Top Stories

Why Digital Natives Prefer Reading in Print. Yes, You Read That Right.

The Washington Post featured linguistics professor Naomi Baron in an article about the advantages of print vs. digital books. The article discussed her book, Words Onscreen: The Fate of Reading in a Digital World, her research findings and featured interviews with several AU students. The article syndicated more than 40 times. Baron also spoke to CBS Radio Detroit and KAMC-FM. (2/22 - 2/24)

Should Iranian Students Be Banned From Some Science Programs?

For NPR, president of the Association of International Educators and assistant vice president of campus life, Fanta Aw spoke about universities banning Iranian students from certain degree programs. Aw said it creates anxiety and confusion among students, and schools should focus on the value of academic learning. (2/20)

Additional Feature

Authorization to Use Military Force

International service professor Shoon Murray spoke to KPFA-FM about President Obama’s request to Congress for an Authorization to Use Military Force (AUMF) against ISIL. Murray also discussed the history of AUMFs including the 2001 AUMF, declarations of war and her book, The Terror Authorization: The History and Politics of the 2001 AUMF. (2/25) *Interview starts at 11:40

Op-Eds

A Scientific Perspective on Politics and Science

For Washington Post’s Monkey Cage, government professor Elizabeth Suhay discussed the notion that people’s political values influence their views on science. The article kicked off a week of posts to the blog based on the March issue of the ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science for which Suhay is the co-editor of the cover story “The Politics of Science: Political Values and the Production, Communication, and Reception of Scientific Knowledge.” (2/23)

The (Ab)uses of Social Media for Understanding International Conflict

For Washington Post’s Monkey Cage, department of justice, law & criminology professor Thomas Zeitzoff co-authored an op-ed examining the use of social media as a “liberation technology” for learning important information about foreign policy issues. (2/25)
Expertise

DC Leaders Legalize Pot Despite Threats From Congress

For Associated Press, Law and Government Program director Jamin Raskin spoke about D.C.'s marijuana legalization and the negative reaction from Capitol Hill. Raskin said that Congress has the power of "purse" and they could financially punish D.C. The article syndicated more than 600 times. (2/26)

Obama’s Expected Keystone Pipeline Veto Is Likely to Be the First in a Wave

Center for Congressional & Presidential Studies (CCPS) director James Thurber spoke to the New York Times about President Obama’s veto of the Keystone XL pipeline bill, saying that this is a new period for the Obama administration where President Obama will use his veto to “protect his past record.” CCPS academic director of the Public Affairs and Advocacy Institute Patrick Griffin spoke to the Los Angeles Times about the approach Republicans must take in reaction to the veto so they don’t hurt their 2016 White House ambitions. (2/22 - 2/24)

US Outlines Mission to Retake Mosul from Islamic State. Why So Public a Plan?

International service distinguished practitioner-in-residence David Barno spoke to the Christian Science Monitor about the "perplexing" amount of detail the Pentagon disclosed about Iraqi troops’ plans for retaking Mosul. International service professor Gordon Adams spoke to Fiscal Times and described the scenario as “a little bizarre.” (2/20 - 2/21)

Should the United States Arm Ukraine? Foreign Affairs’ Brain Trust Weighs In

School of International Service dean James Goldgeier and international service associate professor Keith Darden spoke to Foreign Affairs’ Snapshot about whether the United States should arm Ukraine. Goldgeier and Darden were among a select group of experts making up Foreign Affairs’ Brain Trust on the subject. Although Goldgeier and Darden disagree, each made strong arguments for their respective positions on whether to arm Ukraine. (2/25)

Venezuela Arrest Sparks Fears of Fresh Crackdown on Opposition

For an International Business Times article, Center for Latin American and Latino Studies research fellow Michael McCarthy spoke about the Venezuelan government’s arrest of Caracas Mayor Antonio Ledezma, saying that the arrest "smells of desperation on the part of the government" to silence voices of dissent. (2/21)

Is Bill O'Reilly Really in Trouble? This Time, There’s Plenty of Spin

Journalism division director John Watson spoke to Mashable about Bill O’Reilly’s recent Brian Williams-like controversy. Watson explained the different roles of Bill O'Reilly and Brian Williams to their respective media outlets, saying that O'Reilly exists more as an opinion commentator. (2/24)

ISIS and Russia Fueling Uncertainty, Risk

Ibn Khaldun Chair of Islamic Studies Akbar Ahmed spoke to Sinclair Broadcasting Group about the spread of global Islamic terrorism, saying that the Muslim community must fix problems like youth unemployment and other issues that drive young people to extremes. History professor Eric Lohr spoke to Sinclair Broadcasting Group about the threats of ISIS and Vladimir Putin. (2/23 - 2/26)
D.C. Bible Museum Will Be Immersive Experience, Organizers Say

For NPR, philosophy and religion professor Martyn Oliver spoke about the Museum of the Bible, a new museum set to open in D.C. in 2017, and the artifacts that the museum will have on display. (2/25)

Homeland Security Controversy

Communication professor Leonard Steinhorn spoke to CBS Radio about the potential Homeland Security shutdown, saying that Republicans do not want their first act in the majority to result in a shutdown. (2/23)

Bonus Clip

American U. Women Get By Nemesis Army, Remain in Chase for NCAA Berth

The Washington Post featured AU Eagles women’s basketball team in an article that highlighted the team’s win over Army and their road to the NCAA tournament. (2/23)