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Top Story
Shifting Voter Demographics
C-SPAN covered a discussion about the American Communities Project, a new research project supported by the Washington Institute of Public Affairs Research (WIPAR) and Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies. Dante Chinni, director of the project, along with government professor Antoine Yoshinaka, discussed how population and demographics changes in America’s suburbs are causing seismic shifts at the national level, including in presidential elections. (9/23)

Additional Features
Art Review: Patrick McDonough: brightveridianssentinelevents
The Washington Post reviewed Patrick McDonough: brightveridianssentinelevents now showing at the American University Museum at the Katzen Arts Center through October 20. Sustainability and the environment underscore the exhibition. (9/20)

Op-Eds/AU Authors
How D.C. Tried to Protect Itself from the Navy Yard Shootings
In an op-ed for McClatchy Newspapers about the Washington Navy Yard mass shooting, international service professor Clarence Lusane admonished Congress for its failure to enact gun control laws. The Miami Herald republished the commentary. (9/23)

Expertise
IRS, Activist Lawyers to Clash in Court Over Tax Preparer Rules
In two separate articles for Reuters, Don Williamson, executive director of the Kogod Tax Center, spoke about the pending court case to determine whether tax preparers will be required to pass an IRS competency test. Williamson also appeared on Fox Business News to discuss this topic. (9/23, 9/24)

An Obama and Rouhani Handshake at the U.N. Could Mean a Lot
Los Angeles Times
In a discussion with Los Angeles Times, diplomat in residence Anthony Quainton explained the subtleties of diplomatic protocol and their significance between heads of state during the UN General Assembly in New York. The Chicago Tribune republished this article. (9/24)
Desire for Tax Revamp Mired in Dysfunctional Congress

David Kautter, managing director of the Kogod Tax Center, spoke to Bloomberg Businessweek about ambitious tax reform activity in Congress even with the partisan budget battle. (9/20)

How First Ladies Redefine 'Normal'

For Washington Post TV’s On Background, executive in residence Anita McBride provided a vivid account of the lives of first ladies outside of the White House from Dolly Madison to more modern first ladies including Jackie Kennedy, Hillary Clinton, and Laura Bush. (9/26)

Iran’s Charm Offensive

International service professor Guy Ziv appeared on Al Jazeera America TV to discuss Iran’s record of trustworthiness versus its charm offensive aimed at restarting negotiations on its nuclear program in an effort to reduce crippling international sanctions. (9/20)

I [Heart] the Emoji Revolution

Naomi Baron, executive director of the Center for Teaching, Research, and Learning spoke to the Boston Globe about the use of emojis, small expressive icons, in cell phone communication. (9/22)

The UN General Assembly

On WAMU’s Kojo Nnamdi Show, international service professor David Bosco analyzed Iranian President Hassan Rouhani’s address to the UN General Assembly pledging to negotiate over its nuclear program and President Obama’s speech to the UN gathering. (9/25)

Politics and the Budget Precipice

International service professor Gordon Adams appeared on WAMU’s Kojo Nnamdi Show to discuss the budget battle that could result in a partial government shutdown and the concurrent threat of going over the fiscal cliff. (9/26)

Snowden Makes Us a Part of the Story

With Editor and Publisher, journalism professor Richard Benedetto discussed social media’s influence on mainstream media news coverage. (9/20)

Bonus Clip

AU Men’s Soccer Buzz to Support Former Star

Comcast SportsNet told the emotional story of Eagles Men’s Soccer team coaches shaving their heads in solidarity with their fellow coach and AU’s 2004 Patriot League Offensive Player of the Year, Shawn Kuykendall, who was recently diagnosed with thymic cancer. (9/26)