Top Stories
The Obese Brain: How Childhood Diet Impacts Brain Development
Center for Behavioral Neuroscience director Terry Davidson appeared on WAMU’s The Kojo Nnamdi Show to discuss his research on obesity and cognition. Davidson spoke about the evidence he and other researchers are amassing about brain changes noting that by identifying troubles early in life, researchers hope to then prevent more serious cognitive dysfunction that leads to Alzheimer’s and other late-life dementias. (10/15)

Domestic Abuse: Intervention That Works
For MSNBC, literature professor Rachel Louise Snyder discussed a program in Massachusetts that has successfully curbed domestic violence in nine communities, all while keeping victims out of shelters. Snyder’s groundbreaking 2013 New Yorker article "A Raised Hand" is cited in the segment, and Snyder talked about the problems behind why the program, in spite of its success, has not been implemented elsewhere in the United States. (10/14)

Op-eds/AU Authors
ISIS Fight Not a NATO Mission, Or in Turkey's Interest
For New York Times Room for Debate blog, School of International Service dean James Goldgeier explained why Turkey will follow its interests, and why at present its interests do not align with the approach of its fellow NATO members concerning the ISIS threat. (10/14)

How to Destroy the International Criminal Court from Within
In a Foreign Policy column, international service professor David Bosco discussed Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta’s appearance before the International Criminal Court. Bosco explains how the Kenyatta case could impact the legitimacy of the ICC should the case not proceed or it be allowed to fall apart for a lack of cooperation in obtaining evidence or witness tampering. (10/10)

A Maryland Tax Break for 'Middle Class Millionaires'
In an op-ed for TheHill.com, Don Williamson executive director, Kogod Tax Center, explained that Maryland’s revision of its estate tax exemption cutoff provides an incentive for wealthier residents to remain in the state, thus providing tax revenue to support social services and maintain government infrastructure. (10/17)
**Expertise**

**How President Obama Will be Seen by History**
Public communication professor Leonard Steinhorn discussed Obama's Presidency on *Sirius XM's POTUS Channel* highlighting the first two years of his administration where Obama was able to achieve healthcare reform, passed the stimulus and reached other goals. Steinhorn also explained how it is a very hard time to be president because of the fragmented media culture and bitter partisanship. (10/13)

**Vulnerable Democrats Run Away From Obama**
Center for Congressional & Presidential Studies director, James Thurber spoke to *Time* magazine about how Democrat candidates seeking midterm election are distancing themselves from President Obama to avoid the election from becoming a referendum about Obama. (10/14)

**Why the Girls Kidnapped by Boko Haram Still Aren’t Home**
For *Time* magazine, international service professor Carl LeVan explained the Nigerian population’s dilemma between Boko Haram’s violence and the Nigerian military’s human rights violations. (10/17)

**That Other Tax Day**
David Kautter, managing director of the Kogod Tax Center, spoke to *Politico* about the various reasons people request a six-month extension to file tax returns such as procrastination, family emergency or some other extenuating circumstance, or people who have income from partnerships. (10/10)

**The New U.S. Price Tag for the War Against ISIS: $40 Billion a Year**
*Fiscal Times* featured international service professor Gordon Adams’ expertise on the likely cost of U.S. combat operations in Iraq and Syria to thwart ISIS. Adams said the cost of supporting U.S. operations could exceed $40 billion per year when all factors are included in the final calculation. (10/10)

**A Day For Global Girls Gets People Talking, But Then What?**
International service professor Daniel Esser spoke to *NPR.com’s Goats and Soda* about internationally designated days meant to raise awareness among the public. Esser expressed his concern that such days might serve the agencies that invent and popularize them more than the people they are intended to serve. (10/10)

**What Would an Ebola Travel Ban Actually Look Like?**
With *National Journal*, economics professor Gabriel Mathy talked about the potential economic consequences of a travel ban on flights from the U.S. to countries in West Africa affected by Ebola. Mathy discussed both short- and long-term consequences. Law professor Stephen Vladeck is also quoted in the article about how a U.S. travel ban would work. (10/17)

**Dems Want White House Shake-Up**
For *The Hill*, executive in resident for the Center for Congressional & Presidential Studies Anita McBride explained how President Obama must become personally invested and make an outreach to Congress to buoy his legislative priorities and last two years in office. (10/12)
Congress’ Agenda After Midterm Elections

History professor Allan Lichtman appeared on Sinclair Television to discuss the focus of Congress following midterm elections. Lichtman noted that lawmakers’ focus on midterm elections distracts them from pressing issues. (10/16)

New Salinas Documentary to Premiere at Carmel International Film Festival

School of Communication professor and filmmaker Carolyn Brown’s new documentary focused on young Latinos from immigrant farm working families from Salinas, CA, appeared on CBS’s Salinas affiliate KION-TV to discuss the film’s upcoming debut as part of the Carmel International Film Festival. (10/13)

Bonus Clip

Documenting the Deaf Experience in Cambodia

In a dispatch from Cambodia for National Geographic, anthropology Ph.D. Candidate Erin Moriarty Harrelson described her initial research endeavors. Moriarty Harrelson is spending nine months in Cambodia using video, text, photographs, maps and drawings to document the lives of deaf Cambodians as they encounter each other for the first time and learn Cambodian Sign Language -- a language that is still being developed and documented. She is a Fulbright-National Geographic Digital Storytelling Fellow, one of five grantees selected from among 864 applicants. (10/15)