Top Story

Peter Kuznick and Oliver Stone on the 'Untold History of the United States'

In light of President Obama's announcement to visit Hiroshima, Japan, Nuclear Studies Institute Director Peter Kuznick appeared on NPR affiliate WBEZ Chicago to discuss the atomic bombings of Japan. Kuznick said, “The atomic bombings really did change history. They began a process by which the annihilation of all life on earth became possible.” (5/10)

Additional Features

Allan Lichtman and the 13 Keys Prediction

The Washington Post featured a video interview and Q-and-A with History Professor Allan Lichtman about his series of false/true statements, the 13 Keys, that has accurately predicted every presidential election since 1984. Lichtman said, “This is a difficult election to call, which is why I haven't called it yet, but it's not an impossible election to call.” Lichtman also discussed the keys with CNN. (5/12, 5/13)

Why Belief in Witchcraft Can Do Harm

LiveScience featured research on the negative relationship between witchcraft beliefs and trust by Economics Professor Boris Gershman. Gershman said, “Economists and other social scientists have found a positive role of things like trust and cooperation in fostering business transactions, economic growth, trade and a variety of positive socioeconomic outcomes. If witchcraft beliefs indeed contribute to the erosion of social capital, this is the channel through which they may adversely affect economic development.” (5/12)

69% of Sharing Economy Entrepreneurs Received Zero Tax Guidance from Companies

Advisor Magazine featured a survey on participation in the sharing economy conducted by the Kogod Tax Policy Center and the National Association for the Self-Employed. Caroline Bruckner, the center's managing director, said, “The fact that those in the sharing economy did not receive any tax guidance suggests that unless those participating use professional tax preparers, they run the risk of being shortchanged by the tax code and not fully understanding the financial and tax implications of running a shared economy business.” (5/13)

Rustic Landscapes with Just a Touch of Menace

William Dunlap’s show, “Look at It — Think About It”, at the American University Museum at the Katzen Arts Center, was reviewed in the Washington Post. Dunlap’s show combines homages to Rembrandt with pastoral scenes that are dark and solemn. The show also highlights Dunlap's style of "hypothetical
realism”. The Washington Post also covered a second exhibit featuring the work of Kevin MacDonald. (5/6, 5/13)

Faculty Authors
Would President Trump Recognize The Limits On Power?

Chris Edelson, director of the Politics, Policy, and Law Scholars Program, authored an op-ed for Time Magazine on presidential candidate Donald Trump. Edelson wrote that Trump “is running a campaign based in large part on the promise that he would be a strong leader who would take actions other presidents have been unwilling or unable to carry out.” The piece was also published in Tulsa World. (5/5, 5/7)

Navigating Campus Together

Melissa Young, literature professorial lecturer, wrote an article for The Atlantic about how first-generation faculty can steer first-generation students towards success. Young wrote that “writing centers and campus counselors and diversity-inclusion programs want students to succeed. But as a first-generation college student, I avoided all of them, assuming I couldn’t afford the extra bill. Now, as college faculty, I want my students to know what I didn’t.” (5/6)

Expertise
Priced Out of My Childhood Home

For the New York Times, Director of the Metropolitan Policy Center Derek Hyra spoke about gentrification pricing out long-time residents of New York City neighborhoods. Hyra said, “Developers and real estate agents tend to favor the newcomers, and the newcomers tend to be white and affluent.” Hyra also spoke to the Chicago Reporter about the black middle class’ vulnerability to living in communities with high concentrations of poverty. Chicago Crusader also ran the story. (5/13, 5/8, 5/9)

‘Weiner’ Covers a Political Campaign Set on Self-Destruct

Communication Professor Patricia Aufderheide spoke to the New York Times about the documentary ‘Weiner.’ Aufderheide said the filmmaker’s sharing of footage with the candidate was an acceptable trade. She also noted that “whether you want to or not, as a documentary filmmaker, you are going to have a relationship with your subject.” (5/11)

Ted Cruz at a Crossroads as He Returns to the Senate

For The New York Times, Director of the Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies James Thurber spoke about Sen. Ted Cruz and how lawmakers antagonistic toward leadership can evolve into statesmen in the Senate. That might be the course ahead for Cruz. Thurber also spoke to CNN, the Los Angeles Times and SBS World News Radio. (5/8, 5/10, 5/9, 5/5)

Could Gender Be The Decisive Factor In A Trump-Clinton Matchup?

Director of the Woman and Politics Institute Jennifer Lawless spoke to NPR about the role that gender could play in a Trump-Clinton matchup. Lawless said men and women often don’t see eye-to-eye in elections and that the gender gap has become a gender gulf. Lawless was also interviewed on C-SPAN and discussed ‘Bernie Bros’ with USA Today. (5/10, 5/8)

Brazil President Dilma Rousseff Suspended After Losing Impeachment Vote
School of International Service Professor Matthew Taylor spoke to Bloomberg about Brazil's Senate vote to suspend President Dilma Rousseff from office. Taylor said, “The Workers’ Party will make the current opposition look like a bunch of teddy bears.” This story also ran in Calgary Herald, Montreal Gazette, The Leader Post, and Boston Globe. Arturo Porzecanski, professor in the School of International Service, also spoke to Fox News Latino about the crisis. (5/11, 5/12)

Uncharted 4 and the Grief of Finishing a Great Video Game

The Guardian featured Kogod School of Business Professor Cristel Russell's study, "When Narrative Brands End: The Impact of Narrative Closure and Consumption Sociality on Loss Accommodation," which argues that fans mourn when a good TV show or book series comes to a close. The article explained the sense of loss can be even more intense for gamers due to their interaction with characters. (5/10)

Deadline Looms for U.S. to Cede Control over Internet Naming Conventions

The Globe and Mail School of Communication Associate Dean Laura DeNardis spoke to The Globe and Mail about the United States relinquishing control of the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority. DeNardis said, “It's in the interest of internet stability to keep moving toward this multi-stakeholder global model.” (5/8)

North Carolina’s “Bathroom Law”

Law Fellow William Yeomans spoke to MSNBC about the legal implications of the standoff between the U.S. Department of Justice and North Carolina. Yeomans noted the administration has strongly taken the position that “discrimination on the basis of gender identity is prohibited sex discrimination.” Yeomans also spoke to Time Magazine. (5/9, 5/4)

Legal Parameters of Campaign Walk-Up Music

Communication Professor Aram Sinnreich spoke to KCBS San Francisco about campaign songs and “walk-up” music. Sinnreich explained that the use of an artist’s music in campaign venues is a legal grey area, but that there are also public relations implications when artists say they don’t support the candidate. Sinnreich also spoke to Wired about the first literary magazine on the dark web and explained the global relevance for publications on the encrypted network, Tor. (5/6, 5/12)

Predictions for the Presidential Primaries

Public Communication Professor Leonard Steinhorn spoke on WDSU New Orleans leading up to this week’s presidential primaries. Steinhorn gave predictions about the Clintons’ messaging on the significance of West Virginia and protest votes against Donald Trump in Nebraska. (5/10)

Uncle Sam Needs Coders. Here’s How The Military Could Draft Them

The Huffington Post highlighted an essay by David Barno, distinguished practitioner-in-residence, and Nora Bensahel, distinguished scholar, both of the School of International Service. Barno and Bensahel wrote in the essay for War on the Rocks that “new kinds of conflicts may require conscripting the nation’s best experts at code writing, hacking, and cyber security.” (5/10)

**Bonus clip**

Trademark Restrictions Permit Free Speech without Approving Offensive Speech

The New York Times Law Professor Christine Haight Farley wrote an op-ed in the New York Times about trademark restrictions and offensive speech. Of the recent
controversy involving offensive trademarks, Farley wrote, “The government cannot prohibit the use of disparaging names as trademarks, but it also cannot approve those names through registration. In making this distinction, Congress struck the right balance.” (5/4)