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Top Story

Micro-Segregation: Creating Cohesion in Gentrified Communities



Metropolitan Policy Center director **Derek Hyra** appeared on [WAMU's The Koyo Nnamdi Show](#) to discuss how gentrification in many cities has led to a micro-segregation phenomenon. **Hyra** discussed his own research in D.C.'s Shaw neighborhood in addition to solutions aimed at mitigating micro-segregation and other negative aspects of gentrification. (7/24)

Additional Feature

Paintings Bring Japan's Hellish Aftermath into Vivid Focus



The [Washington Post](#) featured "Hiroshima-Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Exhibition," displayed at the **American University Museum at the Katzen Arts Center** to

commemorate the 70th anniversary of the 1945 attacks. The article summarized the art exhibition that also includes 20 artifacts collected from the debris of the atomic bombings. (7/23)

Faculty Authors

Fund the U.S. embassy in Havana



In an op-ed for [The Hill](#), government professor **William LeoGrande** argued that Republicans' should provide the requested \$6 million in funding needed for the U.S. Embassy

in Havana. **LeoGrande** explained that "crippling the embassy financially" hurts the U.S. diplomats working at the building and impacts U.S. and Cuban citizens rather than the Cuban government. (7/20)

Shark Week 2015: My Faith in the Discovery Channel Is Revived



For a blog post for the [DC Environmental Film Festival](#), Center for Environmental Filmmaking director **Chris Palmer** commended Discovery Channel's Shark Week for improvements this year.

"Instead of fakery, fearmongering, and animal harassment, there was more science and conservation," explained **Palmer**.

Midwives Finally Get the Spotlight They Deserve in 'The Mama Sherpas'



Center for Media and Social Impact co-director **Brigid Maher**, in her blog post for [Indiewire](#), discussed her documentary, *The Mama Sherpas*. The purpose of **Maher's** documentary is to alter audiences' stereotypes about midwives and to "normalize how we view the

physiological process of birth." (7/21)

Expertise

Cuban Embassy Reopens in Washington, D.C., After More Than 50 Years



School of International Service professor **Philip Brenner** appeared on [NPR's *All Things Considered*](#) to discuss the opening of the Cuban embassy in Washington. **Brenner** also spoke to the [Washington Post](#). **William LeoGrande** appeared on [WTOP](#) to discuss what to expect in U.S.-Cuba bilateral relations after the reopening of the embassies. (7/20 - 7/21)

American University Experts on the Donald's Candidacy



American Communities Project director **Dante Chinni** spoke to [U.S. News & World Report](#) about Donald Trump's controversial rhetoric, saying "The rules for Trump are just so different. He's part Howard Stern, part Ross Perot." (7/20)



Communication professor **Leonard Steinhorn** spoke to [CBS Radio](#) about Donald Trump's comments that John McCain is not a war hero, saying that Trump is unfiltered and has no boundaries. (7/19)



Journalism professor **Jane Hall** spoke to the [International Business Times](#) about the media's coverage of Donald Trump. **Hall** said that the media are driving the coverage and she expects the coverage to end soon, when he alienates enough people. (7/21)

Obama's Visit to Father's Homeland of Kenya Shows His New Sense of Confidence



Associate professor of government **Steven Taylor** spoke to the [Los Angeles Times](#) about President Obama's trip to Kenya and its timing. **Taylor** explained the unwarranted speculation about citizenship and that his reelection campaign would have made it difficult for him to go to Kenya sooner. **Taylor** also appeared on [SiriusXM Satellite Radio](#) to discuss President Obama's trip. (7/24)

Confronting Myths about Causes of the Civil War



In a [McClatchy](#) article about the causes of the Civil War, history professor [Theresa Runstedtler](#) said that the consensus among historians is that the main cause of the Civil War was slavery. (7/17)

How Race Still Influences Where We Choose to Live



For [Washington Post's Wonkblog](#), sociology professor **Michael Bader** discussed his research about how neighborhoods become racially integrated. "They'll [Whites] stay as long as integration comes to them," said Bader. He added that when white families leave these neighborhoods they likely won't be replaced by a white family. (7/17)

Whole Foods, Expensive Cheese, and the Dilemma of Cheap Prison Labor



Kogod School of Business dean **Erran Carmel** spoke to [VICE News](#) about research on "impact sourcing" at an Ohio prison. **Carmel's** research shows that the employment opportunities that prisons offer to inmates are mutually beneficial. (7/21)

Professor Testifies GOP Intentionally Crafted NC Voter Law



disproportionately burden black and Hispanic voters because it eliminates the use of student and government employment photo ID cards. (7/17)

[Associated Press](#) reported on history professor **Allan Lichtman's** testimony to North Carolina legislators about a controversial North Carolina state election law that would

Why Everyone Should Stop Calling Immigrant Food 'Ethnic'



explained how people define ethnic versus fusion cuisine. (7/21)

In a [Washington Post Food Section](#) feature questioning the "ethnic food" label, School of International Service scholar-in-residence **Johanna Mendelson-Forman** helped

4 Ways Congress Could Make Tax Compliance Easier for Small Business



complexity of Internal Revenue Code and the effect it is having on small businesses. (7/22)

Executive director of the Kogod Tax Center **Don Williamson** spoke to the [Washington Business Journal](#) after testifying before the House Committee on Small Business about the

Millionaires Before 30: Smart Finance Skills or Dumb Luck?



millionaire in your 20s and "the old way of saving and finding suitable investments still applies." (7/23)

Economics professor **Robert Lerman** spoke to [U.S. News & World Report](#) about the economic challenges facing young workers, saying that the current economy is treacherous for millennials. **Lerman** said it is still possible to become a

Commercial Space Industry Takes Flight



bringing down costs as more launches occur. (7/17)

Department of Public Administration and Policy professor **Howard McCurdy** spoke to the [Epoch Times](#) about how to keep costs down within the space industry. **McCurdy** said that he believes the private sector can do a better job than NASA at

In the Galleries: 'Strictly Painting' Is Anything But



the exhibit, "a sampler – not a retrospective." (7/18)

The [Washington Post](#) featured **American University Museum at the Katzen Arts Center** exhibit "Outliers: Kurt Godwin and Betsy Packard." Curator J.W. Mahoney called

Obama Welcomes Buhari and Commends Nigeria's 'Commitment to Democracy'



Buhari and "the reset" of U.S.-Nigeria bilateral relations. (7/20)

School of International Service professor **Carl LeVan** spoke to the [Washington Post](#) about President Obama's recent meeting with Nigerian President Muhammadu

What's At Risk with Digital Town Halls?



[Columbia Journalism Review](#) spoke to professor of public & strategic communication **Scott Talan** about Hillary Clinton's Facebook Q&A. **Talan** explained that "people come to these virtual Q&As because they're happy to finally have a voice." (7/23)

The Threat of a Lone Wolf Attack



For [Sinclair Broadcast Group](#), School of International Service Ibn Khaldun Chair of Islamic Studies **Akbar Ahmed** discussed the Chattanooga shooting and the risk of lone-wolf style terrorist attacks. (7/20)

2015 Capital Fringe Preview #54 'An Interview with Cara Gabriel on Her Show 'I AM THE GENTRY''



[DC Metro Theater Arts](#) featured an interview with Department of Performing Arts professor **Cara Gabriel** focusing on her show, *I am the Gentry*. The show is about her experience moving to H Street NE. (7/22)

Lockheed Martin Reaches Deal to Buy Sikorsky Aircraft



School of International Service professor **Gordon Adams** spoke to [Marketplace](#) about Lockheed Martin's \$9 billion purchase of Sikorsky Aircraft, the company that manufactures Black Hawk helicopters. **Adams** said that Lockheed is in a strong position because the Pentagon needs this equipment. (7/20)

Feds, Senior Executives Have 'Perception Versus Reality' Problems



Key Executive Leadership Programs' distinguished practitioner-in-residence **Robert Tobias** spoke to [Federal News Radio](#) about the Federal Employee Viewpoint Survey data and the gap in engagement and commitment scores. (7/20)