



## AU Newsmakers

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### Top Stories

#### C-SPAN Kicks Off 2014 Featuring American University Experts, Winter Institutes

More than 37 hours of C-SPAN programming focused on AU's School of Public Affairs during the New Year.



Government professor **Chris Edelson** appeared on [C-SPAN's Washington Journal](#) to discuss his book, *Emergency Presidential Power* examining how U.S. presidents have tested and pushed the limits of their emergency powers. The show re-aired on **C-SPAN2** and **C-SPAN Radio**. (1/2, 1/3)



Women & Politics Institute director **Jennifer Lawless** appeared [on C-SPAN's Washington Journal](#) to discuss the impact of women in politics, and her study revealing female candidates choosing not to run for public office. The show re-aired on **C-SPAN2** and **C-SPAN Radio**. (1/3, 1/4)



[C-SPAN](#) covered Charlie Cook, editor and publisher of the *Cook Political Report* who offered a survey of the electoral landscape in 2014 for students writing campaign plans for the **Campaign Management Institute**. The class re-aired on **C-SPAN** and **C-SPAN Radio**. (1/2, 1/3, 1/5)



[C-SPAN](#) covered [two](#) of the **Public Affairs and Advocacy Institute** classes that focused on lobbying and immigration. Coverage of both classes re-aired on **C-SPAN**, **C-SPAN3**, and **C-SPAN Radio**. (1/3, 1/4, 1/6, 1/7, 1/8)

### Additional Features

#### What Voter Turnout Means for Efforts to Remedy Income Inequality

**The Washington Post**

research on demographic changes in voting patterns and trends as they relate to the question of redistributive issues.

[Washington Post's Wonkblog](#) also mentioned **Leighley's** research. (1/4, 1/6)

[Washington Post.com's The Take](#) column featured government professor **Jan Leighley's** book *Who Votes Now? Demographics, Issues, Inequality, and Turnout in the United States*. and her

## Op-Eds/AU Author

### Pakistan's Persecuted Christians

**International New York Times**

In an op-ed for [International New York Times](#), Ibn Khaldun Chair of Islamic Studies **Akbar Ahmed** discussed the role Pakistan's minority Christian community has played in the country's history but is now facing increased violence amid the breakdown of public order. (12/24, 12/23)

## Expertise

### One-Third of Americans Reject Evolution, Poll Shows



History professor **Allan Lichtman** spoke to [Reuters](#) about one-third of Americans rejecting the notion of evolution, saying that evangelical Protestants make up the majority of that segment. (12/30)

### U.S. Judge Says NSA Phone Surveillance is Lawful



[Reuters](#) spoke to law professor **Stephen Vladeck** about the divergent decisions on the constitutionality of two recent NSA surveillance court cases. (12/27)

### 5 Critical Retirement Investing Mistakes to Avoid



In a discussion with [Wall Street Journal's MarketWatch online](#), finance professor **H. Kent Baker** talked about how retirees can avoid investing mistakes. (1/9)

### Composite Police Sketches Waning Amid New Technology

**The Washington Post**

With the [Washington Post](#), communication professor **John Watson** discussed whether composite sketches are reliable when related to criminal matters. (12/29)

### Army and National Guard Cross Swords Over Troop Cuts



International service professor **Gordon Adams** spoke to [USA Today](#) about expected U.S. Army troop cuts and explained the feasibility of relying more on National Guard units. More than **60** outlets republished the article. (12/24)

### How Y'all, Youse and You Guys Talk



Journalism professor **Jane Hall** appeared on [MSNBC's Up With Steve Kornacki](#) to discuss a linguistics poll about the differences in expressions in different U.S. regions that went viral on social media. (12/29)

### First Lady Preps for Milestone Birthday



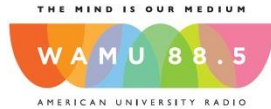
In an interview for [CBS This Morning](#), executive in residence **Anita McBride** discussed how First Lady Michelle Obama's will celebrate her 50th birthday. (1/6)

## The Life of a Lobbyist in a Do-Nothing Congress



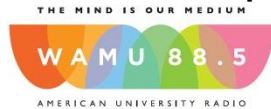
Speaking to [NPR's Weekend Edition Saturday](#) Center for Congressional & Presidential Studies director **James Thurber** highlighted the uptick in executive branch lobbying. (12/20)

## Food & Social Media: Beyond Instagramming Dinner



Communication professor **Scott Talan** spoke to [WAMU 88.5's Kojo Nnamdi Show](#) about the changing communication dynamics between food producers and customers. (1/8)

## Can Science Explain Extreme Weather?



With [WAMU 88.5's Kojo Nnamdi Show](#), communication professor **Matthew Nisbet** talked about how recent extreme weather patterns, such as the polar vortex, are creating a greater public awareness of climate change. (1/8)

## Arizona's Senior Lawmakers Retain Strong Voter Support



Ambassador in residence **Connie Morella** spoke to the [Arizona Republic](#) about the benefits established members of Congress generally have over their newer colleagues at the beginning of a new session. (1/6)

## Australia on Track to Become World Superpower in Energy Exports



**Deutsche Welle**

In an interview with [Deutsche Welle](#) about Australia's energy export growth, international service professor **Jeff Colgan** explained the geopolitical importance of energy sales to Asia and likely competition from the United States to win these customers. (12/22)