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## AU Newsmakers

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### Top Story

#### JFK Commemorations Dot 2013 Calendar



A [USA Today](#) feature story about 2013 marking the 50th anniversary of John F. Kennedy's last year of life highlighted the approaching anniversary of Kennedy's "A Strategy of Peace" speech at AU's 1963 commencement. The same story quoted **James Thurber**, director of the Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies, about how Kennedy's assassination shaped his legacy. (5/23)

### Additional Features

#### The 10 Most Truly Made-in-America Cars



A slide show in [Wall Street Journal's Marketwatch.com](#) highlighted the top ten most American-made cars, based on international business professor **Frank Dubois's** latest research that compiles every car sold in America by the percentage of its parts that are manufactured in America. (5/22)

### Op-Eds/AU Authors

#### Mr. Sein Goes to Washington



In an op-ed for the [Washington Post online](#), Ibn Khaldun chair of Islamic studies **Akbar Ahmed**, and research fellow **Harrison Akins** discussed the significance of President Obama's Oval Office meeting with former Burmese dictator

and now president Thein Sein. However, they question Sein's continued harsh treatment of the Muslim Rohingya minority in Burma. (5/22)

#### Social Insecurity and the Obama Administration



International service professor **Clarence Lusane** wrote an op-ed for [McClatchy Newspapers](#) suggesting that President Obama is breaking campaign promises by proposing funding cuts to Social Security. (5/17)

#### President Obama Loves Leaks, Despises Whistleblowers



With [The Hill](#), international service professor **Jeff Bachman** wrote an op-ed discussing the Obama administration's distinct treatment of leaks by White House staff versus White House staff members who are whistleblowers. (5/21)

## Expertise

### **Bloomberg News Snaps**



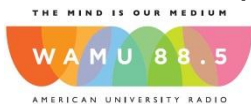
Communication professor **Jane Hall** appeared live and in studio on [CNN's \*Reliable Sources\*](#) to talk about Bloomberg News' admission that their reporters had access to information on corporate and government customers. (5/19)

### **Do All These #PopSongs Mean the Hashtag Is Here to Stay?**



[U.S. News & World Report online](#) spoke to linguistics professor **Naomi Baron**, about the use of hashtag symbols in everyday language. (5/21)

### **Cross-Cultural (Mis) Understanding**



On [WAMU's \*Kojo Nnamdi Show\*](#), **Gary Weaver**, executive director of the Intercultural Management Institute, talked about the nuances of cross-cultural competency in the workplace. (5/20)

## Bonus Clip

### **My Life as an Intern**



Recent alumna **Stephanie Dazio**, a self-described politics wonk, wrote about her experience as the politics intern and Washington correspondent for [Durango Herald](#) (Colorado).