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Top Story
Bond Default by Argentina Appears Likely

The New York Times
In an interview with the New York Times, international service professor Arturo Porzecanski talked about the unlikelihood of Argentina reaching a deal with bond holdouts before a July 30 default deadline. Porzecanski also appeared on Huff Post Live and spoke to Financial Times to discuss the default risk and negotiations with holdout bond holders. (7/29, 7/30)

Additional Features
The Homespun Movement and 18th-Century Politics

BackStory, a nationally syndicated public radio program that airs on WAMU, spoke to history professor Kate Haulman about the broad ideological associations of the homespun movement of women’s fashion and fabrics prior to the American Revolutionary War. Haulman pointed to her research findings from her book, The Politics of Fashion in Eighteenth-Century America, which explores how fashion played a defining role in the identity of the new nation. (7/27)

Op-Eds/AU Authors
Bound by Law to Aid Refugees

The Philadelphia Inquirer
In an op-ed for the Philadelphia Inquirer, international service professor Linda Rabben discussed the U.S. government’s obligation under national and international law to care for child migrants crossing the border while determining whether they qualify for asylum or other protections. Rabben argues the principle of international law called non-refoulement requires due process for each of the asylum seekers. (7/25)

A Cycle of Vicious Hypocrisy

U.S. News & World Report
In an op-ed for U.S. News & World Report, international service professor Boaz Atzili explained that both Israelis and Palestinians increasingly believe their own half-truths and propaganda that has resulted in the Gaza conflict. Atzili argues that both sides need see the conflict from the other’s perspective if there’s any hope for peace. (7/30)

Expertise
Should You Leave the U.S. for Lower Taxes?

The Washington Post
David Kautter, managing director of the Kogod Tax Center, spoke to the Washington Post about the sudden rush of U.S. corporations looking to incorporate themselves overseas in order to avoid taxation on their foreign income. (7/25)
This Is the Worst Ebola Outbreak in History. Here’s Why You Should Be Worried.  

Washington Post spoke to international service professor Susan Shepler about the West Africa Ebola outbreak. Shepler discussed her research about why societies in Liberia and Sierra Leone are suspicious of treatment in government funded hospitals as well as local superstitions that deter people from seeking treatment. (7/28)

Democrats & Republicans Showdown as 2014 Midterm Elections Heat up  

Government professor Dante Chinni appeared on WNYC’s The Takeaway to talk about the North Carolina U.S. Senate race, in which a deeply divided Republican electorate enabled Democratic candidate Kay Hagan to gain a solid lead into the November election. (7/29)

Social Media Play Key Role in Market Basket Saga  

School of communication professor Deen Freelon spoke to the Boston Globe about the thousands of customers using social media to protest the closing of the New England supermarket chain Market Basket after the company’s beloved president had been fired. Freelon discussed the impact behind social media activism, and how it has contributed to real results in this case and many others. (7/30)

Gaza Strip Fighting Defies Diplomatic Solutions Big and Small  

History professor Dan Arbell spoke to the Los Angeles Times about the ongoing conflict in Gaza creating tensions in the United States and Europe. Chicago Tribune republished the article. Arbell also spoke to WNEW Radio about this issue. (7/28, 7/29)

Young Adult Literature and Robots through Time  

With WAMU Radio’s Kojo Nnamdi Show, literature professor Despina Kakoudaki discussed her new book Anatomy of a Robot, how popular robot tales seem cutting edge, yet for centuries artificial beings have held a powerful sway on the cultural imagination. Kakoudaki also spoke to WTOP Radio about the broad appeal of young adult books, noting that the novels can explain complex feelings and ideas in a simplified way to which readers of all ages can relate. (7/31, 7/29)

Trends in Immigration  

Hector Silva, fellow in the Center for Latin American and Latino Studies, appeared on NPR Baltimore affiliate WYPR Radio to discuss the influx of child migrants across the U.S. border, especially those from El Salvador. (7/25)

Cold War II?  

School of International Service dean James Goldgeier appeared on Sinclair TV to discuss U.S.-Russian relations in the current, tense environment where many experts are asking whether a new Cold War with Russia is emerging. (7/30)

Immigration Protest Movement Gains New Impetus  

Carolyn Brown, assistant professor of journalism, spoke with Al Jazeera America about the media’s importance in the immigrant reform movement and how some groups utilize the surge of child migrants to gain media attention for their cause. (7/31)