




# AU Newsmakers

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## Top Story

### Solving America's Financial Dilemma


 **Associated Press** "It's another game of chicken. And this time there are Mack trucks going at each other, not bumper cars. This is a biggie," said **James Thurber**, director of the Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies, analyzing financial issues straining the country in one of two **Associated Press** articles about [rising oil prices](#) and the possibility of a [federal loan default](#). The stories were republished by 327 and 282 outlets, respectively, including the *New York Times*, *USA Today*, *Washington Post*, *Forbes*, *CNBC.com*, and the *Philadelphia Inquirer*. In addition, Thurber discussed Republican tax cuts on [NPR's Morning Edition](#), and discussed his book, *Obama in Office*, on [The Insana Quotient](#). (4/23, 4/26)

## Additional Features

### Climate Shift Continues to Make Waves

 Associate professor of communication **Matthew Nisbet's** new report challenging the status quo in the climate debate garnered additional attention. A [NewYorkTimes.com](#) blog featured *Climate Shift: Clear Vision for the Next Decade of Public Debate* [twice](#). [Economist.com](#) and [Time.com](#) which said "It's definitely worth reading," also addressed the report. Many other news outlets and blogs commented on the report. (4/25-28)

### Networking Plays Big Role in Landing Hill Job


 **Roll Call** featured **American University's Career Center** in a story about how networking helps new political science graduates find their first jobs on Capitol Hill. "For the most part, Members hire staffers who have interned or had some other experience working in Congressional offices previously," said **Chris Hughes**, career center advisor. (4/22)

### Greenspan: Hepburn 'Almost Up to Andrea's Standard'



[MediaBistro.com/FishBowIDC](#) featured *Reel Journalism*—a coproduction of the School of Communication and the Newseum. SOC's **Dotty Lynch** introduced NBC News chief foreign correspondent Andrea Mitchell and her husband, former Federal Reserve Chairman, Alan Greenspan who discussed *The Philadelphia Story*. (4/28)

### American University opens Korean Garden

 **The Korea Times** highlighted the ceremony American University held to open a Korean garden near the three cherry trees donated by former South Korean President Syngman Rhee in 1943. South Korean Ambassador Han Duck-soo, AU President Neil Kerwin, and SIS Dean Lou Goodman spoke at the ceremony. (4/26)

## Op-Ed/Editorial

### Obama Needs to Increase His Support Amongst Blacks and Hispanics



**Clarence Lusane**, professor of international service, analyzed President Obama's approval ratings across demographic groups focusing on black and Hispanic voters in his [McClatchy-Tribune News Service](#) op-ed. "Although his support among blacks is still in the stratosphere, and although it is a bit above 50 percent among Hispanics, the trends are all in the wrong direction," wrote Lusane. [Hispanic Business Magazine](#), *Albany Times Union* and *The Progressive* republished the op-ed. (4/27)

## Quotes

### **Panetta Comes Armed With Background in Budget Fights**

**The New York Times**

**Gordon Adams**, professor of international relations, discussed President Obama's secretary of defense nominee Leon Panetta, and the future of military spending with the [New York Times](#).

"[Panetta] knows how to draw a line, he knows how to hang tough, he knows when to concede and he knows when to close a deal," explained Adams. (4/27)

### **Budget Battles Reignite Animosity Between Congress, D.C. Government**



**Jamin Raskin**, professor of law, discussed the District of Columbia's lack of representation in relation to the federal budget deal on [PBS' Newshour](#). "Everybody needs their own representatives. You can't trust other people's representatives to do your bidding and to represent your interests effectively." (4/27)

### **Grounding an American Dream**

**CQ WEEKLY**

**Howard McCurdy**, professor of public administration, discussed the move away from NASA's manned spaceflight program with [CQ Weekly](#). "There hasn't been a second act for space," said McCurdy. "It's been a one-act play so far." (4/25)