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## AU Newsmakers

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### Top Story

#### Shifting Voter Demographics



**C-SPAN** covered a discussion about the American Communities Project, a new research project supported by the **Washington Institute of Public Affairs Research (WIPAR)** and **Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies**. **Dante Chinni**, director of the project, along with government professor **Antoine Yoshinaka**, discussed how population and demographics changes in America's suburbs are causing seismic shifts at the national level, including in presidential elections. (9/23)

### Additional Features

#### Art Review: Patrick McDonough: brightveridiansentinevents



The **Washington Post** reviewed *Patrick McDonough: brightveridiansentinevents* now showing at the **American University Museum at the Katzen Arts Center** through October 20. Sustainability and the environment underscore the exhibition. (9/20)

### Op-Eds/AU Authors

#### How D.C. Tried to Protect Itself from the Navy Yard Shootings



In an op-ed for **McClatchy Newspapers** about the Washington Navy Yard mass shooting, international service professor **Clarence Lusane** traced the shortcomings of state gun control laws and the failure of Congress to enact a federal gun control law in the wake of

recent tragedies. The **Miami Herald** republished the commentary. (9/23)

### Expertise

#### IRS, Activist Lawyers to Clash in Court Over Tax Preparer Rules



In **two** separate articles for **Reuters**, **Don Williamson**, executive director of the **Kogod Tax Center**, spoke about the pending court case to determine whether tax preparers will be required to pass an IRS competency test. **Williamson** also appeared on **Fox Business News** to discuss this topic. (9/23, 9/24)

#### An Obama and Rouhani Handshake at the U.N. Could Mean a Lot

### Los Angeles Times

In a discussion with **Los Angeles Times**, diplomat in residence **Anthony Quinton** explained the subtleties of diplomatic protocol and their significance between heads of state during the UN General Assembly in New York. The **Chicago Tribune** republished this article. (9/24)

#### Desire for Tax Revamp Mired in Dysfunctional Congress

# Bloomberg Businessweek

David Kautter, managing director of the **Kogod Tax Center**, spoke to [Bloomberg Businessweek](#) about ambitious tax reform activity in Congress even with the partisan budget battle. (9/20)

## How First Ladies Redefine 'Normal'



For [Washington Post TV's On Background](#), executive in residence **Anita McBride** provided a vivid account of the lives of first ladies outside of the White House from Dolly Madison to more modern first ladies including Jackie Kennedy, Hillary Clinton, and Laura Bush. (9/26)

## Iran's Charm Offensive



International service professor **Guy Ziv** appeared on [Al Jazeera America TV](#) to discuss Iran's record of trustworthiness versus its charm offensive aimed at restarting negotiations on its nuclear program in an effort to reduce crippling international sanctions. (9/20)

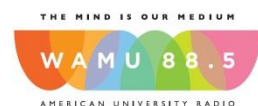
## I [Heart] the Emoji Revolution

# The Boston Globe

communication. (9/22)

**Naomi Baron**, executive director of the Center for Teaching, Research, and Learning spoke to the [Boston Globe](#) about the use of emojis, small expressive icons, in cell phone

## The UN General Assembly



On [WAMU's Kojo Nnamdi Show](#), international service professor **David Bosco** analyzed Iranian President Hassan Rouhani's address to the UN General Assembly pledging to negotiate over its nuclear program and President Obama's speech to the UN gathering. (9/25)

## Politics and the Budget Precipice



International service professor **Gordon Adams** appeared on [WAMU's Kojo Nnamdi Show](#) to discuss the budget battle that could result in a partial government shutdown and the concurrent threat of going over the fiscal cliff. (9/26)

## Snowden Makes Us a Part of the Story



With [Editor and Publisher](#), journalism professor **Richard Benedetto** discussed social media's influence on mainstream media news coverage. (9/20)

## Bonus Clip

### AU Men's Soccer Buzz to Support Former Star



[Comcast SportsNet](#) told the emotional story of **Eagles Men's Soccer team coaches** shaving their heads in solidarity with their fellow coach and AU's 2004 Patriot League Offensive Player of the Year, Shawn Kuykendall, who was recently diagnosed with thymic cancer. (9/26)