



This Week's Newsmakers

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Top Story

Public Broadcasting: Luxury or Staple?



Patricia Aufderheide, director of the Center for Social Media, spoke with [USA Today](#) about the threat to eliminate public broadcasting's federal funding. Aufderheide pointed out the importance of programming that is not dependent on advertisers. She said no audio service "comes close to NPR news," and that PBS treats kids "not as little consumers but as responsible members of the community." (3/11)

Op-Eds

Would ElBaradei Make a Good President for Egypt?

The Washington Post

David Bosco, assistant professor of international service, wrote an op-ed for the [Washington Post](#) about Mohamed ElBaradei's plan to nominate himself for the Egyptian presidency. Bosco wrote, "He has been breathing rarefied diplomatic air for decades, and he's shown little aptitude for retail politics. He may have the judgment and diplomatic skill the country needs, but can he convince Egyptians that he's feeling what they're feeling?" (3/11)

Quotes

Congressional Hearing Puts Muslim Civil Rights Group in the Hot Seat Again

The New York Times

"After 9/11, Muslims in this country felt very much under siege, and they saw CAIR [Council on American-Islamic Religion] as their champion. Everyone can be linked by the seventh degree to someone who's an extremist," said Akbar Ahmed, chair of Islamic Studies, to the [New York Times](#) about congressional hearings targeting CAIR. (3/12)

Bahrain Crackdown Dashes U.S. Hopes for Negotiated Solution

Los Angeles Times

Kristin Smith Diwan, assistant professor of international service, discussed with the [Los Angeles Times](#) the rising conflict in Bahrain and the arrival of one thousand Saudi troops to quell anti-Shiite government protesters. "I will hazard to predict that the impact will be negative, even on the stability they hope to preserve," she said. [Inter Press News](#) also quoted Diwan. (3/15-16)

Death Penalty Repeal Gets Hearing but Lacks Momentum

The Washington Post

[WashingtonPost.com's Maryland Politics](#) blog quoted David Aaronson, professor of law, after he served as a witness during a trial hearing to repeal Maryland's death penalty law. An agreement was reached in 2009 raising the evidence standard for capital crimes, but Aaronson said the terms were "ambiguous and vague." (3/15)

The 15 Jobs Where Women Earn More than Men

Forbes

"Women who choose male-dominated jobs are likely perceived as 'atypical' or less consistent with the stereotypes associated with women, who are also associated with lower-paying jobs," Caren Goldberg, professor of management, explained to [Forbes](#) about why women who choose male-dominated careers are out-earning their male colleagues. (3/14)

Obama Aims to Show Support for Democracy in Latin America



Voice of America

“Countries don’t look to the United States the way they used to. They still look to the United States of course. And I think it is President Obama’s intention to try to create a new look and a new relationship that is very positive and very consistent with what is happening in the 21st century,” said **Lou Goodman**, dean of the School of International Service, to [Voice of America](#) online about President Obama’s state visit to Latin America. (3/15)

How Many Amigos?



Robert Pastor, professor of international relations, appeared on [Business News Network](#) to discuss the diplomatic possibilities between the United States, Canada, and Mexico. “Washington is so filled with crises, that it will never give attention to Canadian or Mexican issues by themselves, that it would give if the three countries work together,” he said. (3/11)