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### Top Story

#### AU's Wonks Analyze Statewide Election Results



Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies director **James Thurber** discussed election outcomes in Virginia, New Jersey, and New York and what they mean for 2014 on [WAMU's Diane Rehm Show](#), and syndicated to **NPR**. For two [US News.com](#) articles, Women & Politics Institute director [Jennifer Lawless](#) discussed the significance of Governor Chris Christie's re-election in New Jersey, and how Democrat Terry McAuliffe's stance on social issues, including women's issues, helped him to edge out Republican candidate Ken Cuccinelli to win the Virginia governor's race. Communication professor **Leonard Steinhorn** provided election night analysis about the Virginia governor's race on [WTTG-FOX5](#). (11/6, 11/5)

### Additional Features

#### Studying Chinese to Reach His Parents



A profile of junior **Daniel Chen** in [Washington Post Magazine](#) focused on the language barrier he, as a first generation Chinese-American, has had communicating with his parents and how that struggle growing up led to his decision to major in international relations and minor in Chinese language. (11/3)

#### Universities Prep New Generation to Secure World's Cyberspace



In a [Washington Diplomat](#) feature on university cyber-security programs, international service professor **Thomas Kellermann** and Kogod School of Business information technology department chair **Alberto Espinosa** discussed the explosion of cyber threats and the need for specialists to support governments, business, and ordinary consumers from cyber warfare. (11/3)

#### Best Values in Private Colleges



[Kiplinger's Personal Finance](#) has included AU on its list of the country's best values in private colleges. *Kiplinger's* annual list ranks the top 100 private universities. AU is #49 on the list. (11/5)

### Op-Eds/AU Authors

#### Michael J. Fox: An Ordinary Hero



In a [Baltimore Sun](#) op-ed commending Michael J. Fox's return to television, international service professor **Julie Mertus** discussed her own battle with Parkinson's, and the assistance American University has provided in order to allow her to continue her research. (11/1)

#### Racial Slurs, Football Teams and Trademarks



In a *Constitution Daily* op-ed that the [Philadelphia Inquirer online](#) republished, law professor **Christine Haight Farley** outlined the history of the trademark dispute and legal

ramifications regarding Washington's NFL team, the Redskins. (11/4)

## Special Operations or Drones?



For [The National Interest](#) justice, law and society professor **Joseph Young** co-authored an article which discussed the merits of drone versus special forces operations when weighed against the principle of sovereignty. (11/4)

## Expertise

### Reviving an Interfaith Legacy



An [International New York Times](#) op-ed by Binah Shaw quoted Akbar Ahmed about interfaith harmony in Pakistan. He also talked to [VOA TV](#) twice about

Jerusalem and Egypt. (11/7, 11/6, 11/4)

### Services Fight for Pieces of Shrinking Budget



[USA Today](#) quoted international service professor **Gordon Adams** on the likelihood of Army troops being cut as result of wrapping up two wars and budget constraints. More than **65** outlets republished this article. (11/7)

### Is the President Being Shielded by His Staff?



History professor **Allan Lichtman** appeared on [CNN Newsroom](#) to talk about what President Obama knew regarding the challenges faced by the HealthCare.gov website before its launch date. (11/2)

### Wikipedia Wobbles But Doesn't Fall



In a [Newsweek](#) article about claims that Wikipedia is failing, communications professor **Andrew Lih** said that the headlines about the website are wrong. (11/2)

### Last Minute GOP Amendment from Senators Help to Secure ENDA Passage



[WHYY Radio](#) spoke to government professor David Lublin about the strategy of some Republican Senators adding amendments to the Employment Non Discrimination Act (ENDA) bill in exchange for support. (11/7)

### Fed's Liquidity Plan Could Spur Collateral Shortfall



[American Banker](#) magazine talked to finance professor **Robin Lumsdaine** about why the Federal Reserve is being cautious about a liquidity proposal so that the central bank doesn't freeze up. (11/4)

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### Is Tech Changing the Way Students Write?



[Campus Technology](#) talked to **Naomi Baron**, executive director of the Center for Teaching, Research and Learning, regarding technology's influence on academic writing. While she recognizes that technology contributes to a loosening of writing standards, she says other factors contribute to lower standards. (11/7)