**Top Stories**

**“It’s On Us” Initiative Launch Includes AU Student Leaders**

For CBS News, sexual assault prevention coordinator Daniel Rappaport discussed the “It’s on Us” campaign launch and AU’s commitment to train students to step up to intervene on situations that are concerning to them as an active bystander. More than 150 CBS affiliates ran the story. (9/19)

InTheCapital spoke to National Campus Leadership Council executive director and AU alumnus Andy McCracken, who played an integral role in the White House launch of the “It’s on Us Initiative to Stop Sexual Assault” campaign. AU is also mentioned in the story because student leaders signed onto the campaign as one of 200 colleges and universities across the country to develop programs for bystander intervention. (9/19)

**Obama’s Legal Authority to Fight ISIL, U.S. Public Opinion & Defense Spending**

C-SPAN, Reuters and Sinclair Broadcast Group among others spoke to American University professors about the various dimensions of the United States entering into combat with ISIL in Iraq and Syria.

International service professor Shoon Murray appeared on Sinclair Broadcast Group TV to discuss the basis of President Obama’s authority to enter into combat against ISIL. Murray explained that Congress needs to act to give Obama authority to engage ISIL because the 2001 Authorization to Use Military Force is invalid. (9/22)

School of International Service dean James Goldgeier spoke to Reuters about how American public opinion will react to President Obama’s entering into combat with ISIL and arming Syrian rebels given Obama’s focus on ending wars. (9/23)

For C-SPAN’s Washington Journal, international service professor Gordon Adams talked about the debate whether to increase defense spending in light of recent international conflicts and threats to national security in Syria, Iraq and other regions in the Middle East. (9/20)

Washington College of Law professor Stephen Vladeck appeared on C-SPAN’s Washington Journal to discuss the legal questions surrounding President Obama’s strategy toward fighting ISIL militants in Iraq and Syria including the threat posed to the United States and other countries. NPR’s Parallel blog also quoted Vladeck on the subject. (9/25)
International Economist Says GDB at Center of PR’s Fiscal Problems

In a cover story for Puerto Rico’s San Juan Star, international service distinguished economist in residence Arturo Porzecanski discussed his recent paper on Puerto Rico’s Government Development Bank’s (GDB) responsibility for the island’s fiscal woes. Porzecanski traces the history of the GDB’s private enterprise loan portfolio to one dominated by public sector loans to state enterprises like the nearly insolvent Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority. (9/22)

Op-Eds/AU Authors

In An Age of E-Readers, Are Students Still Open to Books?

In a San Francisco Chronicle op-ed, linguistics professor Naomi Baron discussed her research findings from surveying university students about their reading practices and preferences. Baron finds that students prefer reading print in some instances, and cautions policymakers to slow down and not rush to make all reading digital. (9/19)

Actually, MSG is not Safe for Everyone

In a LiveScience.com op-ed, nutritional neuroscientist Katie Holton explained how monosodium glutamate affects a subset of the population that consumes the chemical compound causing them ill effects. A series of news stories about the lack of harm caused by MSG did not take into account the dangers for some people, Holton, argued and pointed to her own research to explain the warning signs. (9/20)

Expertise

Russia Wants Ukraine off UN Radar

For Associated Press, international service professor Keith Darden explained Russia’s strategic argument for intervening in Ukraine and annexing Crimea is based on the precedent of great powers with spheres of influence to intervene when political landscapes shift unfavorably. The article syndicated to more than two dozen outlets. (9/22)

Brazil Balks at Major Pact to End Deforestation

International environmental policy professor Paul Wapner spoke to Associated Press about the failure of the United States, Canada and European Union at the United Nations to include Brazil in discussions for a global initiative to halve deforestation by 2020 and eliminate it by 2030. (9/24)

American University to Unveil New Start-Up Incubator, the Latest in the District

Kogod School of Business director, Strategic Entrepreneurship and Innovation Initiative, Stevan Holmberg spoke to the Washington Post’s On Small Business about Kogod’s new on-campus start-up incubator pairing current students and recent graduates with a business mentor and a work space to get their ventures off the ground. (9/25)
Northern Exposure: Canada’s Appeal to International Students for Study Abroad

For Inside Higher Ed Fanta Aw, assistant vice president for campus life and president of NAFSA: Association of International Educators, contrasted Canada’s international student recruitment drive as part of a skilled immigration pipeline to the U.S.’s approach focusing more on training and employment opportunities. (9/23)

U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder’s Resignation

With WBZ Radio Boston, history professor Allan Lichtman discussed the challenges with getting a successor to replace U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder. (9/25)

Concerns About the Future of Afghanistan

For Sinclair Broadcast Group TV, international service professor Shalini Venturelli discussed the greater capabilities the Afghan armed forces possess as a result of U.S. training. (9/26)