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## AU Newsmakers

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### Top Story

#### AU Profs on Book TV's College Series



For its college series, C-SPAN's Book TV interviewed ten AU professors about their books. The segments featuring [Akbar Ahmed](#), Ibn Khaldun chair of Islamic Studies, and Women in Politics Institute director [Jennifer Lawless](#) aired first. **Ahmed** discussed his book *The Thistle and the Drone*, while **Lawless** discussed her book *Becoming a Candidate*. In the coming weeks Book TV will feature additional professors. (2/17)

### Op-Eds/AU Authors

#### Jensen: Seeds Sown in Middle East for the Next Revolution



In an op-ed for the [Washington Times](#), international service professor **Benjamin Jensen** analyzed the struggle to consolidate power post-Arab Spring in countries like Egypt. Jensen predicts violence and unrest will continue throughout 2013. (2/17)

### Expertise

#### Juggling Priorities, Pentagon Tries to Protect War Funding, Troops



REUTERS

International service professor **Gordon Adams** spoke to [Reuters](#) about defense budget cuts and sequestration. More than **30** outlets, including the [Chicago Tribune](#), [Orlando Sun Sentinel](#) and [Morning Call](#) republished this article. Adams also spoke to the [Boston Globe](#)

about defense budget cuts and their potential impact on Massachusetts employment. (2/15, 2/20)

#### U.S.: Hacking Attacks are Constant Topic of Talks with China



Law professor **Melanie Teplinsky** spoke to [McClatchy Newspapers](#) about cyber-law issues and the government's stance on hacking. More than **25** outlets, including the [Sacramento Bee](#) and [Charlotte Observer](#) republished this article. (2/19)

#### Neil deGrasse Tyson Tweets for Science Literacy



Communication professor **Declan Fahy** talked to [USA Today](#) about high-profile scientist Neil deGrasse Tyson's advocacy for scientific thinking. (2/19)

## Crippled Cruise Draws Major Coverage



Communication professor **Jane Hall** appeared on [CNN's \*Reliable Sources\*](#) to discuss whether CNN's extensive cruise ship coverage was appropriate. (2/17)

## The Path to Violence



In a segment about containing people who pose strong safety threats to the public for the [PBS Frontline documentary \*The Path to Violence\*](#), law professor **Robert Dinerstein** spoke to about the inability to accurately identify these people and the civil rights violations posed by locking up individuals before a crime is committed. (2/20)

## Bond Default Endgame Nears in Argentina



With [Bloomberg News](#), International Economic Relations Program director **Arturo Porzecanski** discussed the Argentine government's movement of money through banks to avoid creditors. (2/15)

## First Ladies: Influence and Image



**Anita McBride**, executive in residence, spoke to [WTTG Fox5's \*Morning News\*](#) about her involvement in [C-SPAN's \*First Ladies Series\*](#) which highlights the history of America's first ladies. (2/18)

## Sequestration Impact on Local Economy



**Mark Waldman**, executive in residence, spoke to [WTTG Fox5's \*Morning News\*](#) about how sequestration and furloughs might impact the D.C. economy. (2/20)

## Controversial Names: Redskins



Journalism professor **Angie Chuang** appeared live on [NewsChannel8's \*News Talk\*](#) for a roundtable discussion about the controversial names of professional sports teams. (2/15)

## White House Reporters Get Flak

### **The Washington Times**

[The Washington Times](#) spoke to communication professor **Richard Benedetto** about President Obama's narrow media-access restrictions as compared to the more relaxed access former presidents allowed. (2/19)

## Microsoft PAC Backs Broad Slate

### **SPOKESMAN REVIEW**

With the [Spokesman-Review](#) (WA) **James Thurber**, director of the Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies, talked

about how Microsoft employee political contributions supporting both sides of the aisle represent the political diversity within the huge corporation. The article syndicated to the **Chicago Tribune and Orlando Sun Sentinel**. (2/16)

## **Bonus Clip**



[ESPN's Sports Center](#) top plays of the day featured a game winning buzzer shot allowing AU men's basketball team to beat rival Holy Cross. (2/17)