



## AU Newsmakers

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### Top Story

#### When Two Are Better Than One



The [Washington Post Express' Getting Ahead](#) (linked PDF/pg. 15) section featured several of **American University's** dual degree programs. "Law school has taught me a lot about one side of the government and how we operate our society. Then the policy school fills in a lot of the gaps and speaks to a lot of the political and economic realities of how our society is organized and run," said **Winfield Wilson**, a JD/MPP student. **Jonathan Tubman**, vice provost for graduate studies, added, "There are things a dual-degree holder can do and career opportunities they wouldn't have [had] if they had one just one degree or another." The article also highlighted AU's new MA/MPA or MBA degree through a Teach for America partnership. (12/12)

### Additional Features

#### At American U., the Next Barry Levinson?



[Washington Post](#) profiled School of Communication student **Jason Fraley** whose 'Liberty Road' master's thesis short film about life in a small town Maryland crab shack won him a CINE Golden Eagle award. Fraley's advisor, professor **Claudia Myers**, said the film is, "very dense but in a good way. That's exactly what he wanted. He wanted to pack all this stuff in. It's a unique film. It tells a different kind of story. I think it's really strong, and it has a good chance of getting a lot of attention." (12/9)

#### At American U., an In-Depth Look at Strange, Stark Spaces



The [Washington Post](#) reviewed *Courtney Smith: Insatiable Spaces* and *Wayne Barrar: An Expanding Subterra*, two exhibitions at the **American University Museum at the Katzen Arts Center**. Additionally, [Washington City Paper](#) ranked Barrar's exhibition and *Re-Viewing Documentary: The Photographic Life of Louise Rosskam* as two of D.C.'s top 10 photo exhibits of 2011. (12/7, 12/15)

#### Law Students Going Door-to-Door to Spread Word About Foreclosure Rights



[Capital News Service](#) featured *Take Back Your Home*—a student-run outreach program at the **Washington College of Law** in which students educate Prince George's County, Md. residents about their rights in regards to pending foreclosures. "One foreclosure happens, and that's a very unfortunate thing, but it's very matter of fact. When millions of foreclosures are happening at the same time, something is incredibly wrong," said student founder **Bradford Voegeli**. (12/14)

### Expertise

#### AU Expert Analyzes 2012 Presidential Race



**Leonard Steinhorn**, professor of communication, spoke to the [Associated Press](#) about why it is advantageous for presidential candidates to appear on late night talk shows and other news outlets. "The campaigns are using free media as an amplifier and it's smart, especially for those who don't have much money," said Steinhorn. More than **390** outlets including, the the websites of *Wall Street Journal*, *New York Times* and *Washington Post*, republished the article. Also, on [CBS Radio](#) and [WTTG-FOX5](#), Steinhorn discussed Newt Gingrich's resurgence as a serious presidential contender. (12/11, 12/10)

## Supreme Court Immigration Case a Federal-State Test



REUTERS

**Stephen Wermiel**, professor of law, explained for [Reuters](#) how a controversial Arizona immigration law will test the boundaries between state and federal jurisdictions. "The argument that the state is not just helping, but pursuing its own agenda, seems a weightier argument," said Wermiel. More than **55** outlets, including **Chicago Tribune** online, republished the article. (12/14)

## Defense Secretary to Discuss Strategic Review



REUTERS

**Gordon Adams**, professor of U.S. foreign policy, spoke to [Reuters](#) about next month's announcement by Defense Secretary Leon Panetta about the results of the U.S. strategic review of the Pentagon's military budget cuts. "The secretary managed to take \$260 billion out of the five-year plan and still provide for growth, including some that appears to be real growth in the out years," said Adams. More than **45** outlets, including **Chicago Tribune**, republished the article. Adams also talked to [Federal News Radio](#) about military spending. (12/9)

## U.S., Russia Resetting "Reset" Button in Relations



REUTERS

**James Goldgeier**, dean of the School of International Service, discussed with [Reuters](#) the strain on U.S.-Russia relations after the United States weighed in on Russia's disputed parliamentary elections. "We're looking at a less-happy period in relations, but neither side want to let things fall apart," said Goldgeier. (12/9)

## The Canvas of Tom Green's Life is Almost Complete

The Washington Post

**Jack Rasmussen**, director and curator of the American University Museum, spoke to the [Washington Post](#) about the legacy of Washington, D.C., artist Tom Green, who is battling Lou Gehrig's disease. "He comes a little bit out of the Washington color school. He was never really a part of it, but it's obviously an influence. [He] always stayed figurative, even at his most abstract," said Rasmussen. (12/9)

## Government Sanctioned Mass Protests in Moscow



On [NBC's Nightly News](#), **Anton Fedyashin**, associate director of AU's Initiative for Russian Culture, discussed the significance of government-sanctioned protests in Russia after the highly contested parliamentary elections. "This is a sign that the government is recognizing that steam needs to be let off. That there is an enormous amount of discontent." (12/10)

## State vs. Federal Law in Arizona over Immigration



On [NBC's Nightly News](#), **Jayesh Rathod**, professor of law, analyzed the battle between state and federal jurisdictions in relation to a controversial Arizona immigration law. "The Supreme Court is looking at the power that the states have with respect to the apprehension and removal of non-citizens," said Rathod. (12/12)

## Immigration Detainees Seek Prison-Rape Protection



On [NPR's All Things Considered](#), **Brenda Smith**, professor of law, discussed the call from human rights advocates for a law to protect immigration detainees from sexual assault. "Immigrant detainees are moved from facility to facility, and just from the point of view of equal protection and also for consistency, whether you are protected from abuse at the hands of someone who is supposed to be your custodian should not differ whether you are in a jail, a prison or in a [Homeland Security] facility," said Smith. (12/13)

## Plan B Backlash: Women's Groups Sour on Obama

THE HUFFINGTON POST

**Jennifer Lawless**, director of the Women & Politics Institute, spoke to [HuffingtonPost.com](#) about President Obama's upcoming decision to limit access to Plan B, a form of birth control, despite criticism by women's groups who supported him during the 2008 election. "When you then make a decision like this, or support Kathleen Sebelius' decision, and you don't alert any of these groups who mobilize your constituents for you that you're going to do that, that undercuts the notion that you care," said Lawless. (12/14)

## Five Ways to Spot a Bad Boss in an Interview

**Forbes**

Caren Goldberg, assistant professor of management, spoke to [Forbes.com](http://Forbes.com) about how a job candidate can spot a bad supervisor during an interview. Goldberg said, "a key 'tell' is vague answers to your questions." She added, "You should also question turnover rates, how long people stay in given roles, and what their career path has been." (12/11)

## Pakistan Prime Minister Speaks on Strained Relations with U.S.



On [BBC Radio's Newshour](http://BBC Radio's Newshour), Akbar Ahmed, chair of Islamic Studies, discussed the Pakistani Prime Minister's statement about strained relations with the United States. "The question is how do we set about it [improving relations] if we all are locked up in this tit-for-tat, blaming each other?" said Ahmed. (12/11)

## Bonus Clip

### American's Hinkle Stepping Out of the Shadows



The [Washington Examiner](http://Washington Examiner) profiled basketball player Charles Hinkle, ranked fifth in the nation for scoring—an unexpected turn of events for the senior who has been a support player most of his career. "It's something, you know. I've truly been blessed this year. I'm just trying to keep my head down, do what I'm supposed to do and try to perform," said Hinkle. (12/10)