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Top Story
AU Experts Offer Analysis on the 2016 Election

History Professor Allan Lichtman wrote an article for The Hill, arguing that presidential candidate Donald Trump’s comments about women and abortions exposed the hypocrisy of the anti-choice movement. Lichtman also spoke to The Nation about the Wisconsin voter identification law and to Voice of America prior to the Wisconsin primary. He also discussed his ‘13 Keys to the White House’ with Huffington Post. (4/1, 4/5)

The New Yorker featured a 2013 study co-authored by Jan Leighley, professor of government. The study compared, among other things, the political views of voters and non-voters dating back to 1972. Leighley and her co-author found that non-voters and voters held similar beliefs on social issues, but differed on economic issues. (4/1)

Director of the Women and Politics Institute Jennifer Lawless spoke to the Washington Times about the growing gender gap between Donald Trump and the female electorate. Lawless said that Trump is least likely to make up lost ground with women because he seemingly can’t help himself from making sexist and condemning statements against women. (4/5)

David Lublin, professor of government, spoke to Sinclair Broadcasting Group about the Democratic presidential race and the efforts of the candidates to win the support of Democratic superdelegates. Lublin asserted that while the process may seem un-democratic, since many superdelegates of states that Bernie Sanders has won are currently pledged to Hillary Clinton, superdelegates are meant to give political leaders influence in the process. (4/6)

Additional Features
New Exhibit Showcases Visual Artists in D.C.’s Early Punk and New Wave Music Scene

The new exhibition sponsored by AU’s Alper Initiative for Washington Art, “Twisted Teenage Plot,” was featured in Washingtonian. The exhibit features Washington artists who played in bands in the late 70s and early 80s. American University Museum at the Katzen Arts Center Curator and Director Jack Rasmussen said, “It was a vital scene that not everyone knows about.” DCist also featured a story about the exhibit. (4/1)

Researchers Create Pollution-Cleaning, 3D-Printed Sponge

For Treehugger, Chemistry Professor Matthew Hartings’ research on 3D-printed chemistry was featured. Hartings led a research team that created and printed a thermoplastic ‘sponge’ with active chemistry capable of neutralizing pollutants. Gizmag and 3D Print also ran features. (4/5, 4/4)
Faculty Authors
L.A. Is Re-segregating -- And Whites Are A Major Reason Why
Los Angeles Times  Sociology Professor Michael Bader wrote an op-ed for the Los Angeles Times about the trend towards re-segregation in Los Angeles. Bader wrote that his research used a statistical model and census data to identify the racial composition in neighborhoods in L.A. and three other U.S. cities. Vast portions of east and south L.A. are moving from mixed- to single-race neighborhoods. (4/1)

Debt Restructuring Mechanism Is Unnecessary
FINANCIAL TIMES  School of International Service Professor Arturo Porzecanski wrote a letter to the editor of the Financial Times about debt restructuring in Argentina. Porzecanski wrote that there is no need for a supranational debt restructuring mechanism. (4/5)

Why Trade Secrets Bill Will Deter Cybercrime
The Christian Science Monitor  Law Professor Melanie Teplinsky wrote an op-ed for the Christian Science Monitor about the Defend Trade Secrets Act. Teplinsky wrote that the act is a major step towards deterring cybercrimes. (4/5)

Expertise
Political Ads Appearing Beside YouTube Videos of ISIS, Scams and Drugs, Report Says
abcNEWS  Communication Professor Scott Talan spoke to ABC News about the occurrence of political ads alongside scams and ads that extol terrorist groups. While it is embarrassing, candidates don’t control where their ads go, Talan said. (4/5)

After The Mud Wrestling, Candidates Must Prepare to Govern
The Washington Post  School of Public Affairs Dean Barbara Romzek spoke to The Washington Post about accountability in government. Romzek defined accountability as “answerability for performance.” “If working properly, it should result in a reward and/or a sanction for the individual or agency,” Romzek said. (4/6)

With Studio Space Scarce In D.C., Fillmore School Building to Offer Reprieve
WAMU-88.5  For WAMU-88.5, American University Museum at the Katzen Arts Center Director and Curator Jack Rasmussen spoke about the shortage of studio space for artists, saying that it is the biggest problem for artists in Washington, D.C. The cost of space is also a major problem. (4/5)

Cuba’s Future Economic Model in Spotlight at Party Congress
Associated Press  With Associated Press, Government Professor William LeoGrande spoke about Cuba’s future economic model in the context of normalization. LeoGrande also talked to McClatchy about political repression and the growth of a dissident activist group in Cuba that has prompted a government crackdown. (4/8, 4/1)

Clinton Aides Unite On FBI Legal Strategy
POLITICO  For Politico, Law Professor Dan Metcalfe spoke about the “common-defense” strategy of Hillary Clinton's aides. Metcalfe believes this strategy shows that the aides believe that they can put together a defense that is beneficial to everyone involved. (4/1)
Law Degree Not Required: Reality Court Show with Sarah Palin

Director of the Journalism Program John Watson spoke to Bloomberg BNA about Sarah Palin’s upcoming legally themed reality show. On the show, which will see Palin reviewing real small claims cases, Watson said it “will be quite entertaining and only minimally dangerous to society at large.” (4/5)

Why We’re Talking Differently About the Web

Center for Teaching, Research and Learning Director Naomi Baron spoke to BBC about how people talk about internet activity. Baron argues that the rise of smartphones has changed this and people now use ‘online’ as a catch-all term rather than ‘internet’ or ‘cyberspace.’ (4/1)

An Office of Her Own: Female Lawmakers Defy Hurdles in Quest to Govern

Director of the Women and Politics Institute Jennifer Lawless spoke to NBC News about women in elected offices. Lawless pointed out that the low representation of women in Congress is not a supply problem but a demand problem. (4/2)

Supreme Court Struggles with Eight

Law Professor Stephen Wermiel spoke to USA Today about the Supreme Court’s struggle to make decisions with eight justices. Wermiel said that the fear of the end game is a different fear now, since tied decisions render the process almost meaningless. (4/2)

Don Williamson Offers Analysis on the Panama Papers

Executive Director of the Kogod Tax Policy Center Don Williamson spoke to BBC about the Panama Papers scandal. Williamson said he was not surprised by the leaks, but found the identities of the account holders and the amounts to be surprising. Williamson points out that holding foreign accounts is not illegal but not disclosing such accounts is illegal. (4/4)

How a Federal Spy Case Turned into a Child Pornography Prosecution

Law Professor Jennifer Daskal spoke to the Washington Post about the exceptional access to information gathering that has been given to the government and its consequences. Daskal said, “There has, over the last decade-plus, been an erosion of the formerly bright line between foreign intelligence surveillance and investigation for criminal prosecution.” (4/5)

History, Politics Power Immigration Fight as Deportations Continue

History Professor Alan Kraut spoke to the Arkansas-Democrat Gazette about immigration. Kraut said that immigration is a world-wide issue. (4/3)

Lawrence Schrenk on Financially Literate States

For WalletHub, Lawrence Schrenk, Kogod professor of finance and real estate, spoke about policy and effective financial literacy training. Schrenk asserted that parents can influence their kids’ financial habits through their own example and through discussion. However, he said K-12 financial literacy training does not have a significant effect on financial behavior later in life and more research is needed. (4/1)

Bonus clips

We Must Prevent Terrorists From Getting Funds — Zahid
School of International Service Professor Amitav Acharya moderated a discussion with Deputy Prime Minister of Malaysia Datuk Seri Dr. Ahmad Zahid Hamidi at AU. The event was covered by the *Borneo Post* and *The Star Online (Malaysia).* (4/4)

**Anita Hill On HBO’s ‘Confirmation’: ‘I’m Not Looking For A Film To Take Sides’**

Anita Hill’s appearance at a forum at American University was highlighted in *The Washington Post.* The forum was moderated by Communication Professor Jane Hall.