Top Story
Obama’s Speech Gets Mixed Response Overseas

AU experts James Goldgeier, dean of the School of International Service, Gordon Adams, international service professor, and Richard Benedetto, journalism professor, provided analysis of President Obama’s West Point foreign policy speech. With the Associated Press, Adams explained how the global rebalance does not give the United States the capacity to solve global problems by force or goodwill. Adams also spoke to USA Today. Goldgeier appeared on BBC Radio’s Up All Night to discuss Obama’s priority to keep the United States out of wars and empowering other countries to combat terrorism. With CTV (Canada), Benedetto provided commentary on the lack of U.S. military engagement under President Obama. (5/28, 5/29)

Additional Features
The Science Behind Why Bacon Smells So Good

Chemistry professor Matthew Hartings appeared on NBC’s Today Show to explain how the chemical reactions from sizzling bacon releases organic compounds that trigger salivation as soon as a person comes in contact with the smell that makes it virtually irresistible. (5/29)

13 Bits of Wisdom From Women At Commencement 2014

Huffington Post and New York Observer featured video coverage of award-winning journalist and TV personality Katie Couric’s AU School of Communication commencement address from May 10. (5/27, 5/29)

Making the World a Better Place By Playing Video Games

In a feature piece about the School of Communication’s Persuasive Gaming degree that launches as a joint SOC and CAS program this fall, Lindsay Grace, director of AU’s Game Lab, and computer science professor Michael Treanor spoke to OZY.com – a new Silicon Valley based online news magazine reporting trends ahead of the curve. Grace and Treanor explained how persuasive gaming can help players improve themselves and the world around them. (5/28)

Michelle Monaghan Headlines G.I. Film Fest in Va.

WTOP Radio featured film professor Claudia Myers at the premiere of her film Fort Bliss at the G.I. Film Festival. Live from the red carpet of the festival, Myers discussed how the film tells the story of the cost of war on the families of service members. (5/26)
Op-Eds/AU Authors
A Higher Minimum Wage - At What Cost?
Los Angeles Times
Emeritus economics professor Brad Schiller's Los Angeles Times op-ed argued why Obama's proposed minimum wage hike will cost the economy jobs. Schiller also cautioned that science based on empirical data and social priorities should guide decisions on minimum-wage policy, rather than opinion polls. (5/27)

Ending the ‘War on Terror’ is Easier Than it Seems
msnbc
Law professor Stephen Vladeck wrote an op-ed for MSNBC.com citing the Obama administration’s failure to end the Authorization to Use Military Force resulting from the 9/11 terrorist attacks. Vladeck argues that repealing the AUMF's is a simple matter since open-ended authority to use military force against those groups responsible for the 9/11 attacks in no longer needed. (5/23)

Does the US Need Another Round of Trade Deals?
The Hill
In an op-ed for TheHill.com, international service professor Robin Broad questioned the purported benefits of the Trans-Pacific Partnership. Broad explains how a minority of large U.S. corporations stand to gain stronger intellectual property right protections at the expense of a loss of jobs for the broader public. (5/28)

The Politics of the Silver Line
POLITICO
For Politico Magazine, Dante Chinni, director of the American Communities Project, discussed how Metro’s opening of the new Silver Line at the edge of Loudon County will likely complete the populations’ Democratic shift ending the longtime Republican dominant demographic. (5/29)

Expertise
Rise of the Sticker Economy: 99-Cent Fire-Breathing Cats For Sale
Forbes
Naomi Baron, executive director of the Center for Teaching, Research and Learning, spoke to Forbes about American consumers and the phenomenon of digital stickers, which are icons purchased and used in photo editing on Facebook. (5/27)

A Gentleman With Elbows
A Wall Street Journal piece noted Anthropology department chair Chapurukha Kusimba’s appointment to AU and contribution as co-leader of the discovery last year of a 600-year-old Chinese coin on the Kenyan island of Manda. (5/26)

Brazil Supreme Court Justice Who Presided Corruption Trial Steps Down
The Wall Street Journal
International service professor Matt Taylor spoke to the Wall Street Journal about Brazilian Supreme Court justice Joaquim Barbosa's resignation. Taylor explained the critical role Barbosa played in ruling on the Mensalão scandal. (5/29)

In East, Separatists and Fear Stop Voters
The New York Times
In two separate New York Times interviews, international service professor Keith Darden discussed the significance of Ukraine’s presidential elections before and after the elections, analyzing the discontent and conflict among western and eastern Ukrainians. (5/24, 5/26)

The IRS Cracks Down on Alimony
The Wall Street Journal
David Kautter, managing director of the Kogod Tax Center, spoke to the Wall Street Journal about reporting income and taking deductions in federal income tax filings related to what constitutes alimony versus child support or property settlements. (5/28)

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Hillary's Secret Weapon? GOP Praise

Jennifer Lawless, director of the Women and Politics Institute, talked to The Hill about how GOP praise of Hillary Clinton during her time in the Senate and serving as secretary of state could help her convince voters that she can change Washington should she run for president in 2016. (5/27)

Political Food Fight

In a Hearst Television interview, executive in residence Anita McBride discussed First Lady Michelle Obama’s entering the legislative policy argument over school meal nutrition rules with House Republicans. (5/27)