Top Story
AU Experts Weigh in on the Week’s Events: Dallas, Black Lives Matter, and Week of Violence

The Washington Post For The Washington Post, Communication Professor W. Joseph Campbell spoke about the perils of reporting breaking news. With digital media viewers knowing more information more quickly, but also knowing less due to uncorroborated and unfiltered output, Campbell said, “We keep relearning this lesson over and over.” (7/8)

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL Professor of Communication Studies Deen Freelon spoke to The Wall Street Journal and Sinclair Broadcast Group about his study, “Beyond the Hashtags,” that analyzed tweets involving Black Lives Matter. Freelon said, “If you were really plugged into the movement, you could get your information directly from the movement.” (7/10, 7/11)

Los Angeles Times James Thurber, director for the Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies, spoke to The Los Angeles Times about President Obama’s leadership during recent crises and at the NATO Summit. Thurber said, “We are the most important nation in the world economically, and most powerful militarily, but that doesn’t always translate into political power internationally, and certainly not domestically.” (7/8)

VOA William Yeomans, fellow in law and government, spoke to Voice of America about whether or not the Dallas shootings would be classified as domestic terrorism. Yeomans said, “The government will be looking at which charges are likely to get a conviction.” (7/8)

KNX 1070 NEWSRADIO Leonard Steinhorn, public communication professor, spoke to KNX AM Los Angeles about the tension in the United States around recent violence. Steinhorn said there is reason to be both optimistic and pessimistic about the recent violence. “On the one hand, people seek out media and others confirm their biases in information silos. On the other hand, the generation coming up now is the most inclusive, the most socially progressive and least bigoted in history,” he said. (7/8)

Additional Features
3-D Printing Functional Materials
The 3-D printed chemistry research of Matthew Hartings, chemistry professor, was featured in the July issue of Mechanical Engineering Magazine*. Hartings and his team demonstrated how to use commercial 3-D thermoplastic printers to create and print a structure with active chemistry. (7/11) *Publication available in print only.

The Looking Glass: Artist Immigrants of Washington
A review of “The Looking Glass: Artist Immigrants of Washington, D.C.,” curated by American University Museum Director Jack Rasmussen and on display at AU Museum, explores the artwork of 10 artists featured. “...it’s about empathy. As the
exhibition demonstrates, it’s with empathy we can transgress most borders and boundaries—either real or imagined,” the reviewer for Washington City Paper writes. (7/13)

**Faculty Authors**

**Racist Police Brutality Is an LGBT Issue**

**THE HUFFINGTON POST**

Academic Dean at the Washington College of Law **Tony Varona**, authored a blogpost about police brutality for The Huffington Post. Varona asserts, “African Americans have borne most of the brunt of police brutality. But abusive policing is not alien to the LGBT community generally. LGBT Americans of all races have long been harassed and brutalized by bigoted police.” (7/11)

**Promises Made, Promises Broken? What Yeltsin Was Told About NATO In 1993 And Why It Matters.**

**WAR ON THE ROCKS**

James Goldgeier, dean of the School of International Service, contributed an article in War on the Rocks. Goldgeier wrote, “Today, Russia and the West — at odds over Ukraine and Syria — are engaged in significant military posturing in Europe not seen since the Cold War. As such, there has never been a more important time to review the terms of the post-Cold War settlement in Europe, especially as it pertained to NATO, to understand the roots of the current standoff.” (7/12)

**The Unity Ticket**

**THE HUFFINGTON POST**

For The Huffington Post, **Joseph Young**, professor in the School of Public Affairs and the School of International Service, co-authored a blogpost about a “unity ticket.” Young wrote, “Here in the U.S., we’ve seen unity government as a strategy to bridge a complex political divide at its most critical juncture. (7/13)

**Limiting Presidential Power**

**THE BALTIMORE SUN**

**Chris Edelson**, director of Policy, Politics and Law Scholars program, authored an opinion article for The Baltimore Sun. Edelson wrote, “Although presidents, especially since 9/11, have proven to be proficient at finding ways around statutory and constitutional limits on their power, there is also reason to be hopeful that it remains possible to hold presidents accountable to the rule of law.” (7/12)

**Expertise**

**Theresa May Becomes Britain’s New Prime Minister**

For NPR’s The Diane Rehm Show, **Michelle Egan**, professor in the School of International Service, spoke about Britain’s new Prime Minister Theresa May. Egan said that although May is not charismatic in the way that former PM David Cameron is, she is known for similar views on social issues and advocates individualism. History Professor **Laura Beers** also spoke with BBC Radio*. “Link not available (7/13)

**Why Some YouTube Stars Accuse Buzzfeed of 'Stealing' Their Ideas**

**Chicago Tribune**

Patricia Aufderheide, communications professor, spoke to The Chicago Tribune about creative theft. Both Aufderheide and Peter Jaszi at the Center for Media and Social Impact agree that a certain amount of casual theft is possible in creative work. (7/10)
7 Ways Being Single Makes You More Successful

**Business Insider** (Singapore) featured research by Economics Professor Robert Lerman about the pay premium for single women. Lerman found that single women between 28 and 30 years old earn $1,349 more per year in individual income compared to their married counterparts. (7/8)

In Win for Gay Couples, Maryland High Court Recognizes ‘De Facto’ Parents’ Rights

**The Washington Post** Law Professor Nancy Polikoff spoke to The Washington Post about the Maryland High Court’s ruling. Polikoff said, "The ruling does not address all issues nontraditional parents face, including what happens when parent split up before an artificially conceived child is born and whether the children of non-biological parents qualify for benefits after their death." (7/8)

Cleveland’s Hough Neighborhood Endures Amid 50 Years of Change

Daniel Kerr, director of AU’s public history program, spoke to WCPN Radio Cleveland about changes in Cleveland’s Hough neighborhood. "Between 1970 and 1980, Hough loses 8,412 housing units, or 40 percent of its total housing stock," Kerr said. "And that’s not a result of the riots at all. That’s really a result of the city demolition efforts, as well as landlord-backed arson." (7/14)

Bill DeLone: Training the Future’s Cyber Experts

**Federal News Radio** Bill DeLone, executive director, Kogod Cybersecurity Governance Center, spoke to Federal News Radio about cybersecurity education. DeLone said the main focus of Kogod’s cybersecurity program is on governance and targets the top leadership in government because they know how to direct the people on the front lines as to where they should put their efforts. (7/7)

Leading Business Schools Work to Diversify Student Bodies

**For Diverse Issues in Higher Education** Jill A. Klein, assistant dean for digital initiatives and new programs, spoke about Kogod’s leadership in online MBAs, saying that market-driven online MBAs will continue to need to infuse technology and a high-quality learning experience for students. (7/8) *Article appears on page 22.

Will Donald Trump Merge Entertainment and Politics at the Convention?

**WBZ AM** Leonard Steinhorn, public communication professor, spoke to WBZ AM Boston about the upcoming Republican National Convention. "We have already seen politics and entertainment merge over the past years," Steinhorn commented. (7/9)

Speculation Over Trump’s VP Pick Continues Ahead of Convention

**Sinclair Broadcast Group** History Professor Allan Lichtman spoke to Sinclair Broadcast Group about the upcoming conventions. Lichtman said, “I do see a Trump VP being quite influential because Trump is not up on the issues. He's not up on the policies, and he is going to need help if he is going to navigate his way through the presidency.” (7/11)

Donald Williamson on Sin Tax Effectiveness

**CCTV America** Executive Director of the Kogod Tax Policy Center Don Williamson spoke to CCTV America about the effectiveness of ‘sin taxes.’ Williamson said that with regards to taxes being used to change consumer behavior, the effectiveness of sin taxes is still yet to be seen. (7/7)
Political Conventions 101: How They Work and Why They're Important

Candice Nelson, professor of government, spoke to Parade about the convention process. Nelson said, "Historically candidates were actually chosen at the convention and you didn't know who they were going to be until then. The way it's worked for the last 40 years is that you know ahead of time and the purpose of the convention is to formalize that choice." (7/11)

Bonus Clip
An Old Pepco Substation Will Host D.C.’s First JFK Murals

The Washingtonian featured a story about a new, though temporary, mural of President John F. Kennedy giving his historic speech at American University. The mural, about which WJLA-ABC7 also featured a story, covers a Pepco building next to the Friendship Heights metro station. (7/5)