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## AU Newsmakers

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### Top Story

**Looking for a College with Lots of Opportunities? The School's Location Really Does Matter**

**The Washington Post**

[Washington Post's Grade Point](#) featured American University in an article about the importance of college location for experiential learning and post-graduation

success. Grade Point spoke to AU senior Kyle Anderson about his four internships and how they've prepared him for the workplace. (7/8)

### Additional Features

**Page & Perspective: The Truth Behind Wildlife Films**



The [DCist](#) reviewed Center for Environmental Filmmaking director **Chris Palmer's** book, *Confessions of a Wildlife Filmmaker*, written to spark environmental action and raise awareness about needed changes in wildlife film production. The review mentions **Palmer's** take on the Discovery

Channel's Shark Week, saying that "viewers trust this programming to be science-based, but opportunities to educate are passed over for misleading ratings fodder." (7/9)

**Media Fail: The Flawed Early Coverage of 1995 Oklahoma City Federal Building Bombing**



[InstaPundit](#) reviewed communication professor **W. Joseph Campbell's** book, *1995: The Year the Future Began*, saying it is "a fascinating snapshot of a year that foreshadows our

current era in many respects; [the] chapters on the Oklahoma City bombing, the OJ trial and even the birth of Internet institutions such as Amazon are particularly engrossing, with many new details for those who thought they knew all the angles to those once ubiquitous stories." (7/10)

### Faculty Authors

**Why Losing Gracefully Is Essential to Democracy**



In an op-ed for [The Hill](#), assistant professor of government **Chris Edelson** argued those unhappy with recent Supreme Court decisions that simply refuse to accept the decisions as

legitimate are out of bounds. **Edelson** said that it is acceptable to disagree with the decision but not the process itself. An op-ed excerpt also appeared in the print edition of *The Hill*. (7/7 - 7/8)

## US Military's 'Lily Pad' Expansion May Prove Costly

**The Boston Globe**

In an op-ed for [Boston Globe](#), associate professor of anthropology **David Vine** discussed the U.S. military escalation against ISIS and flowery "lily pads," euphemism the

Pentagon is using to describe a new kind of military base. Lily pads, **Vine** explained, are small installations allowing troops in isolated locations to deploy quickly into battle. **Vine** cautioned that the so-called lily pads can grow into larger, more costly, full-fledged military bases. (7/9)

## Conflict Cuisines: Celebrating Cuban Cuisine in D.C



For [DCist](#), School of International Service scholar-in-residence **Johanna Mendelson Forman**, in her "tour de table" article, featured local metro DC Cuban restaurants where people unable to travel to Cuba can experience authentic culture and cuisine based on family recipes from varied generations of Cuban diaspora chefs. (7/9)

## Expertise

### Government Faces Burden in Proving Leading Airlines Worked Together on Pricing, Other Business



For [Associated Press](#), law professor **Jonathan Baker** discussed the Justice Department's investigation into alleged collusion among airlines to increase airfares. **Baker** explained prosecutors need more than just circumstantial evidence to prevail. (7/4)

## How Jeb Bush's Firm Made Him Rich — and Created a Nest Egg for His Family

**The Washington Post**

Kogod Tax Center executive director **Don Williamson** spoke to the [Washington Post](#) about Jeb Bush's tax strategy to establish a pension plan for him and his family.

**Williamson** compared the plan to those of who were to employees from big companies in the '50s. (7/2)

## Reddit Sustainability



For [NPR's Marketplace](#), communication professor **Andrew Lih** discussed the protest by Reddit moderators in response to the layoff of one of Reddit's few paid employees. **Lih** discussed the sustainability of Reddit, whose volunteer moderators are the creators of the entire site's content. (7/7)

## Why a Puerto Rico Default Is More Dangerous Than You Think



School of International Service International Economic Relations Program director **Arturo Porzecanski** spoke to [TheStreet](#) to discuss Puerto Rico's municipal bond crisis. **Porzecanski** explained that bond holders are being unfairly treated in the current restructuring discussions. (7/2)

## GOP Women's Recruitment Effort Adapts for 2016



Women & Politics Institute director **Jennifer Lawless** spoke to [Roll Call](#) about the Growing Republican Opportunities for Women project. **Lawless** said multiple female candidates should be ready to run in case of an unexpected electoral opportunity. (7/6)

## Cuba, an Internet Laggard, Opens Wi-Fi Hotspots Across Country



REUTERS

Government professor **William LeoGrande** spoke to [Reuters](#) about the Cuban government's expansion of wireless internet, saying that the "The Internet cafes and now this Wi-Fi network show that the government is serious about expanding Internet access," **LeoGrande**

also spoke to [Latin Post](#) about Cuba's internet expansion. (7/2 - 7/5)

## Jeb Bush Responds to Donald Trump's Xenophobic Comments



Communication professor **Angie Chuang** appeared on [Noticias Mundo Fox](#) to discuss the Donald Trump immigration controversy, saying that Trump's comments detract attention from important immigration issues and attract attention to himself. (7/6)

## Fighting in Ukraine and U.S. Aid



Nuclear Studies Institute director **Peter Kuznick** appeared on [CCTV America's The Heat](#) to discuss the United States' shipment of military equipment to six NATO allies in response to Russia's actions in Ukraine. (7/7)

## Is Gluten The Problem?



For [WAMU's The Koyo Nnamdi Show](#), School of Education, Teaching and Health professional lecturer **Dara Ford** discussed the growing trend and popularity of gluten-free diets. **Ford** discussed gluten and its prevalence in American diets. (7/8)

## Bonus Clip

### Kerri Gallagher Makes World Championship Team



[Run Washington](#) featured AU Track & Cross Country assistant coach **Kerri Gallagher** in an article highlighting her 4:03.65 1500 meter qualifying time at the Meeting Internazionale di Atletica Leggera in Lignano, Italy. **Gallagher** will debut on the national team at the International Association of Athletics Federations championship in August. (7/7)