



## AU Newsmakers

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### Top Story

#### Congress Must Act to Protect the Fundamental Right to Vote—for All



In an op-ed for [Slate's The Root](#) on the anniversary of the Selma to Montgomery march, distinguished professor of government **Julian Bond** discussed the importance of protecting the advances of the past 50 years to safeguard voting laws preventing discrimination. **Bond** urged support for the bipartisan Voting Rights Amendment Act to protect the fundamental right to vote after the Supreme Court nullified parts of the Voting Rights Act last summer. **Chicago Tribune**, **Orlando Sentinel** and **Sun Sentinel** republished the op-ed. (3/21)

### Additional Features

#### Local Business Schools Set Up Degree Programs Away From Campus



In a [Washington Post Capital Business](#) article that highlighted the trend of local business schools taking their MBA programs to students in Northern Virginia and Maryland, Kogod School of Business dean **Michael Ginzberg** discussed Kogod master's degree programs in Northern Virginia exclusively for the employees of a large company. (3/23)

#### Gastrodiplomacy: Cooking Up a Tasty Lesson on War and Peace



[NPR's The Salt blog](#) featured SIS scholar in residence **Johanna Mendelson Forman's** course on gastrodiplomacy--using food as a tool to foster cultural understanding among countries. **Mendelson Forman** said that students in her course are able to learn from restaurant owners how cuisine is used as a communication tool in their communities. **America's Quarterly**, **China News** and **Le Figaro** republished the piece. (3/24)

### Op-Eds/AU Authors

#### Shawn Kuykendall's Spirit Will Live On



In a tribute piece for the [Washington Post](#), AU Men's Soccer Coach **Todd West** wrote about former AU player and assistant coach **Shawn Kuykendall's** death from thymic cancer while highlighting the inspiration and passion for living Kuykendall demonstrated throughout his battle. (3/21)

#### Republicans Must Embrace Inevitable Immigration Reform



Law professor **Jayesh Rathod** in a coauthored op-ed for the [Orlando Sentinel](#) argued Republicans risk political isolation since the immigration cause has taken on a moral dimension where Americans have lost their appetite for divisive anti-immigrant laws. (3/25)

#### President Obama and the Constitutional Power to Declare Peace



In an op-ed for [Yahoo!News](#), **Chris Edelson**, director of the Politics, Policy, and Law Scholars Program questioned President Obama's constitutional authority to effectively "declare peace" with Russia bypassing constitutional powers reserved for Congress. **Edelson** also spoke to [Fiscal Times](#) about this topic. (3/21)

## Expertise

### How Astronauts Survive Diplomatic Tensions in Space



With political tensions rising between Moscow and Washington, public affairs professor **Howard McCurdy** spoke to [Agence France Presse](#) about how politics could be affecting American and Russian astronauts on the International Space Station. More than **40** outlets, including **Yahoo!News**, republished this article. (3/22)

### Modern Rosie the Riveter a Path to Women's Higher Pay



Economics professor **Robert Lerman** spoke to [Bloomberg News](#) about the need to create more overall positions for female apprentices in the United States rather than spend public money to shift existing jobs from men to women. (3/26)

### 3 Presidents and a Riddle Named Putin



School of International Service dean **James Goldgeier** spoke to the [New York Times](#) about how Presidents Clinton, Bush, and Obama chose to see Russian President

Vladimir Putin as a pragmatic leader with whom they could work on common interests rather than a Russian leader trying to recoup influence lost in the post-Cold War period. (3/23)

### The Decline and Fall of the 'H' Word



[New York Times](#) spoke to anthropology professor and specialist in lavender linguistics **William Leap** who explained how the term "homosexual" is now considered

offensive because of its association with medical history. (3/21).

### Charting the Years-Long Decline of Local News Reporting



J-Lab executive director **Jan Schaffer** spoke to [Washington Post](#) about local, regional, and statewide digital news outlets' struggles to draw reader traffic and

revenue even with the demise of local newspapers. (3/26)

### Republicans Gain Little Ground Among Women



With [USA Today](#), director of the Women & Politics Institute **Jennifer Lawless** discussed the value of former secretary of state Condoleezza Rice headlining GOP campaign events. **Lawless** also spoke to [Boston Globe](#) about the difficulty to win more congressional seats faced by female Republican candidates. (3/26)

### The Presidential Election Does Start Earlier Every Four Years



[National Journal](#) spoke to history professor **Allan Lichtman** about 2016 presidential media coverage beginning earlier than ever. **Lichtman** discussed the trend's acceleration since the 1990s and legitimacy of media coverage so early. (3/24),

### Supreme Court About to Hear Arguments on Birth Control



Law professor **Stephen Wermiel** appeared on [MSNBC's Daily Rundown](#) to discuss the Supreme Court oral argument in *Hobby Lobby v. Conestoga* where a private company is claiming freedom of religion rights in order to deny healthcare coverage for contraceptives. (3/25)

### Are Exclamation Marks Killing Us With Kindness?



**Naomi Baron**, executive director of the Center for Teaching, Research and Learning, spoke to [Discovery.com](#) about language evolving over time, especially the rise in the use of exclamation points in online and mobile conversations. The article also mentioned **Baron's** research showing that girls and young women use their phones

for strengthening social connections. (3/25)

## International Search Has Impact on Relationships



In [two](#) interviews with [BBC Radio](#), international service professor **Jessica Trisko Darden** discussed the impact that the search for Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 has had on the 25 countries involved in the search including trouble in China and Malaysia cooperation and weaknesses in China's influence. (3/22)

## Bonus Clip

### Doctoral Candidate Makes a DJ Appearance



Doctoral candidate and anthropology instructor **Kalfani Ture** showed off his skills outside of the classroom as DJ K'Ture for [WTTG-FOX5's DJ Friday](#) segment. (3/28)