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Top Story

Report: Buick Enclave, Cadillac CTS Top List of Most ‘American Made’ Vehicles



Kogod School of Business professor **Frank DuBois** spoke to Detroit's [dbusiness](#) about the 2015 Kogod Made in American Auto Index, saying that "This index is an alternative ranking system that provides the public with perhaps the most accurate reflection of the true country of origin of a car and the impact of its purchase on the U.S. economy." [WJRT-ABC12](#) also featured the index. (6/4 - 6/5)

Additional Features

A-Bomb Survivors to Share Their Stories at Exhibition in Washington



The [Asahi Shimbun](#) featured the upcoming American University Museum at the Katzen Arts Center exhibit "Hiroshima-Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Exhibition," which will commemorate the 70th anniversary of the atomic bombings. The exhibit, coordinated in part by history professor **Peter Kuznick**, will showcase 25 artifacts collected from the debris of the bombings, six large folding screens that depict the horrors of the bombings, and a collection of drawings by Japanese children created two years after the war's end. (5/30)

Competing for International Students



Assistant vice president for Campus Life **Fanta Aw** spoke to the [Australian Broadcasting Corporation](#) to discuss the competitiveness for recruiting international students and Australia's future as a leader in international education. **Aw** discussed the factors which attract students to study abroad programs and how the higher education sector has evolved. (5/19)

Faculty Authors

What Social Science Can Learn From the LaCour Scandal



School of Public Affairs and School of International Service professor **Joseph Young's** coauthored op-ed examining how replication can reveal suspect research and data in the wake of the LaCour scandal appeared in the [Chronicle of Higher Education](#). **Young** and his co-author argued that research replication should be embraced to improve research quality. (6/3)

In Defense of a Large, Long Republican Primary



For [USA Today](#), journalism professor **Richard Benedetto** criticized the media's negative portrayal of the large number of Republican presidential hopefuls seeking the nomination. **Benedetto** argued that if anything should be criticized, it should be the narrow field of Democratic candidates. (6/3)

Talk to Iris: 'Into Infinity and Beyond'



For [Capital Gazette](#), School of Professional & Extended Studies professor **Iris Krasnow** discussed College of Arts & Sciences' commencement speaker Kathryn Sullivan and University of Pennsylvania commencement speaker Susan Powers in an article about achieving life dreams, changing careers, pushing beyond uncertainty and addressing fear. (5/29)

Media Spotlight: Filmmaker's 'Wild' Confession



In a [Washington Life](#) op-ed, Center for Environmental Filmmaking director **Chris Palmer** argued that broadcasters and environmental filmmakers are using unethical practices to obtain high network ratings. **Palmer** argued that viewers should boycott shows that harm animals and use unethical practices. (6/1)

Expertise

United States Builds New Foreign Bases



For [Sinclair Broadcast Group's](#) story on U.S. overseas military bases, anthropology associate professor **David Vine** discussed American taxpayer expenditures totaling approximately \$170 billion to operate overseas bases and "the anti-Americanism that is extremely dangerous to our national security." **Vine** drew the information from his book, *Base Nation: How U.S. Military Bases Abroad Harm America and the World*. (5/29)

Benefits for Former Presidents



Center for Congressional & Presidential Studies director **James Thurber** appeared on [C-SPAN's Washington Journal](#) to discuss proposals in Congress to cut some ex-presidential perks if their yearly income after exiting office exceeds a specific threshold. **Thurber** also discussed the history of Congress providing a pension and other perks to former U.S. presidents. (6/1)

American University Experts Provide 2016 Presidential Candidate Analysis



History professor **Allan Lichtman** spoke to the [Washington Post](#) about former Maryland governor Martin O'Malley's presidential campaign launch, noting that O'Malley's bid won't change the dynamic of the race. Women & Politics Institute director **Jennifer Lawless'** prior analysis was quoted in a [Washington Post](#) column about Hillary Clinton's image as a grandmother, and communication professor **Leonard Steinhorn** spoke to [CBS Radio](#) about Lincoln Chafee's White House bid. A [Washington Post](#) article also mentioned Women & Politics Institute statistics compiled on Sunday morning political talk show appearances. (5/30 - 6/3)

House Panel Schedules DoD Spending Markup



School of International Service professor **Gordon Adams** spoke to [Defense News](#) about the Department on Defense budget creeping up. For a separate [Defense News](#) article, **Adams** discussed Sen. John McCain's first defense policy bill. For [Roll Call](#), **Adams** discussed how the National Guard has been funded through less than transparent means. **Adams** also spoke to the [Fiscal Times](#) about the United States' military equipment losses to ISIS. (5/29 - 6/4)

Modern PSAs Shock or Amuse Where Classics Only Preached



Communication professor **Wendy Melillo Farrill** spoke to [Adweek](#) about the effectiveness, fulfillment and popularity of public service announcements, saying, "It's no wonder spots for nonprofits and worthy causes are among the most memorable campaigns being produced today." (6/1)

Security Lapses



School of Public Affairs professor **Richard Bennett** appeared on [WTTG-FOX5](#) to discuss the 95 percent failure rate of Transportation Security Administration's security tests, saying that the TSA needs to stress vigilance and combat complacency. (6/2)

What We Know About the Dennis Hastert Scandal



Washington College of Law's **Amy Tenney**, associate director of the Law & Government Program, spoke to [ABC News](#) to discuss the extortion aspect of the Dennis Hastert scandal. **Tenney** also appeared on [News Channel 8](#) and spoke to [Bloomberg Radio](#). (5/30 - 6/1)