Top Stories
Media Seeks AU Experts’ Post-Election Analysis, Discussion of 2016 & New Research on Female Candidates

Women & Politics Institute director Jennifer Lawless and Center for Congressional & Presidential Studies director James Thurber appeared on C-SPAN’s Washington Journal for more than 40 minutes each this week.

Lawless appeared on Washington Journal to discuss whether 2014 was the year of the woman for the elections and her newly released Brookings report Not a ‘Year of the Woman’...and 2036 Doesn’t Look So Good Either. For Scripps Media, Lawless also spoke about the issue. (11/12, 11/11)

Thurber appeared on Washington Journal to explain how President Obama and a Republican-controlled Congress might operate during the 114th Congress, including the potential for gridlock. Thurber also recalled how previous administrations have worked with one-party controlled congresses. (11/9)

History professor Allan Lichtman spoke to the Washington Post about Governor Martin O’Malley’s presidential hopes, calling them “extinguished” because of Anthony Brown’s loss in the Maryland governor’s race. Lichtman also spoke to CBS News online about President Obama’s last two years in office. (11/10, 11/10)

For a Yahoo! News article, journalism professor Jane Hall discussed the 2016 presidential election and how the media will cover the race. Hall specifically discussed how networks like MSNBC, Fox, and CNN will position themselves for the race. (11/7)

Op-Eds/AU Authors
To Contain Russia, the U.S. Should Return to Cold War Policies

In a New Republic op-ed looking at Europe 25 years after the fall of the Berlin Wall, School of International Service dean James Goldgeier argued that President Obama will need to publicly acknowledge that, given the current regime in Moscow, the United States and its European partners must contain the threat posed by Russia to the post-Cold War European order. (11/7)

What Washington Doesn’t Get About ISIS

Ibn Khaldun Chair of Islamic Studies Akbar Ahmed, in his Politico Magazine op-ed, argued that the U.S. should try to understand the tribal character of the Muslim world because it is impossible to make sense of ISIS or the tribal societies in the region where America has taken military action since 9/11. (11/13)
A President Who Is Hearing Things

In a Real Clear Politics op-ed, journalism professor Richard Benedetto analyzed the outcome of the 2014 midterm elections and argued that political elites cannot easily fool American voters. (11/12)

Benjamin Netanyahu vs. The World

In a National Interest commentary, international service professor Guy Ziv argued that Benjamin Netanyahu and his right wing coalition partners are undermining the two-state solution through its provocative indefinite occupation and settlement activity in the West Bank and East Jerusalem. (11/14)

Expertise

Obama in Asia: Focus on Economy, Trade and Legacy

Center for Congressional & Presidential Studies director James Thurber appeared on NBC Nightly News to discuss President Obama's second term. Thurber explained that second term U.S. presidents frequently focus on foreign policy, and Obama’s trip to China, Myanmar and Australia demonstrate the trend. James Goldgeier also spoke to NBC News online about Obama's trip for the APEC and G-20 meetings and his unspoken goal to remind people that he is still the president of the United States. (11/10, 11/11)

Could a U.S.-Cuba Prisoner Swap Break the Ice?

For CNN online, government professor William LeoGrande commented on the potential of President Obama to improve relations with Cuba, saying that the “political stars are well aligned.” LeoGrande also commented on a potential prisoner swap with Cuba for jailed American Alan Gross, who has been captive there for five years. (11/7)

Gordon Adams on Defense News with Vago Muradian

In an interview with Defense News with Vago Muradian, foreign policy professor Gordon Adams spoke about the Obama administration’s strategy concerning ISIS. Adams discussed the issues of deploying U.S. troops on the ground and receiving assistance from the Iraqi and Peshmerga militaries. James Goldgeier appeared on Fox News Channel's Shepard Smith Reporting, saying that a multi-year campaign is necessary to combat ISIS, whether its leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi is dead or alive. (11/9, 11/10)

All in the Chemistry: Science Says Pizza is Delicious

In an interview for WTOP online, chemistry professor Matt Hartings spoke about the chemical processes that make pizza taste so delicious. Hartings highlighted factors such as how dough rises and how cheese liquefies. Hartings also spoke to WTOP radio. (11/7)

Mary Gray on Women in Executive Positions

For WNEW-CBS Radio Washington, D.C., mathematics professor Mary Gray spoke about the increased number of women in executive positions within the D.C. Metro area. Gray explained that the number of well-educated women in the area plays a major factor in the number of women in executive positions. (11/13)
Mark Clark on Increased Wages
For Sinclair Broadcast Group television news affiliates, management professor Mark Clark commented on the stagnation of wages among workers and discussed the possibility of increased wages in the future. (11/12)

Bonus Clips
How Do You Feel About Your Body?
Glamour featured clinical psychology Ph.D. student Evelyn Meier’s research in an article about women and body image. Meier is researching Facebook’s effect on body image. (10/14)

American Starts College Basketball Season as Favorites in the Patriot League
The Washington Post featured American University men’s basketball team in an article focusing on the team’s anticipated season. The Eagles are Patriot League favorites this year, after being picked to finish near the bottom of the Patriot League last season and going on to play in the NCAA tournament. (10/14)