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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



The [New York Times](#), [U.S. News and World Report](#), [USA Today](#), and [CNN.com](#) noted the historical significance of former President John F. Kennedy's "Strategy of Peace" commencement speech at AU and the series of notable speeches he delivered in June 1963. (6/18, 6/19)

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

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

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

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

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 Washington Post

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

The Washington Post

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)