Top Stories

AU Experts Discuss CIA Torture Report


Perry Wallace, Who Broke Basketball Barriers, Didn't Set Out to Be a Pioneer

Law professor Perry Wallace spoke to NPR about his biography, Strong Inside: Perry Wallace and the Collision of Race and Sports in the South. Andrew Maraniss chronicles Wallace’s experience as the first African American athlete in college basketball’s Southeastern Conference. Wallace also spoke to the Washington Post about the rise of social activism among athletes. (12/8, 12/5)

William LeoGrande on Charlie Rose

Government professor William LeoGrande appeared on PBS’s Charlie Rose with his co-author Peter Kornbluh to discuss their book, Back Channel to Cuba. LeoGrande and Kornbluh discussed historical and contemporary U.S.-Cuba bilateral relations. (12/7)

In Chevy Chase, a Good Amphipod Is Hard to find

The Gazette featured environmental science professor David Culver’s research along with two of his graduate students in their search for whether endangered amphipods, a tiny shrimp-like species, live in an area of Chevy Chase, Maryland, slated for the proposed construction of the Purple line. (12/10)

Op-Eds/AU Authors

Nature TV Is Running Wild. The Man-Eating Anaconda Is Just the Latest Atrocity

In a Washington Post op-ed, director of the Center for Environmental Filmmaking Chris Palmer and AU graduate student Shannon Lawrence explained that the Discovery Channel’s “Eaten Alive” show and many other nature shows claim to have environmental and educational goals, but they actually encourage animal harassment for the sake of entertainment and increased ratings. (12/9)
Online Education, With Great Investment, Can Provide Extraordinary Opportunities for Students and Faculty

In a Huffington Post op-ed, School of International Service dean, James Goldgeier, and international politics professor David Bosco explained the challenges and opportunities of developing a top-rate online master’s degree for students who could not otherwise attend traditional brick-and-mortar classes in Washington for professional or geographic reasons. (12/9)

Torture and the Rule of Law

In an American Constitution Society commentary, government professor Chris Edelson argued that torture is unconstitutional and that the executive branch is not above the law. Edelson assessed post 9/11 torture policy during the Bush administration explaining executive authority does not exist outside of the law. (12/10)

Expertise

New Efforts to Revamp Police Procedures Amid Charges of Racism

For WAMU’s Diane Rehm Show on NPR, law fellow William Yeomans joined panelists for a discussion about biased police practices, nationwide protests and new efforts to bridge the country’s racial divide. (12/8)

In Seven States, Atheists Push to End Largely Forgotten Ban

Program of Law and Government director Jamin Raskin spoke to the New York Times about a provision in Maryland’s constitution that bans secular Americans from serving in office. Raskin explained that the provision banning atheists from holding public office was inconsistent with Maryland’s history. (12/6)

Consumer Change Written on Faces of Multicultural Dolls

Communication professor Angie Chuang spoke to USA Today online about the impact of American Girl’s elimination of two non-white dolls from its lineup. Chuang explained that as the population changes, norms change causing a trickledown effect to the doll industry. The article syndicated more than 80 times. (12/10)

House and Senate Unanimous: No Social Security for Nazis

History professor Allan Lichtman spoke to Newsweek online about Congress unanimously passing a bill stripping Nazi war criminals from receiving Social Security benefits. Lichtman explained that the bill was common ground on which both Democrats and Republicans could agree. (12/5)

Why I Shop for Produce at Ethnic Markets

The Washington Post cited public administration and policy professors Taryn Morrissey, Alison Jacknowitz and Katie Vinopal’s research showing the relationship between local fresh fruit and vegetable prices and healthy weight outcomes for U.S. children. (12/9)
Report: More Minorities Studying Public Health
For U.S. News & World Report, Public Health Program director Jolynn Gardner spoke about the increase of minority students majoring in public health and the role personal connections with these communities play for these students. (12/8)

Urban Blacks in U.S. Have Little Confidence in Police
Gallup online featured the American Communities Project in an article about minorities’ confidence in the police. (12/8)

Robert Tobias on Federal Employee Viewpoint Survey Results
For WTOP radio, Key Executive Leadership Programs director Robert Tobias spoke about the Federal Employee Viewpoint Survey, saying that federal agency executives are losing the leadership skills to inspire employees to do a good job. (12/8)

U-Va. Rape Investigation
Communication professor Leonard Steinhorn appeared on WTTG-Fox5’s Good Day DC to discuss the importance of accuracy and credibility within news stories. Communication professor John Watson spoke to C-Ville about ethics in the digital era of journalism. (12/8, 12/10)

Dan Arbell on Israeli Settlement Protests
Center for Israel Studies scholar-in-residence Dan Arbell appeared on Al Jazeera America to discuss Israeli settlement protests and the international consequences. Arbell discussed the death of Palestinian minister Ziad Abu Ein. (12/11)