Top Stories

Cigar Diplomacy and How Kissinger’s Plan to Bomb Cuba Got Shelved

Several media outlets including Associated Press, New York Times, NPR’s Morning Edition, MSNBC’s The Last Word with Lawrence O’Donnell, and The Nation reported on new sensational facts revealed in government professor William LeoGrande’s co-authored new book, “Back Channel to Cuba: The Hidden History of Negotiations Between Washington and Havana.” Along with his co-author LeoGrande’s 10 years of research bring to light newly released documents and interviews on the ultra-secret diplomatic meetings and White House contingency planning from the Eisenhower administration through the current administration to normalize relations with Cuba. (9/30, 10/1)

AU’s Partnership with Nats Extended Into Post-Season

Associated Press, WRCTV-NBC4, Washington Post, Washington City Paper, WTOP and several other local and regional media outlets covered American University and the Nats announcement for an extension of their three-year partnership into the playoffs, by ensuring access to special late-night Metro train service. Clawed Z. Eagle and Teddy Roosevelt helped to make the announcement at Tenleytown/AU Metro station as the crowd cheered on. (9/29, 9/30)

‘Fort Bliss’ Is a Favorite with Military Audiences and Deserving of Wider Success

The Washington Post featured a glowing review of School of Communication Film and Media Arts professor Claudia Myers’ new film “Fort Bliss”, a drama about the impact deployment has on military families that is now playing at Washington’s West End Cinema. The review says, “Although “Fort Bliss” features a number of flashbacks to Maggie’s tour of duty in Afghanistan, it’s really an old-fashioned, emotionally affecting family drama – think “Kramer vs. Kramer” meets “The Best Years of Our Lives” thrown in for good measure.” (9/26)

Actively Engaged

Kogod School of Business executive in residence Jill Klein is featured in BizEd (page 33) for her work on Women in Technology’s Women on Corporate Boards research study where she engages Kogod MBA students in researching the gender makeup of Virginia, Maryland and D.C. corporate boards. (10/1)
Faculty Authors

Slow But Certain Integration in Israel

In a U.S. News & World Report co-authored op-ed, economics professor Robert Lerman explained how Israeli Arabs have been integrated into the Israeli economy demonstrating a means of working toward a peaceful resolution to conflict in the Middle East. (10/1)

In Hong Kong’s Protests, Technology is a Battlefield

In an op-ed for Quartz, associate professor of journalism Andrew Lih explained how Hong Kong’s leaderless movement Occupy Central has spread widely with the use of wireless broadband, smartphones and social media. Lih concludes whoever dominates the digital domain will control the eventual outcome. (10/2)

Expertise

Complaints at Problem Prison Shelved

Washington College of Law professor Brenda Smith spoke to Associated Press about the federal investigation into an Alabama women’s prison for its pattern of sexual abuse and harassment despite state investigations that refuted the complaints. (10/2)

Get a Head Start on Business School by Improving Quantitative Skills

Kogod School of Business accounting professor Ajay Adhikari spoke to U.S. News & World Report about the need for some aspiring MBA students to review long forgotten math skills in preparation for graduate level business school classes. (10/02)

The Pros and Cons of ‘President Grandma’

With CNNNewsource, history professor Allan Lichtman discussed how Hilary Clinton becoming a grandmother could affect her politically, noting how family issues come into play for political candidates. Director of the Women & Politics Institute Jennifer Lawless spoke to Time about how Hillary Clinton’s new grandmother status may allow her to connect better with voters than in 2008. (9/27, 9/29)

Hong Kong’s Protests Are Peaceful to a Fault

For National Journal, assistant professor of public communication Scott Talan discussed Hong Kong’s Umbrella Movement explaining that an extremely peaceful protest can result in the media focusing on the protest tactics instead of the message of the movement. (10/2)

Germany to Consider Ban on Late-Night Work Emails

In a Huffington Post story about work related stress among German employees, international service professor Stephen Silvia discussed the role unions could play in getting companies to adopt stricter standards if legislation fails to curb employers from contacting workers after hours. (9/29)
**Pentagon Estimates Cost of Fighting ISIS Up to $10 Million Per Day**
For NPR and Boston’s WBUR’s [Here & Now](http://www.npr.org/), international service professor [Gordon Adams](http://www.gordonadams.com) explained that as the operation to fight ISIS grows, the costs will rise dramatically to $15-20 billion annually despite the Pentagon’s recent cost estimates per day. Adams also appeared on Chicago’s [WLS Radio](http://www.wls.com) to discuss the costs of engaging ISIS and [Sinclair Broadcast Group TV](http://www.sinclairbroadcast.com) to discuss the race for federal government agencies to spend their budgets before the end of government’s fiscal year. (9/29, 10/1)

**Exclusive: Survey Shows Fair Use Faring Well Among Doc-Makers**
University professor of communication [Patricia Aufderheide](http://www.guil.edu/hs/humanities/patricia-aufderheide) discussed her latest fair use survey results with [Realscreen](http://www.realscreen.com) and explained that a majority of documentary filmmakers not only understand but also employ fair use policies successfully. (9/30)

**Sense in Sizing**
For a [WRCTV-NBC4](http://www.wrectv.com) segment about the trend of smaller women’s clothing sizes for sale in retail stores, American studies professor and fashion historian [Katharina Vester](http://www.guil.edu/hs/humanities/katharina-vester) discussed vanity sizing and how extremes in sizing, both small and large, can create pressure on women. (10/2)