Top Story

Micro-Segregation: Creating Cohesion in Gentrified Communities

Metropolitan Policy Center director Derek Hyra appeared on WAMU's The Kojo Nnamdi Show to discuss how gentrification in many cities has led to a micro-segregation phenomenon. Hyra discussed his own research in D.C.'s Shaw neighborhood in addition to solutions aimed at mitigating micro-segregation and other negative aspects of gentrification. (7/24)

Additional Feature

Paintings Bring Japan’s Hellish Aftermath into Vivid Focus

The Washington Post featured “Hiroshima-Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Exhibition,” displayed at the American University Museum at the Katzen Arts Center to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the 1945 attacks. The article summarized the art exhibition that also includes 20 artifacts collected from the debris of the atomic bombings. (7/23)

Faculty Authors

Fund the U.S. embassy in Havana

In an op-ed for The Hill, government professor William LeoGrande argued that Republicans’ should provide the requested $6 million in funding needed for the U.S. Embassy in Havana. LeoGrande explained that “crippling the embassy financially” hurts the U.S. diplomats working at the building and impacts U.S. and Cuban citizens rather than the Cuban government. (7/20)

Shark Week 2015: My Faith in the Discovery Channel Is Revived

For a blog post for the DC Environmental Film Festival, Center for Environmental Filmmaking director Chris Palmer commended Discovery Channel’s Shark Week for improvements this year. “Instead of fakery, fearmongering, and animal harassment, there was more science and conservation,” explained Palmer.

Midwives Finally Get the Spotlight They Deserve in 'The Mama Sherpas'

Center for Media and Social Impact co-director Brigid Maher, in her blog post for Indiewire, discussed her documentary, The Mama Sherpas. The purpose of Maher’s documentary is to alter audiences’ stereotypes about midwives and to “normalize how we view the physiological process of birth.” (7/21)
Expertise

Cuban Embassy Reopens in Washington, D.C., After More Than 50 Years

School of International Service professor Philip Brenner appeared on NPR's All Things Considered to discuss the opening of the Cuban embassy in Washington. Brenner also spoke to the Washington Post. William LeoGrande appeared on WTOP to discuss what to expect in U.S.-Cuba bilateral relations after the reopening of the embassies. (7/20 - 7/21)

American University Experts on the Donald’s Candidacy

American Communities Project director Dante Chinni spoke to U.S. News & World Report about Donald Trump’s controversial rhetoric, saying "The rules for Trump are just so different. He’s part Howard Stern, part Ross Perot." (7/20)

Communication professor Leonard Steinhorn spoke to CBS Radio about Donald Trump’s comments that John McCain is not a war hero, saying that Trump is unfiltered and has no boundaries. (7/19)

International Business Times

Journalism professor Jane Hall spoke to the International Business Times about the media’s coverage of Donald Trump. Hall said that the media are driving the coverage and she expects the coverage to end soon, when he alienates enough people. (7/21)

Obama’s Visit to Father’s Homeland of Kenya Shows His New Sense of Confidence

Associate professor of government Steven Taylor spoke to the Los Angeles Times about President Obama’s trip to Kenya and its timing. Taylor explained the unwarranted speculation about citizenship and that his reelection campaign would have made it difficult for him to go to Kenya sooner. Taylor also appeared on SiriusXM Satellite Radio to discuss President Obama’s trip. (7/24)

Confronting Myths about Causes of the Civil War

In a McClatchy article about the causes of the Civil War, history professor Theresa Runstedler said that the consensus among historians is that the main cause of the Civil War was slavery. (7/17)

How Race Still Influences Where We Choose to Live

For Washington Post’s Wonkblog, sociology professor Michael Bader discussed his research about how neighborhoods become racially integrated. "They’ll [Whites] stay as long as integration comes to them," said Bader. He added that when white families leave these neighborhoods they likely won’t be replaced by a white family. (7/17)

Whole Foods, Expensive Cheese, and the Dilemma of Cheap Prison Labor

Kogod School of Business dean Erran Carmel spoke to VICE News about research on “impact sourcing” at an Ohio prison. Carmel’s research shows that the employment opportunities that prisons offer to inmates are mutually beneficial. (7/21)
Professor Testifies GOP Intentionally Crafted NC Voter Law

Associated Press reported on history professor Allan Lichtman’s testimony to North Carolina legislators about a controversial North Carolina state election law that would disproportionately burden black and Hispanic voters because it eliminates the use of student and government employment photo ID cards. (7/17)

Why Everyone Should Stop Calling Immigrant Food ‘Ethnic’

In a Washington Post Food Section feature questioning the “ethnic food” label, School of International Service scholar-in-residence Johanna Mendelson-Forman helped explained how people define ethnic versus fusion cuisine. (7/21)

4 Ways Congress Could Make Tax Compliance Easier for Small Business

Executive director of the Kogod Tax Center Don Williamson spoke to the Washington Business Journal after testifying before the House Committee on Small Business about the complexity of Internal Revenue Code and the effect it is having on small businesses. (7/22)

Millionaires Before 30: Smart Finance Skills or Dumb Luck?

Economics professor Robert Lerman spoke to U.S. News & World Report about the economic challenges facing young workers, saying that the current economy is treacherous for millennials. Lerman said it is still possible to become a millionaire in your 20s and “the old way of saving and finding suitable investments still applies.” (7/23)

Commercial Space Industry Takes Flight

Department of Public Administration and Policy professor Howard McCurdy spoke to the Epoch Times about how to keep costs down within the space industry. McCurdy said that he believes the private sector can do a better job than NASA at bringing down costs as more launches occur. (7/17)

In the Galleries: ‘Strictly Painting’ Is Anything But

The Washington Post featured American University Museum at the Katzen Arts Center exhibit “Outliers: Kurt Godwin and Betsy Packard.” Curator J.W. Mahoney called the exhibit, “a sampler – not a retrospective.” (7/18)

Obama Welcomes Buhari and Commends Nigeria’s ‘Commitment to Democracy’

School of International Service professor Carl LeVan spoke to the Washington Post about President Obama’s recent meeting with Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari and “the reset” of U.S.-Nigeria bilateral relations. (7/20)

What’s At Risk with Digital Town Halls?

Columbia Journalism Review spoke to professor of public & strategic communication Scott Talan about Hillary Clinton’s Facebook Q&A. Talan explained that “people come to these virtual Q&As because they’re happy to finally have a voice.” (7/23)
The Threat of a Lone Wolf Attack
For Sinclair Broadcast Group, School of International Service Ibn Khaldun Chair of Islamic Studies Akbar Ahmed discussed the Chattanooga shooting and the risk of lone-wolf style terrorist attacks. (7/20)

2015 Capital Fringe Preview #54 ‘An Interview with Cara Gabriel on Her Show ‘I AM THE GENTRY’
DC Metro Theater Arts featured an interview with Department of Performing Arts professor Cara Gabriel focusing on her show, I am the Gentry. The show is about her experience moving to H Street NE. (7/22)

Lockheed Martin Reaches Deal to Buy Sikorsky Aircraft
School of International Service professor Gordon Adams spoke to Marketplace about Lockheed Martin’s $9 billion purchase of Sikorsky Aircraft, the company that manufactures Black Hawk helicopters. Adams said that Lockheed is in a strong position because the Pentagon needs this equipment. (7/20)

Feds, Senior Executives Have ‘Perception Versus Reality’ Problems
Key Executive Leadership Programs’ distinguished practitioner-in-residence Robert Tobias spoke to Federal News Radio about the Federal Employee Viewpoint Survey data and the gap in engagement and commitment scores. (7/20)