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# This Week's Newsmakers

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### Top Story

#### Six Female Artists, One Dizzying Show

### The Washington Post

The [Washington Post](#) ran a full-page story in the Sunday Arts section reviewing the six new exhibitions—all by female artists—at the **American University Museum at the Katzen Arts Center**.

"Wilcoxon's comic monstrosities portray the sometimes frantic nature of art-making. On one piece, 'Who's in Charge?,' the titular question is scrawled along the side edge of the canvas. A pen in different handwriting answers, 'Of who' - which could easily be the artist herself changing her mind," mused the reviewer about artist Heather Wilcoxon's dark, humorous cartoon drawings. (2/13)

### Additional Features

#### Cafeteria Trays Vanishing from Colleges



The [Washington Post](#) highlighted American University as one of several colleges banishing trays from the dining hall in the interest of sustainability. The story noted AU removed trays from Terrace Dining Room in 2009 after students wrote a paper proposing the move. The front page Metro story appeared online and included a slideshow of students in TDR. (2/17)

### Op-Ed/Editorial

#### Winning the Battle, Losing the War



**Gordon Adams**, professor of international service, wrote an Op-Ed for [Foreign Policy](#) magazine about the military's share of President Obama's 2011 federal budget. "Even if the Pentagon were to trim its projected budget by 15 percent over the next ten years, the U.S. military would still be the only force in the world capable of deploying ground forces globally, sailing all of the world's oceans, and flying all of the world's skies," wrote Adams. (2/15)

### Quotes

#### Feds Forecast Faster Growth as the Economy Improves

### The New York Times

**Martha Starr**, professor of economics, discussed U.S. economic recovery with the [New York Times](#). "The higher growth rate bodes well, perhaps, for an earlier recovery in the labor market than had

been expected, but even with the better growth prognosis, it will take a while for the average person on the street to feel it," said Starr. (2/17)

#### The Four Pieces of the Great Spending Debate



**James Thurber**, director of the Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies, discussed the debate between Republicans and Democrats over the federal budget with [Time](#). "Boehner tried very hard to show that he can get things done, that he can lead. But

he has to appeal to the far right. It's a fine line and these are indicators that he's not doing well," said Thurber. (2/14)

## Study Finds Link Between Working Moms, Overweight Kids



"We can improve access to healthy foods, we can improve information about children's sleep habits, we can help inform policies and parents and working parents, both moms and dads alike, to promote healthy weight," suggested **Taryn Morrissey**, professor of public administration, on [NPR's Tell Me More](#), during a discussion about her study that links working mothers to a rise in children's body mass indexes. (2/15)

## An Open Government Implementation Model



"Many organizations have leverage in social media to innovate their products by not only cooperating with their employees, but also with customers," said **Gwanhoo Lee**, professor of management, on the program *The Business of Government*, a program airing on [Federal News Radio](#). Lee discussed his study about federal agencies making progress in moving to a more open and transparent government. (2/14)

## DoD's Impending Crisis a Myth



"To suggest that this is an unmanageable and difficult process or one that puts the department at the edge of crisis I think simply overstates the problem," said **Gordon Adams**, professor of international service, on [Federal News Radio](#) about rumors that the Department of Defense is in a spending crisis. (2/16)

## United States Lags in Women Political Leaders

**THE SACRAMENTO BEE** Political kingmakers such as parties, labor unions and business groups have been slow to promote female candidates, according to **Jennifer Lawless**, director of the Women & Politics Institute. "The majority of the electoral gatekeepers who are finding candidates are men. They recruit from the networks they circulate in, and as a result, women are often left out," Lawless said to the [Sacramento Bee](#). (2/14)

## Virginia's Senate Race



"The President has two goals. Get reelected and to keep a democratic Senate majority, and he sees Tim Kaine as central to both of those," said **Leonard Steinhorn**, professor of public communication, on [WTTG-FOX5's News Edge](#) about DNC Chairman Tim Kaine's possible run for a Virginia Senate seat in 2012. (2/16)

## CSR in Post-Mubarak Egypt



**Jennifer Oetzel**, professor of international business, discussed corporate social responsibility in an Egypt without Hosni Mubarak with [JustMeans.com](#). "Any company that has been operating there for a while has a good idea of how the average person on the street feels about political and economic conditions in Egypt," said Oetzel. (2/14)