



AU Newsmakers

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Top Story

AU experts on U.S. foreign policy, Russia and Ukraine published op-eds in several leading media outlets taking a position on how to handle Russia's aggression in Ukraine.

A Good Time to Disband the Group of 8

The New York Times

For [New York Times' Room for Debate](#), David Bosco, professor of international service, wrote an op-ed advocating for the G-8 to be disbanded in response for

Russia's recklessness in Ukraine since it's outlived its usefulness as a gesture intended to cushion Moscow's fall from superpower status. (3/3)

Ukraine's Crisis of Legitimacy



International service professor **Keith Darden** wrote an article for [Foreign Affairs](#) about the events leading up to the crisis in Ukraine over the past several months, and the need for legitimacy to be reestablished within the Ukrainian government.

Darden also spoke to the [Boston Globe](#) about efforts by the West and Russia to tear Ukraine apart. (3/3, 3/4)

The U.S. Must Isolate Russia for the Sake of Nuclear Nonproliferation

The Washington Post

James Goldgeier, dean of the School of International Service, wrote op-eds for [Washington Post's Monkey Cage blog](#) and [New Republic](#) about the need to uphold

international law, isolate Russia, and to end the fiction of the G-8 in response to Russia's actions in Ukraine. **Goldgeier** also appeared on over 35 [Sinclair Television](#) affiliates to discuss why the United States and West should be concerned about events in Ukraine. (3/2, 3/3, 3/4)

What Can Passports Tell Us About Putin's Intentions?

The Washington Post

In an op-ed for [Washington Post's Monkey Cage blog](#) Susan Carmel Lehrman Chair of Russian History and Culture **Eric Lohr** asks whether the handing out of

passports to Russian-speaking citizens in Ukraine suggests that Putin has a long-term plan in Crimea. (3/4)

Additional Features

Caffeine Dependence Tied to Physical, Emotional Problems

San Francisco Chronicle

In a [San Francisco Chronicle](#) feature story on caffeine use disorder psychology professor **Laura Juliano** discussed her research focusing on the

condition. **Juliano's** study examined the harmful effects of caffeine use disorder where addiction to caffeine causes serious disruptions in a person's life. (3/5)

SAT to Drop Essay Requirement and Return to Top Score of 1600 in Redesign

The Washington Post

In response to the SAT redesign, [Washington Post](#) spoke to vice provost for undergraduate enrollment **Sharon Alston** about AU's rising number of applicants

who do not submit SAT scores. **Alston** also discussed AU's experience that there has been no significant difference detected in the performance of students who did not submit standardized testing scores for admission versus those who did. (3/5)

Op-Eds/AU Authors

Five Things You Should Know About the Netflix-Comcast Deal



Communication professor **Laura DeNardis** in her article appearing in [Slate.com](#) explains why the Comcast-Netflix deal poses little danger to net neutrality while arguing for greater transparency in how the Internet operates. (2/28)

Expertise

Former Ala. Prison Inmates Describe Abuse



Law professor **Brenda V. Smith** spoke to [Associated Press](#) about female inmate abuse and serious misconduct at Alabama's Julia Tutweiler Prison for Women. More than **45** outlets, including **Washington Post**, **ABCNews.com** and

Yahoo.com republished this article. (3/2)

Russia's U.S. PR Firm Distances Itself From Ukraine Dispute



Kogod executive in residence **Michael Carberry** spoke to [Reuters](#) about how U.S. public relations company Ketchum Inc. has backed away from advising the Russian Federation in light of actions taken in Ukraine. (3/6)

Beware the Stealth Tax



With [Wall Street Journal](#), **David Kautter**, executive director of the Kogod Tax Center, talked about the Alternative Minimum Tax and exemption

traps posed to those affected by the AMT. (2/28)

Nutrition Label Changes



Anastasia Snelling, associate dean of the School of Education, Teaching and Health, appeared on [C-SPAN's Washington Journal](#) to discuss federal changes to food nutrition fact labels and the impetus to improve consumers' opportunities for healthy eating. (3/2)

In Drafting a Presidential Budget, Cost May Outweigh Benefit



With [NPR's Weekend Edition Sunday](#), **James Thurber** director of the Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies explained the diminishing influence the presidential budget has on Capitol Hill as a result of the independent Congressional Budget Office and mandatory spending which have reduced the impact of the president's budget proposal since the 1970s. (3/2)

Military Budget Marks A Major Shift — Why This, Why Now?



International service professor **Gordon Adams** appeared on [NPR's All Things Considered](#) to discuss the cuts in the U.S. defense budget and future role of the U.S. military. (3/5)

Cold War II? Obama Legacy Hangs on Russia



Anton Fedyashin, director of the Initiative for Russian Culture, talked to [McClatchy Newspapers](#) about how the failed 'reset' between the United States and Russia, which was meant to improve relations between the two countries, was an unrealistic goal. (3/2)

No More Formaldehyde Baby Shampoo



With [Slate.com](https://www.slate.com), chemistry professor **Matthew Hartings** discussed the toxicity levels of formaldehyde that are found in everyday products such as baby shampoo. (3/3)

Nigeria Struggles With Surging Boko Haram Violence



International service professor **Carl LeVan** spoke to [Voice of America TV](https://www.voicemedia.net) about international efforts in Nigeria to counter Boko Haram militants. **LeVan** also explained that social inequities in Nigeria need attention. (3/3)