Top Stories

DC Mayoral Candidates Come to AU for First Debate

Associated Press, Washington Post, Washington Times, WRC-NBC4, WUSA-CBS9, WJLA-ABC7, WTTG-FOX5, WNEW, WTOP, WAMU, Washington City Paper and several other local news outlets gathered in AU's Katzen Art Center Abramson Family Recital Hall for the much anticipated first DC Mayoral Debate between candidates Muriel Bowser, David Catania, and Carol Schwartz. American University, AU's Kennedy Political Union and two community organizations hosted the debate before a capacity crowd and live-stream audience. (9/18, 9/19)

Meet the New Faces of Washington Business Education

In a Q&A with Washington Post's Capital Business, Kogod School of Business dean Erran Carmel discussed the unique challenges facing business schools and how Kogod is adapting to the new MBA environment. (9/14)

Additional Features

Medic Returns from Afghanistan to Broken Family In 'Bliss'

NPR's Weekend Edition spoke with film and media arts professor Claudia Myers about her latest movie "Fort Bliss," a film about a decorated medic and single mother who returns home from an extended tour of duty in Afghanistan to a broken family. (9/13)

White House Game Jam Lures Top Video Game Developers

USA Today featured an AU Game Lab video game developed during the first-ever game jam event held at the White House. The event hosted 100 top game designers, including those from AU, to show off their skills, part of an effort by the administration to get technology companies interested in investing, even experimentally, in education. (9/12)

President Obama's ISIS Strategy

School of International Service dean James Goldgeier appeared on C-SPAN’s Washington Journal to discuss President Obama’s strategy toward defeating Islamic State militants in Syria and Iraq. Goldgeier also explained how U.S. military commitments in Iraq could affect foreign policy in other regions, including Eastern Europe and China. (9/14)
Seeking to End Rape on Campus, White House Launches “It’s On Us”

Washington Post reported student leaders from American University are among those from 200 colleges and universities around the country that agreed to participate in the campaign that came out of the White House Task Force to Protect Students from Sexual Assault. (9/19)

Expertise
Chinese Increasingly Protest Projects That Threaten Environment

International service professor Judith Shapiro spoke to McClatchy about whether China’s government will remain tolerant of anti-pollution protests. (9/16)

Government Push for Yahoo’s User Data Set Stage for Broad Surveillance

With the New York Times, law professor Stephen Vladeck analyzed documents from a court case over data surveillance involving the U.S. government and Yahoo. Vladeck said the court case resulted in validating the government’s practices. Vladeck also spoke to USA Today about the released documents, noting that the revelations are damaging because they show how vulnerable tech companies are to government demands. (9/12)

Under New Ownership, WJLA-TV Takes a Slight Turn to the Right

School of Communication professor Charles Lewis spoke to the Washington Post about WJLA-TV’s change in ownership and how the new owner’s viewpoints differ from the previous owner. (9/16)

Cuts to Defense Budget Threatened by Battle Against Islamic State

Los Angeles Times

International service professor Gordon Adams spoke to the Los Angeles Times about how Congress and President Obama’s agreement to handle the ISIS crisis will increase defense spending without compromising the budget deal. Adams also spoke to NBCNews online about the cost of re-engaging in Iraq to defeat ISIS. (9/12, 9/13)

Russia: Satellite Did Not Explode Over U.S.

International service professor Pamela Meredith spoke to U.S. News & World Report about aging satellites falling from space after a Russian satellite burned up over U.S. skies. Meredith spoke to the issue of policy discrepancies between countries, pointing out there is nothing illegal about deploying reconnaissance and surveillance satellites. (9/12)

Salvaging The NFL’s Image in Midst of Scandals

Kogod management professor Mark Clark spoke to WUSA-CBS9 about the need for the NFL to get in front of the domestic violence and sexual assault issues that have placed it in crisis mode. Clark specifically spoke about the NFL’s need to discuss its commitment to address them head on. (9/18)
Hollywood’s Medical Storylines Vetted by Those Who Know

School of Communication professor Kathryn Montgomery spoke to Kaiser Health News about the nature of political, social and health messaging in entertainment television. Montgomery specifically noted the ethical concerns on whether the public should be made aware of the influences. (9/13)