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Top Story
Criminal Justice Doctoral Programs Put Cutting-Edge Research into Practice
In an article highlighting graduate degrees in criminal justice and criminology for those wishing to teach or pursue research, Washington Post Express profiled Jane Palmer, a recent AU Justice, Law and Society doctoral graduate, whose interest in advocating for women victims of domestic violence drove her to pursue the degree. (6/10)

Additional Features
Swamp Study Digs Up a New History
The Suffolk News Herald (Virginia) featured anthropology professor Daniel Sayers’s Great Dismal Swamp landscape study, a decade-long field research project searching for evidence of escaped slaves seeking refuge and freedom in the swamp. (6/7)

JFK@AU
Obama Echoes JFK Speech

Op-Ed/AU Author
Is Competition in Education Killing Our Sense of Community?
For Washington Post online, Sarah Irvine Belson, dean of the School of Education, Teaching and Health, wrote about the gaps in the quality of education reforms for schools serving minorities. (6/17)

Expertise
Obama Trade Dilemma: Scant Support from Democrats
James Thurber, director of the Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies, spoke to the Associated Press about President Obama’s ambitious global free-trade agenda and the likely Democrat opposition it faces in Congress. More than 105 outlets, including the Houston Chronicle, Fresno Bee, and San Francisco Chronicle republished this article. (6/15)
Secret Court Ruling Put Tech Companies in Data Bind

With the Associated Press law professor Stephen Vladeck discussed the legal obstacles surrounding the lawsuits against the National Security Agency for collecting phone records. More than 200 outlets republished this article, including the Atlanta Journal Constitution, Chicago Tribune, and Orlando Sentinel. Vladeck also spoke to the New York Times about NSA data mining and Washington Post about the extradition status of an NSA whistleblower. (6/12, 6/13, 6/19)

Why There’s a Sassy Wombat on Your Phone

Linguistics professor Naomi Baron, spoke to the Wall Street Journal about the increased use of ‘stickers’, larger more advanced emoticons, in digital communication. (6/13)

A Coffee Withdrawal Diagnosis

Psychology professor Laura Juliano talked to the Wall Street Journal about how symptoms of caffeine withdrawal are often mistaken for many other medical disorders and medical problems. (6/10)

After Jail Scandal, Spotlight on Growing Role of Women Officers

The Los Angeles Times talked to law professor Brenda Smith about the commonality of female prison guards initiating personal relationships with male inmates. (6/15)

Virginia Ballot Includes No Women

Jennifer Lawless, director of the Women and Politics Institute, spoke to Washington Post online about the how the absence of women on Virginia’s statewide November ballot is a supply problem rather than a demand problem. (6/14)

When It Comes To Online Privacy, A Disconnect For the Young

Communication professor Kathryn Montgomery talked with NPR.org’s All Tech Considered blog about the illusion of privacy provided by social networking sites when in reality online data collection through these sites is very common. (6/10)

The Government is Watching You

Communication professor Christopher Simpson spoke to McClatchy Newspapers about how algorithms created by metadata, or snippets of digital information, often place suspicion on innocent cell phone users. More than 80 outlets republished this article, including the Charlotte Observer, San Jose Mercury News, and the Fresno Bee. (6/13)

Syria, Surveillance Issues Await Obama at G8, Berlin

School of International Service Dean James Goldgeier appeared on Voice of America Television to discuss President Obama’s sideline meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin to discuss divisive issues such as Syria and issues where they can collaborate such as on counterterrorism and the Korean peninsula. (6/14)
Bonus Clip
A 'Day Game' Unlike Any Other

Sophomore Tyler Steinhardt talked to ESPN online about the success of his annual 24-hour lacrosse shoot-out event, which benefits the Wounded Warrior Project. A video produced by fellow student Sam Lichtman accompanied the story. (6/19)