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### Top Story

#### New Exhibit Offers Different Perspective on World War II End

**AP** **Associated Press** [Associated Press](#) featured the Hiroshima-Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Exhibition at the **American University Museum at the Katzen Arts Center**, which runs through August 16. Nuclear Studies Institute director **Peter Kuznick**, who helped organize the exhibit, said Americans are not aware of the devastating impact a nuclear conflict could have and “Part of why we’re doing this is because the danger has not really passed, and it’s important that people focus on it again.” [WPTF](#) radio also featured the exhibition. (6/13)

### Additional Features

#### Jordan Eagles’ Blood Mirror a Brilliant Commentary on the Gay Blood Ban

**Slate** [Slate](#) featured a story about artwork that will be part of a forthcoming exhibit at the **American University Museum at the Katzen Arts Center**. The centerpiece of the exhibit will be a large, glass-mirrored sculpture called “Blood Mirror,” which artist Jordan Eagles created in response to the federal ban on gay and bisexual male blood donors. (6/17)

#### Always Make Small Talk Before Negotiating: Study Finds Men Get Ahead by Chatting Before Deals

**Daily Mail** [Daily Mail](#) featured Kogod School of Business professor **Alexandra Mislin’s** study on small talk in negotiation. **Mislin** found that chit-chat in negotiations has a stronger, more consistent effect for men. Her research explains women are expected to be more communicative, but deal makers appreciate men making the extra effort. (6/17)

### Expertise

#### Why Pope Francis’ Climate Message Is Hard for Americans to Swallow

**The Washington Post** Department of Religion and Philosophy associate professor **Evan Berry** spoke to the [Washington Post](#) for a story about the papal encyclical and how Americans would receive Pope Francis’ message that climate change affects the most vulnerable. **Berry** noted: “That’s very much where the climate problem has taken the environmental movement is concern for the people who are affected by it but didn’t cause it.” (6/18)

## Brian Williams to Remain at NBC, But in Diminished Role at MSNBC

**THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.** Professor of journalism **Jane Hall** spoke to the [Wall Street Journal](#) about NBC's decision to keep Brian Williams with the network, but as an anchor with MSNBC rather than NBC *Nightly News*' anchor. Public communication professor **Gemma Puglisi** spoke to [Media Life Magazine](#) about the future of Brian Williams' career, Lester Holt, NBC's handling of the ordeal, and the outlook for MSNBC with Williams onboard. (6/18 - 6/19)

## Discussion of First Ladies

**AP Associated Press** For [Associated Press](#), Center for Congressional & Presidential Studies executive-in-residence **Anita McBride** discussed first lady Michelle Obama's aggressive travel schedule. **McBride** explained that it's easier for a second term first lady to travel because campaigning is over. For a separate [Associated Press](#) article, **McBride** discussed the history of stand-in first ladies in relation to GOP presidential candidate **Lindsey Graham's** comment that his sister "could play" first lady. Combined, both articles syndicated more than 500 times. (6/12 - 6/17)

## U.S. Struggles to Rein in Islamic State



School of International Service distinguished practitioner-in-residence **Lt. Gen. David Barno** spoke to [Agence France Presse](#) about the United States' efforts to contain the Islamic State. **Barno** said that the United States is falling short in containing ISIS and that all of the conditions for ISIS to expand are present. **Barno** also spoke to the [Christian Science Monitor](#) about ISIS. (6/13 - 6/16)

## Regional Memo: Hogan's Purple Line Choice Could Paint Him as Ideologue

**The Washington Post** The [Washington Post](#) featured an excerpt from professor of government **David Lublin's** blog discussing the proposed Purple Line. **Lublin** explained the conundrum Maryland Governor Larry Hogan faces on accepting or rejecting his transportation secretary's recommendation about the project. (6/13)

## Bridgewater Sees Stability in Cross-Border Asset Flows



[ValueWalk](#) featured Kogod Department of Finance and Real Estate professor **Valentina Bruno's** research in an article about cross-border asset flows. The article showcases studies, including **Bruno's** research that explain how speculative cross-border asset flows led up to 2008 credit crisis. (6/16)

## Obama's Limits on Display in House Defeat of Trade Measure

**Bloomberg** Academic director of the Public Affairs & Advocacy Institute for the Center of Congressional & Presidential Studies **Patrick Griffin** spoke to [Bloomberg](#) about the likelihood of the White House and Republicans finding a way to pass trade legislation, saying that "things this big don't just go up in smoke." (6/12)

## Obama Administration Close to Announcing Opening of Embassy in Cuba



For [Fox News Latino](#), government professor **William LeoGrande** discussed the imminent opening of U.S. and Cuban embassies, saying that all major issues have been resolved and there are some logistics to work out such as Secretary of State Kerry's travelling to Cuba for the flag raising. (6/17)

## Putin Says Russia Will Bolster Its Nuclear Arsenal



School of International Service dean **James Goldgeier** appeared on [Fox News Channel's Shepard Smith Reporting](#) to discuss concerns about Vladimir Putin's plans to boost Russia's nuclear arsenal with 40 intercontinental ballistic missiles and the repositioning of U.S. military equipment in Eastern Europe. (6/16)

## After Pelosi Trade Revolt, Obama to Collect Cash for Dems



Journalism professor **Richard Benedetto** spoke to the [Washington Examiner](#) about President Obama's fundraising efforts that benefit Democratic candidates even though Nancy Pelosi and Hillary Clinton have distanced themselves from the President Obama because of his trade package. **Benedetto** also talked about the history of presidents fundraising for their party's successor candidate. (6/18)

## The Pop Culture Primary Is Here



History professor **Allan Lichtman** spoke to [CNN Politics](#) about the history of the "pop culture campaign" in which political candidates engage with pop culture figures to be seen as ordinary, relatable people. **Lichtman** also appeared on [CCTV America](#) to discuss the 2016 presidential candidates. (6/15 - 6/18)

## Why So Many African Leaders Hate the International Criminal Court



School of International Service assistant professor of international politics **David Bosco** spoke to the [Washington Post](#) about the tensions that arise when the International Criminal Court pursues senior government officials in Africa rather than rebels and militia leaders. (6/15)

## 'Gay-sounding' Voices Are a Stereotype, Researchers Say



Anthropology professor **William Leap** spoke to the [Boston Globe](#) about scholarly research into 'gay-sounding voices,' in light of a new autobiographical documentary called "Do I Sound Gay?" (6/18)

## Bernieman! Why Is Socialist Senator Bernie Sanders So Popular?



Department of Management professor **Mark Clark** spoke to the [New York Observer](#) about Bernie Sanders' controversial proposal to turn back the tax code 60 years. **Clark** questioned the proposal and suggested that businesses won't expand if they have to pay 90 percent in taxes. (6/16)

## Retailer: Foreign Assets Fit the Rules



Kogod Tax Center executive director **Don Williamson** spoke to [Arkansas Democrat-Gazette](#) about the criticism of Walmart's tax-reducing practices. **Williamson** said, "I don't consider it unpatriotic to try to minimize your tax burden" and likened the practice to "individual taxpayers who itemize deductions in hopes of paying less back to the government." (6/18)