. Sinnreich said, "Exclusives are good for a short marketing boost, but they're not a long-term attention tool." (5/26)

Can the U.S. Push Countries Toward Change?

Dean of the School of International Service James Goldgeier spoke to Voice of America about whether or not U.S. engagement can push other countries toward change. Goldgeier said that presidential engagement can pay off in the long run. “Regimes that don’t want to open up are not going to open up overnight,” Goldgeier added.

Hillary and Bill Clinton Dodge ‘Death Tax’ By Putting Their New York Home into Trust

Director of the Kogod Tax Policy Center Don Williamson spoke to the Daily Mail about the decision by Hillary and Bill Clinton to put their New York home into a trust. Williamson said that the plan, which allows the Clintons to stay and use the house for a certain number of years before it belongs to their daughter, is “good estate planning.” (5/23)
Every Olympics Face Predictions of Doom Preceding the Games, but the Health Concerns over Rio Feel Different

Matthew Taylor, professor in the School of International Service, spoke to National Post about the political, economic, and public health challenges Brazil faces as it gears up for the 2016 Olympic Games. “This is a triple-whammy,” Taylor said. “Put together, those three things are unprecedented, certainly in the last 30 years of democracy.” (5/26)

This Philly Comedy Show Tries for YouTube Comments IRL

Center for Teaching, Research and Learning Director Naomi S. Baron spoke to BillyPenn about why the group text screen works. Baron argues that increasingly millennials are doing things in groups and that millennials lean more towards written versus spoken conversation. (5/24)