



AU Newsmakers

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Top Stories

U.S. Underwhelmed With Emerging Powers At U.N.



On [NPR's *Weekend Edition*](#), **David Bosco**, assistant professor of international politics, discussed the need for U.S. multilateral diplomacy at the annual UN General Assembly meeting. "They have to think about not only how do we cultivate Washington, but how do we cultivate all the other small and mid-sized states around the world that are going to determine what the shape of the new Security Council will be," said Bosco. (9/17)

Pressure on Israel from Turkey and Palestinian Gambit at UN



Josef Olmert, adjunct professor in the School of International Service, spoke about two prominent foreign policy issues confronting Israel—the Palestinian gambit for statehood at the UN General Assembly meeting and Turkey's more aggressive stance in the region. For Canada's [Sun News](#), Olmert predicted that "behind closed doors there might be a formula whereby the Palestinians will present their application to the General Assembly or Security Council but there won't be a quick decision so that there will be time for the Americans to try to arrange negotiations between Netanyahu and Abbas." Olmert also discussed Palestinian actions at the UN on [Talkline](#), America's Jewish Radio and TV. In addition, he wrote an op-ed for the [Jerusalem Post](#) and discussed Turkey on [Russia Today's Crosstalk](#). (9/18, 9/20, 9/21)

Additional Features

Smithsonian Anacostia Community Museum Takes the Theme of "Community & Creativity" to the Next Level



According to [WashingtonPost.com](#), the Smithsonian Anacostia Community Museum's 44th anniversary luncheon featured two digital story projects created by students in AU's Community Voice Project, a collaboration between the School of Communication and Department of Anthropology. (9/15)

AU Community Reacts to Troy Davis' Execution



On [WUSA-CBS9](#), **Gemma Puglisi**, assistant professor of communication, discussed demonstrations in response to Georgia death row inmate Troy Davis' execution. Puglisi, who for several years has engaged the AU community in efforts on Davis' behalf, is "convinced the Davis case has started a movement to abolish the death penalty." [WAMU-88.5](#) also spoke with Puglisi. [MarylandTheatreGuide.com](#) reviewed the **Department of Performing Arts'** upcoming production of *Dead Man Walking*. The production will use Davis' recorded words at its beginning and end. (9/20, 9/21)

Op-Ed/Editorials

Beyond NAFTA: U.S. Should Work With Canada and Mexico



In op-eds for the [San Francisco Chronicle](#) and [Philadelphia Inquirer](#), **Robert Pastor**, professor of international relations, discussed the need for the United States to work closely with Canada and Mexico during tumultuous global economic times. "We can expand our trade fastest with our neighbors, and it benefits us more because the three North American countries make products together, meaning that a much higher percentage of our imports are composed of American exports," wrote Pastor. (9/19, 9/20)

Expertise

Do Social Safety Net Programs Shrink Gap in U.S. Economic Inequality?



During a 10-minute segment on [PBS' Newshour](#), **Robert Lerman**, professor of economics, discussed economic inequality in America. "A good part of wealth is embodied in the right to your Social Security flow of income and also to the guaranteed health insurance that you get. That's worth hundreds of thousands of dollars to a typical person," said Lerman. He also discussed unemployment among young adults on [American Public Media's Marketplace](#).

Europe's Debt Crisis Casts Cloud over U.S. Economy



On [NPR's Morning Edition](#), **Robin Lumsdaine**, professor of international finance, discussed how the United States should help its European counterparts in a struggling global economy. "The more confident one is in the strength of a relationship, the less time one feels one needs to spend to coddle that relationship," said Lumsdaine. (3/23)

Rep. Barney Frank Calls for Less Bank Industry Influence at Federal Reserve



Martha Starr, associate professor of economics, spoke to [ABCNews.com](#) about Rep. Barney Frank's plan to reduce the influence of the U.S. bank industry on the Federal Reserve by requiring the Senate to confirm all members of the Federal Open Market Committee, policymakers responsible for setting interest rates. "It would also be good to make sure that the elected representatives agree that they're able to serve in the public interest and not just in the interest of the banking sector," said Starr. (9/15)

Bachmann May Be Romney's Top Asset in Race



Jennifer Lawless, director of the Women & Politics Institute, spoke to [Reuters](#) about the benefit Mitt Romney gained in the Republican presidential race from Michele Bachmann's constant attacks on frontrunner Rick Perry. "The biggest threat that she poses to Rick Perry is not because she necessarily displaces him in any way, but because he is going to have two people fighting against him," said Lawless. More than 50 outlets, including [HuffingtonPost.com](#), [SunSentinel.com](#), and [YahooNews.com](#), republished the article. (9/16)

Setback for BP over Gulf Oil Spill Liability



Dan Jacobs, executive-in-residence in the Kogod School of Business, opined about the legal fate for BP's oil spill disaster in the Gulf of Mexico last year for [Financial Times](#). "If industry practice is generally negligent, that's not a legal defense. If other companies were also culpable, that should not affect BP's guilt or innocence in the eyes of the law," said Jacobs. (9/16)

FTC Proposes Kids' Online Privacy Rule Update



Kathryn Montgomery, professor of communication, spoke to [Reuters](#) about a new policy from the Federal Trade Commission concerning online privacy for children. "One of the biggest changes is the rapid growth of mobile and how quickly it has penetrated into the children's marketplace," said Montgomery. (9/16)

'Rogue' Negative Book May not Affect Sarah Palin



Gemma Puglisi, assistant professor of communication, discussed with [USA Today](#) the controversial book, *The Rogue: Searching for the Real Sarah Palin*, and the prediction that it would not affect Palin's political career. "If Palin doesn't run for president, the book is unlikely to harm or help her," said Puglisi. (9/16)

Fairfax Principals Want Indoor School Cameras



Lynn Addington, associate professor of justice, spoke to the [Washington Post](#) about the effectiveness of video surveillance cameras deterring school violence. Addington said, "the number of schools using cameras has ballooned since Columbine, but that there is little evidence they make schools safer or change student behavior." (9/18)

Sample This! Authors Say Use of Fair Use is Growing

THE KANSAS CITY STAR. The [Kansas City Star](#) cited the book *Reclaiming Fair Use* by **Patricia Aufderheide**, director of the Center for Social Media, and **Peter Jaszi**, professor of law, in an article about satirists' growing reliance on copyright fair use. According to the book, "today's digital artists are finding that they can use valuable media properties without being served cease-and-desist letters or subpoenas from their owners." (9/19)

Death of the Political Center

THE HILL **James Thurber**, director of the Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies, explained to [The Hill](#) the decline of moderate politicians in a sharply divided Congress. "One of the structural problems of our democracy right now—and one of the reasons we have deadlock—is that we've got a bimodal distribution of ideology and nobody in the middle," said Thurber. (9/20)

Reactions to Facebook Changes



On [WUSA-CBS9](#), student reactions to new features on Facebook ranged from "confusing" and "disorganized," to "it's here to stay." The reporter also asked assistant professor of communication and social media expert, **David Johnson** to explain the changes. "We can all easily think social media is just a party, so as soon as the guests start to leave the party, the value is not there," said Johnson. (9/21)

Campaign Ad Breakdown: President Zero



For [BBC.com](#), **Larry Engel**, associate professor of film, analyzed a presidential campaign ad by Republican presidential candidate Rick Perry. "This very simple before-and-after display reinforces Obama's otherness. He's not an American, he's not one of us," said Engel. (9/21)