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Top Story
EPA Proposes Cutting Carbon Dioxide Emissions From Coal Plants 30% by 2030
Daniel Fiorino, director of the Center for Environmental Policy spoke to Washington Post and also appeared on Agence France Presse TV and BBC America to discuss the Environmental Protection Agency’s proposed plan to cut carbon emissions through allowing states to pursue various methods to achieve the goal. Environmental science assistant professor Karen Knee also talked about the EPA’s proposal with SustainableBrands.com. (6/2, 6/3, 6/6)

Additional Features
Campus IT Links In
Kamalika Sandell, associate chief information officer, spoke to University Business about redefining project management. Sandell explained that the best way to get projects on the right track to reduce redundancy and waste is through collaboration.

Op-Eds/AU Authors
Obama’s Swap for Bergdahl: A presidential power play?
Los Angeles Times
Government professor Chris Edelson in an op-ed for the Los Angeles Times argued President Obama exceeded his presidential authority in releasing Guantanamo detainees without giving Congress the legally required notice. Edelson said the trend of U.S. presidents affixing signing statements to legislation is undermining Congress’s authority. (6/6)

Brown University Allows Rapist Back on Campus, Faces Federal Complaint
For USA Today College, AU rising junior Thomas House wrote about the federal complaint filed against Brown University for allegedly violating the Clery Act and Title IX by allowing a student found guilty of rape by the university disciplinary panel to return to campus after a one year suspension rather than expelling the student. (6/2)

The GOP’s Racial DNA
THE HILL
In an op-ed for TheHill.com, communication professor Leonard Steinhorn argued Democratic Senator Jay Rockefeller’s accusations that the Republican Party’s opposition towards President Obama and his administration’s programs are driven by racially coded attitudes and politics dating back decades. (6/4)

Classroom Into Newsroom: 9 Steps to a Multimedia Class Project
For Mediashift, Amy Eisman, director of the Media Entrepreneurship and Interactive Journalism program, shared the nine steps to transform a classroom into a working newsroom as she’s done for the last six years in her writing and editing for convergent media course. (6/2)
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