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Top Story
AU Experts Respond to Brexit Referendum Vote
For The Washington Examiner, School of International Services Dean James Goldgeier spoke about the impact of a possible U.K. departure from the European Union. Goldgeier said, “I do think that if the U.K. leaves the EU, it’ll simply accelerate the process of increasing Germany's importance to foreign policy and decreasing the U.K.’s.” (6/24)

Government Professor Billy Davies and Law Professor Fernanda Nicola both spoke to the DC Bar about the Brexit vote. Davies said the laws governing a country exit from the E.U., as written in the Lisbon Treaty, are “vague.” Nicola noted that freedom of movement is obviously one of the biggest issues with the Brexit vote. (6/27)

Michelle Egan, professor in the School of International Service, spoke about the impact of the Brexit vote with WTTG Fox 5. Egan said that the analogy in thinking about the United States and Brexit is to see the fractious nature of the politics in the U.S. and the presidential campaign and the fractious nature of the Brexit referendum vote. Egan also spoke to Russia Today. (6/24, 6/27)

Faculty Authors
The Court Slams the Door on Domestic Abusers Owning Guns
Rachel Louise Snyder, associate professor of literature, wrote a piece for The New Yorker about the Supreme Court’s ruling to uphold a ban that prohibits abusers convicted of domestic-violence misdemeanors from owning or possessing firearms. Snyder wrote, “The dangerousness of guns and domestic violence is well documented; their presence increases a victim’s homicide risk eightfold, and access to guns is one of the three highest risk indicators for domestic-violence homicide.”

How Trump’s Extremism Could Give Clinton a Free Pass on Presidential Power
Politics, Policy, and Law Scholars Program Director Chris Edelson authored an article for Morningstar. Edelson wrote, “Presidential national security power has expanded beyond constitutional limits, and voters ought to be concerned about what this means for the next president— whoever that is. It’s easier to see the reasons to be worried about Trump, but that shouldn’t shield Clinton from scrutiny.” (6/28)

If 'Bipartisanship' Is Now A Dirty Word, How About A Rebranding?
For The Hill, Tom Squitieri, communication professor, authored a blogpost about bipartisanship. Squitieri wrote, “It is clearly time to rename ‘bipartisanship’ since the current, old name just is not cutting it any more, let alone producing the result desired by voters.” (6/28)
Sanders Is Only Helping Trump by Staying In the Race

History Professor Allan Lichtman penned an article in The Hill about presidential candidate Bernie Sanders. Lichtman wrote, "By refusing to endorse Hillary Clinton for president and threatening to take his campaign to the convention, Sanders is creating a condition that has almost always spelled defeat for the party holding the White House." Lichtman also discussed with The Boston Globe how the 2016 race could wind up looking a lot like the presidential contest of 1988. (6/30)

Expertise
Religion & Democracy

With CBSNews, Martyn Oliver, Arab Studies program director, discussed the challenges America is facing when it comes to religious bigotry and why this climate of fear and intolerance is a threat to democracy. (6/26)

CNN's Lewandowski Joins Stable of Former Operatives on News

For The Associated Press, Communication Professor Jane Hall spoke about the hiring of former Donald Trump campaign manager Corey Lewandowski. Hall said, "It's really an example of a revolving door between the media and politics that is spinning off the hinges." The article ran in 165 media outlets, including The Daily Journal, The News and Observer Online, The Washington Times and The Houston Chronicle. (6/24, 6/25)

Kennedy’s Swings, Scalia’s Death Define Volatile Supreme Court Term

Law Professor Steve Vladeck spoke to CNN Politics about the Supreme Court term. Vladeck said, "Kennedy’s evolution matters because at least for the moment, his is the decisive vote on this and subsequent challenges that are already in the pipeline, on the constitutionality of race-based affirmative action programs." (6/27)

Will Democrats Finally Win on Gun Sales by Being Less Ambitious?

Professor of Communication Richard Benedetto spoke to McClatchy about the Democratic Party and gun reform. Benedetto said, “There is no question that the Democrats see this as a political strength for them and are playing it to the hilt, down to the occupation of the House.” (6/27)

Here’s What Gig Workers Need to Know About Paying Taxes

Caroline Bruckner, managing director of the Kogod Tax Policy Center, spoke to Time Magazine about gig workers and taxes. Bruckner said, “A lot of the debate [about gig work] has been about whether these are really classified as employees. Those issues are going to be settled by the courts. But in the meantime these folks have real tax challenges.” (6/28)

Fermentation Fervor: Here’s How Chefs Boost Flavor And Health

Chemistry Professor Matthew Hartings spoke to NPR’s Morning Edition about fermentation and flavor. Hartings said fermentation is one of the most ancient ways of creating flavor in foods. (6/24)
Debating the Role of the U.S. Military

For PBS’s The Whole Truth with David Eisenhower, Nora Bensahel, scholar-in-residence in the School of International Service, spoke about the objectives of the United States military. Bensahel said the military’s role comes from the fundamental question of what the U.S. role in the world should be, which she estimates should include protecting the homeland and deterring and responding to conflict. (6/26)

Is There Gender Bias in U.S. Politics?

Director of the Women and Politics Institute Jennifer Lawless spoke to The Telegraph about gender in U.S. politics. Lawless said, “There is one defining feature that determines how people cast ballots and how donors decide to give. That feature is party, not sex.” Lawless also spoke to Vox. (6/29, 6/28)

Turkey Declares Day of Mourning Following Attack on Istanbul Airport

Professor in the School of International Service Doga Eralp spoke to CCTV America about the terrorist attack in Istanbul. Eralp said Turkey’s foreign policy, including the recent reconciliations with Russia and Israel, might be an indicator of why ISIS has decided to launch such a large-scale attack in Turkey now. (6/29)

Bonus Clip

Some Parts of the Brazilian Government Actually Aren’t Corrupt. Here’s What They Have in Common.

For The Washington Post, Matthew Taylor, professor in the School of International Service, co-authored an article that discussed corruption in Brazil’s government. Taylor wrote, “Understanding the current state of affairs in Brazil means understanding which portions of the government are more likely to function effectively than others, and which are more susceptible to corruption.” (6/20)