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Top Story
AU Experts Discuss Recent Terrorist Attacks in Turkey and Bangladesh
Tricia Bacon, assistant professor in the Department of Law, Justice and Criminology, spoke to WEAA’s Ellison Report about terror attacks in Istanbul, Turkey. Bacon said, “Attacks on airports have long been a favorite target of terrorist organizations.” (7/1)

Stephen Tankel, assistant professor in the School of International Service, spoke to the BBC about the attacks in Bangladesh. Tankel said, “One of the issues is whether or not these attacks are ISIS inspired or directed. This attack is a considerable step forward in terms of organization and we have seen the building of a network in Bangladesh over the last several years.” Tankel also spoke to Al Jazeera English about the attacks. (7/1, 7/2)

Faculty Authors
Pakistani Militants and the State: Friends, Foes, and Frenemies
Stephen Tankel, assistant professor in the School of International Service, authored an article for War on the Rocks about Pakistan. In the article, Tankel wrote, “There are four types of relationships that exist between the Pakistani state and the militants based on its territory: collaboration, benign neglect, belligerence, and competition.” (7/5)

Will the Real Hillary Clinton Please Stand Up?
For The Hill, Public Communication Professor Leonard Steinhorn authored an article on Hillary Clinton. Steinhorn wrote of Clinton, “It’s not her political opponents or even Trump who should worry her this election. It’s the unenthusiastic and tepid reception she gets from many who ought to support her but can’t yet bring themselves to do so.” (7/6)

Brexit Proved Again That Identity Can Trump Economics
Matthew Wright, professor of government, co-authored an article in The Washington Post on Brexit. Wright analyzed why Britons voted to leave the European Union. He wrote, “Elites may complain that mass publics are misguided or intolerant, but their complaints are shortsighted. Identities are powerful.” (7/2)

Expertise
Drone Strike Statistics Answer Few Questions, and Raise Many
Ibn Khaldun Chair of Islamic Studies in the School of International Service, Ambassador Akbar Ahmed, spoke to The New York Times about drones. Speaking about the current use of drones, Ahmed said, “There’s a massive failure of strategy.” The story was also picked up by The Daily Caller. (7/3)
Hillary Clinton Has Attracted Fervent, and Conflicting, Feelings for Decades
Director of the Women and Politics Institute Jennifer Lawless spoke to Time Warner Cable News about presumptive presidential nominee Hillary Clinton. Lawless said, “For 25 years, every single day, she’s been on the front page of the newspaper, and that just opens the door for people's commentary.” Lawless also spoke to The Christian Science Monitor about Congressional delegations traveling overseas. (7/1, 7/5)

Two Women Vie to Become British PM
History Professor Laura Beers spoke to BBC World Service Radio about the runoff between two women candidates for prime minister in Britain. Beers said, “It’s a major moment in the move towards equality…but whether if it’s a movement for feminism remains an open question.” (7/7)

John Legend and This Former Prosecutor Have One Goal: Keep Teens Out Of Prison
For The Guardian, Law Professor Angela J. Davis spoke about the criminal justice system, saying, “The unchecked discretion of prosecutors is extraordinary, and the mechanisms of accountability we have don’t work.” (7/5)

Gay Talese And Rolling Stone Trusted Their Sources. Then We Lost Trust In Them.
Communication Professor Jane Hall spoke to The Washington Post about the use of sources in journalism. Hall argued the danger in using only one source is that the person “may have an ax to grind, or their memories may be faulty, or what they're telling you may be untrue.” (7/4)

Venezuela Refuses to Default. Few People Seem to Understand Why.
For Bloomberg, Arturo Porzecanski, professor in the School of International Service, spoke about Venezuela’s economic and political crisis. Porzecanski said comparisons to the collapse of Zimbabwe in the early 2000s are misleading because Venezuela was a more wealthy and stable country than Zimbabwe, previous to this crisis. (7/4)

Partnership Audit Rules for the Next Decade
Executive Director of the Kogod Tax Policy Center Don Williamson contributed an article to Tax Advisor discussing partnership audit rules. Williamson wrote, “The Budget Act dispensed with the partnership-item criterion in favor of determining any adjustment to items of income, gain, loss, deduction, or credit of all partnerships at the partnership level, with the partnership, rather than partners, generally liable for any resulting imputed underpayment.” (7/1)

Marco Rubio Misses A Lot Of Senate Votes. Why That’s Not All Bad.
History Professor Allan Lichtman spoke to The Christian Science Monitor about Marco Rubio. Lichtman said, “It can be very deceptive just looking at the percentage of missed votes, because it’s missing important votes that matters.” Lichtman also spoke to Media General about his 13 Keys for predicting the next president. (7/1, 7/2)

Are Donald Trump’s Attacks On Free-Trade Deals Alienating Big Business?
Kogod School of Business Professors Frank DuBois and Jeffrey Harris spoke to The Christian Science Monitor about the shifting alliances between business and politics. DuBois said both Clinton and Trump were becoming more protectionist. If Trump is defeated in November, there won’t be a permanent split between big business and the GOP, Harris said. (7/5)
Will Democrats Finally Win on Gun Sales by Being Less Ambitious?

Communication Professor Richard Benedetto spoke to McClatchy about gun control. Regarding the push for a ban on gun sales to suspected terrorists, Benedetto said, “Polling shows that the public overwhelmingly believes this is the way to go.” (6/27)

Bonus Clips

Photo Display Pays Tribute to American U. Graduate Kevin Sutherland

The Washington Post featured a story about a tribute to alumni Kevin Sutherland at the NoMa-Gallaudet Metro stop. Sutherland's family and friends sponsored the installation of photographs Sutherland took while a student at American University. (7/1)

Rachael Stewart Speaks at Smithsonian Air and Space Museum’s 40th Birthday Party

College of Arts and Sciences student Rachael Stewart was featured on C-SPAN as a speaker at the 40th birthday of the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum. Stewart reflected on the significant role museums played in igniting her love for science. (7/1)

Kogod School of Business Incubator in the News

The Kogod School of Business incubator was highlighted in Technically. One of the incubator's successful projects, ruvna, is a school safety and emergency preparedness startup based in New York. (7/5)