

# AU Newsmakers

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### Top Stories

#### Media Seeks SIS Expertise on Kunduz & Its Aftermath



School of International Service distinguished practitioner-in-residence **Lt. Gen. David Barno** appeared on [PBS NewsHour](#) to discuss events in Kunduz including the U.S. attack on the Doctors Without Borders hospital. **Barno** also expressed his concern over the Taliban's offensive in northern Afghanistan where insurgent activity had been rare. (10/6)



For [CNN Politics](#), School of International Service distinguished scholar-in-residence **Nora Bensahel** discussed the Taliban's strategic surprise in Kunduz, and the difficult decision President Obama faces in whether to bring back nearly all U.S. troops from Afghanistan. (10/6)



School of International Service dean **James Goldgeier** appeared on **Fox News Channel's Shepard Smith Reporting** to discuss U.S. airstrikes in Kunduz. **Goldgeier** explained that the sustained airstrikes on the hospital were unacceptable and require a U.S. apology. Goldgeier also spoke to **ABC Radio**. (10/5)

### Additional Features

#### Dual-Language Programs Are On The Rise, Even for Native English Speakers

##### The New York Times

For a [New York Times](#) story about the growth of dual-language immersion programs and what research shows about benefits to students, School of Education associate professor **Jennifer Steele** discussed her findings from examining Portland, Oregon's dual-language program. **Steele's** research finds academic performance increases for both native English speakers and English-language learners in some grades and certain subjects once they reached late elementary school. (10/8)

### Expertise

#### 50 Years Later, 1965 Immigration Act Seen As Symbol of a Changing Nation



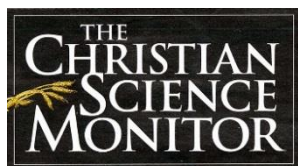
History professor **Alan Kraut** spoke with [Associated Press](#) for a story about the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Immigration Act. **Kraut** said one aspect of the law is that it led to the contemporary issues of immigrants in the United States without legal documentation. (10/3)

#### Amid the Would-Be Speakers, Paul Ryan Sticks to His 'No'

##### The New York Times

**Center for Congressional & Presidential Studies** director **James Thurber** spoke to the [New York Times](#) about the Speaker of the House's waning influence compared to the Tip O'Neill and Sam Rayburn eras. **Thurber** commented, "They could direct appropriations to people's districts, they could remove people from committees, things like that. You can't pull people together as in the old days." (10/7)

## 'The Martian': A Look at the Hopeful Messages of Recent Sci-Fi Movies



With [Christian Science Monitor](#), Humanities Lab director **Despina Kakoudaki** discussed the new film "The Martian" and other recent science fiction movies, saying "They give us realistic settings for great moments of heroism." **Kakoudaki** also spoke with [Lifetzette.com](#) about the new movie. (10/2, 10/8)

## Illegal Immigrants Could Elect Hillary



[Politico Magazine](#) cited communication professor **Leonard Steinhorn's** research on state electoral votes based on citizen only calculations versus total population calculations that include non-U.S. citizens. (10/3)

## Sanders, Clinton Need to Take Obama's Fundraising Playbook to the Next Level



Campaign Management Institute director **Candice Nelson** spoke to [Fortune](#) about Democrat presidential hopefuls fundraising over the Internet. **Nelson** explained that the Obama campaign through "massive testing" and development of a trade secret algorithm in 2012 determined that the magic figure to ask for was 3 dollars. (10/3)

## Hillary Clinton's Wall Street Reform Plan: History of Cozy Relationships and Big Campaign Checks Cast Shadow Over Position



Center for Congressional & Presidential Studies academic director **Patrick Griffin** spoke to the [International Business Times](#) about Hillary Clinton's more aggressive position concerning Wall Street reform. **Griffin** concluded in his analysis, "They're not going to support Bernie, that's for sure." (10/8)

## A Different Take on Race



Government professor **David Lublin** spoke to [U.S. News & World Report](#) about GOP presidential hopeful Ben Carson's "validation for positions held by [white] Republicans" that structural racism doesn't exist, or are uncomfortable with a black president insisting it does." (10/2)



For a separate [Baltimore Sun](#) article reporting on Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake visit to Washington last week to pitch what big-city leaders want to see from the federal government, Government professor **David Lublin** commented "You could have the Pope himself come and present their agenda, and the Republican Congress would not pass it." (10.7)

## Yaaass, You Have Black Drag Queens to Thank for the Internet's Favorite Expression



With [Mic.com](#), Linguistics professor **William Leap** discussed the origins of the popular Internet word "yaaass," saying that if it has been appropriated by users, it wouldn't be the first time, as many other words before entered popular culture this way. (10/7)

## Bonus Clip

### When New Professors Need Housing, Colleges Are No Help

A [Chronicle of Higher Education](#) article highlighted **AU's** joining the District of Columbia's Office of Planning in its "Live Near Your Work" program—an "outlier" in terms of what little support other universities provide according to the article. The program offers grants of up to \$12,000 to full-time faculty and staff members who want to buy homes in the city. (10/4)

