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Top Story

New Exhibit Offers Different Perspective on World War II End



Associated Press featured the Hiroshima-Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Associated Press Exhibition at the American University Museum at the Katzen Arts Center, which runs through August 16. Nuclear Studies Institute

director Peter Kuznick, who helped organize the exhibit, said Americans are not aware of the devastating impact a nuclear conflict could have and "Part of why we're doing this is because the danger has not really passed, and it's important that people focus on it again." WPTF radio also featured the exhibition. (6/13)

Additional Features

Jordan Eagles' Blood Mirror a Brilliant Commentary on the Gay Blood Ban



Slate featured a story about artwork that will be part of a forthcoming exhibit at the American University Museum at the Katzen Arts Center. The centerpiece of the exhibit will be a large, glass-mirrored sculpture called "Blood Mirror," which artist Jordan Eagles created in response to the federal ban on gay and bisexual male blood donors. (6/17)

Always Make Small Talk Before Negotiating: Study Finds Men Get Ahead by **Chatting Before Deals**

The **Daily Mail** featured Kogod School of Business professor **Alexandra** Mislin's study on small talk in negotiation. Mislin found that chit-chat in negotiations has a stronger, more consistent effect for men. Her research

explains women are expected to be more communicative, but deal makers appreciate men making the extra effort. (6/17)

Expertise

Why Pope Francis' Climate Message Is Hard for Americans to Swallow

Washington Post

Department of Religion and Philosophy associate professor Evan Berry spoke to the Washington Post for a story about the papal encyclical and how Americans would

receive Pope Francis' message that climate change affects the most vulnerable. **Berry** noted: "That's very much where the climate problem has taken the environmental movement is concern for the people who are affected by it but didn't cause it." (6/18)

Brian Williams to Remain at NBC, But in Diminished Role at MSNBC

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL. Professor of journalism Jane Hall spoke to the <u>Wall Street Journal</u> about NBC's decision to keep Brian Williams with the network, but as an anchor with MSNBC rather than NBC *Nightly News*' anchor. Public communication professor **Gemma Puglisi** spoke to <u>Media Life Magazine</u> about the future of Brian Williams' career, Lester Holt, NBC's handling of the ordeal, and the outlook for MSNBC with Williams onboard. (6/18 - 6/19)

Discussion of First Ladies



For <u>Associated Press</u>, Center for Congressional & Presidential Studies executive-in-residence **Anita McBride** discussed first lady Michelle Obama's aggressive travel schedule. **McBride** explained that

it's easier for a second term first lady to travel because campaigning is over. For a separate <u>Associated Press</u> article, **McBride** discussed the history of stand-in first ladies in relation to GOP presidential candidate **Lindsey Graham's** comment that his sister "could play" first lady. Combined, both articles syndicated more than 500 times. (6/12 - 6/17)

U.S. Struggles to Rein in Islamic State



School of International Service distinguished practitioner-in-residence **Lt. Gen. David Barno** spoke to **Agence France Presse** about the United States' efforts to contain the Islamic State. **Barno** said that the United States is falling short in containing ISIS and that all of the conditions for ISIS to expand are present. **Barno**

also spoke to the **Christian Science Monitor** about ISIS. (6/13 - 6/16)

Regional Memo: Hogan's Purple Line Choice Could Paint Him as Ideologue



The <u>Washington Post</u> featured an excerpt from professor of government **David Lublin's** blog discussing the proposed Purple Line. **Lublin** explained the conundrum

Maryland Governor Larry Hogan faces on accepting or rejecting his transportation secretary's recommendation about the project. (6/13)

Bridgewater Sees Stability in Cross-Border Asset Flows



<u>ValueWalk</u> featured Kogod Department of Finance and Real Estate professor Valentina Bruno's research in an article about cross-border asset flows. The article showcases studies, including Bruno's research that explain how speculative cross-border asset flows led up to 2008 credit crisis. (6/16)

Obama's Limits on Display in House Defeat of Trade Measure

Bloomberg

Academic director of the Public Affairs & Advocacy Institute for the Center of Congressional & Presidential Studies **Patrick Griffin** spoke to **Bloomberg** about the likelihood of the White House and Republicans

finding a way to pass trade legislation, saying that "things this big don't just go up in smoke." (6/12)

Obama Administration Close to Announcing Opening of Embassy in Cuba



For <u>Fox News Latino</u>, government professor **William LeoGrande** discussed the imminent opening of U.S. and Cuban embassies, saying that all major issues have been resolved and there are some logistics to work out such as Secretary of State Kerry's travelling to Cuba for the flag raising. (6/17)

Putin Says Russia Will Bolster Its Nuclear Arsenal



School of International Service dean **James Goldgeier** appeared on **Fox News Channel's** *Shepard Smith Reporting* to discuss concerns about Vladimir Putin's plans to boost Russia's nuclear arsenal with 40 intercontinental ballistic missiles and the repositioning of U.S. military equipment in Eastern Europe. (6/16)

After Pelosi Trade Revolt, Obama to Collect Cash for Dems



Journalism professor **Richard Benedetto** spoke to the <u>Washington</u> <u>Examiner</u> about President Obama's fundraising efforts that benefit Democratic candidates even though Nancy Pelosi and Hillary Clinton have distanced themselves from the President Obama because of his trade package. **Benedetto** also talked about the history of presidents fundraising for their party's successor candidate. (6/18)

The Pop Culture Primary Is Here



History professor **Allan Lichtman** spoke to **CNN Politics** about the history of the "pop culture campaign" in which political candidates engage with pop culture figures to be seen as ordinary, relatable people. **Lichtman** also appeared on **CCTV America** to discuss the 2016 presidential candidates. (6/15 - 6/18)

Why So Many African Leaders Hate the International Criminal Court

The Washington Post

School of International Service assistant professor of international politics **David Bosco** spoke to the *Washington Post* about the tensions that arise when the

International Criminal Court pursues senior government officials in Africa rather than rebels and militia leaders. (6/15)

'Gay-sounding' Voices Are a Stereotype, Researchers Say

The Boston Globe

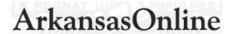
Anthropology professor **William Leap** spoke to the <u>Boston</u> <u>Globe</u> about scholarly research into 'gay-sounding voices,' in light of a new autobiographical documentary called "Do I Sound Gay?" (6/18)

Berniemania! Why Is Socialist Senator Bernie Sanders So Popular?

NEWYORKOBSERVER

Department of Management professor Mark Clark spoke to the New York Observer about Bernie Sanders' controversial proposal to turn back the tax code 60 years. Clark questioned the proposal and suggested that businesses won't expand if they have to pay 90 percent in taxes. (6/16)

Retailer: Foreign Assets Fit the Rules



Kogod Tax Center executive director **Don Williamson** spoke to <u>Arkansas Democrat-Gazette</u> about the criticism of Walmart's taxreducing practices. **Williamson** said, "I don't consider it unpatriotic

to try to minimize your tax burden" and likened the practice to "individual taxpayers who itemize deductions in hopes of paying less back to the government." (6/18)