Top Story
Iraq’s Disintegration Leaves U.S. Few Good Options
International service professors Hillary Mann Leverett, Gordon Adams and Ben Jensen discussed President Obama’s strategic options to address the Sunni militant uprising in Iraq. Director of the Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies James Thurber explained President Obama's domestic challenges for handling the Iraq crisis.

Leverett appeared on C-SPAN’s Washington Journal to explain how the United States could constructively deal with the key players in the region to resolve the Iraq crisis. In coauthored articles for Politico Magazine and National Interest, Leverett discussed engagement with Iran to address issues in Iraq and Syria in addition to U.S. flawed policy in the Middle East. Leverett also spoke to Christian Science Monitor and appeared on Los Angeles NPR affiliate KPCC Radio.

After Obama’s news briefing outlining training and sending advisors to Iraq, Adams critiqued the plan and lack of designated funds for Politico, McClatchy, and Washington Times.

Jensen spoke to CBSNews online in a discussion about how Presidents George W. Bush and Obama’s foreign policies compare in response to threats to U.S. global security interests.

James Thurber appeared on Associated Press TV to explain the lack of support President Obama has from the public and in Congress to effectively handle the crisis. (6/13, 6/16, 6/19)

Additional Features
School Lunches are More Nutritious When Students Get Involved
In her Washington Post op-ed, Anastasia Snelling, associate dean of the School of Education, Teaching and Health, discussed her research results from public schools in D.C. and Arlington that showed children’s consumption of vegetables increases when they are involved in food preparation and when they are served vegetables on their lunch trays. Snelling also discussed this research with WTOP Radio. (6/13, 6/17)

Soldiers Who Kill Less Likely to Drink, Study Finds
Military Times and Examiner online highlighted marketing professor Cristel Russell’s research revealing that soldiers who experience killing in combat are less likely to abuse alcohol than those who do not. Russell identified that soldiers who kill while deployed develop a higher sensitivity to mortality which increased their tendency towards self-preservation. Russell’s research was also featured in Army Times, Navy Times, Air Force Times, Marine Corps Times, Science World Report, Orthopedics Today and Thefix.com (6/11, 6/19)
Op-Eds/AU Authors

It’s Time for the House to Take Up Immigration

In a Baltimore Sun op-ed, law professor Amanda Frost wrote about the ongoing problems that immigrants are facing as they wait for U.S. visas. Frost says that the real problem is that there are too few visas for too many eligible applicants. (6/13)

Kidnapping is Legally Dubious, But It’s Also the Best Way to Get Terrorists

With the capture of Ahmed Abu Khattala, one of the leading suspects in the 2012 attack on the U.S. compound in Benghazi, law professor Stephen Vladeck in an op-ed for Washington Post discussed the legality of U.S. unilateral operations to capture wanted terrorists overseas to face criminal charges in U.S. courts. (6/18)

Expertise

Online School Has 100,000 Students, One Subject

In a Wall Street Journal story about a Venezuelan online language school staffed with native English speakers, Naomi Baron, executive director of the Center for Teaching, Research, and Learning, explained that online language learning places less emphasis on teaching finer grammar points to instead equip students to get their point across, to speak and listen. (6/17)

How Industry Makes Ice Cream

Yahoo! Food and Examiner online featured chemistry professor Matt Hartings in a video explaining the science of ice cream. Hartings revealed factors that make ice cream creamy or crunchy, what makes it soft serve and how to make old-fashioned hard ice cream. Phys.org and ScienceNewsline also featured the video. (6/17, 6/18)

Patent Office: Redskins 'Disparaging'

Law professors Christine Farley and Vicki Phillips talked about the U.S. Patent Office ruling to cancel six Washington Redskins trademarks, which they each said will impact revenue generated from merchandising and could pressure the team to change its name. Farley discussed the ruling with ABC News Online, Washington Times and Constitution Daily, and appeared on WJLA ABC-7. Phillips appeared on WAMU's Kojo Nnamdi Show to discuss the fallout from the historic ruling. (6/18)


Communication professor Andrew Lih spoke to the Chronicle of Higher Education about Wikipedia gaining wider acceptance in the classroom because of changing attitudes about the utility of technology and the organized efforts from various professions to increase and refine Wikipedia entries. (6/13)

Budget, Employee Reductions Force Agencies to Rethink Mission Goals

Bob Tobias, director of the Key Executive Leadership Programs appeared on Federal News Radio’s In Depth With Francis Rose to discuss how federal government agencies are dealing with budget cuts and the unsustainable consequences Congress and the administration could face as a result of these funding and staffing cuts. (6/16)

Myths on Marriages

Psychology professor Barry McCarthy answered questions for Men’s Health, debunking myths about issues in marriage, intimacy and relationships. (6/14)

The Only Good Thing to Come From the VA Scandal

With Deseret News, history professor Allan Lichtman talked about lawmakers reaching a bipartisan legislative agreement on how to address problems in Veterans Affairs’ health services. (6/16)