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Top Story

AU Experts Discuss Chavez Legacy, Post-Chavez Venezuela



AU Latin America works including, Center for Latin American and Latino Studies director **Eric Hershberg**, SIS economist in residence **Manuel Suarez-Mier**, international service professor **Phillip Brenner**, and history professor **Max Paul Friedman** commented on Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez's death and its implications on Venezuela's political and economic future. Additionally, they provided analysis of Chavez's leadership, how his death will impact Cuba and the region, and the prospect for improved bilateral relations with the United States. **Hershberg** spoke to [ABCNews Online](#), [FoxNews Latino](#), and [BBC4](#). **Brenner** spoke to [Voice of America Television](#), **Suarez-Mier** talked to [EFE \(Spanish Wire Service\)](#), and **Friedman** spoke with [BBC News Magazine](#). (3/4, 3/5, 3/6, 3/7)

Additional Features

American University's Stephen Lumpkins had to Leave Basketball to Learn He Belongs on the Court



The [Washington Post](#) highlighted the athletic career of senior **Stephen Lumpkins**, leading scorer on the men's basketball team. For a feature about Lumpkins' tough decision to return to basketball after a year of playing major league baseball, [Comcast SportsNet](#) also talked to Lumpkins about why he is happier being back on the court. (3/7)

The First Ladies' First Lady: Creating an Undefined Role in the White House



[The Huffington Post](#) covered the first in a new AU series titled "American Women: Conversation's with AU's Inspirational Women" moderated by [Iris Krasnow](#). The article highlighted the inaugural speaker, SPA's executive in residence **Anita McBride** who spoke about her career working in the White House and the role of U.S. first ladies. (3/4)

Washington Post Hires Fourth Ford-Funded Investigative Reporter



[Poynter](#) and [Columbia Journalism](#) review reported that **John Sullivan** will join the School of Communication, serving in the dual role as a journalist-in-residence for AU's Investigative Reporting Workshop and the Washington Post as an investigative journalist. (3/1)

Expertise

Spending Cuts Won't end Pressures on Pentagon Budget- Analysts



REUTERS

International service professor **Gordon Adams** spoke to [Reuters](#) about sequestration and the need for more discipline in defense budgets. Adams also spoke to [McClatchy Newspapers](#). More than 75 outlets, including the *Los Angeles Times*, *Chicago Tribune* and *Sacramento*

Bee republished this article. (3/1, 3/2)

Argentina Signals Willingness with Holdout Creditors

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

The [Wall Street Journal](#) spoke to law professor **Anna Gelpert** about Argentina's

crisis in trying to repay government bonds. (3/1)

Bondholders and Mexico Glass Maker Reach Deal

The New York Times

With the [New York Times](#), International Economic Relations Program director **Arturo Porzecanski** discussed the deal reached between bondholders and Mexican glass company, Vitro, in an international

bankruptcy proceeding where the case was being heard simultaneously in U.S and Mexican courts. (3/4)

Obama Grants Pardons to 17 People for Nonviolent Offenses

The Washington Post

American politics professor **Jeffery Crouch** spoke to the [Washington Post](#) about President Obama's cautious use of his pardon power citing Obama's 17 pardons for nonviolent offenders. (3/1)

Long Fight Ahead in BP Oil Spill Trial

FINANCIAL TIMES

Daniel Jacobs, director of Kogod's Sustainability Management Program, spoke to the [Financial Times](#) about the first week of the Deepwater Horizon/BP oil spill trial. (3/3) *need login to access

Sequester Cuts in Effect



In a live in-studio appearance on [WTTG-TV FOX5](#), history professor **Allan Lichtman** talked about why Congressional Republicans and Democrats have not been able to come to an agreement on addressing budget cuts put forth by the sequestration. (3/3)

Trujillo a True Local Success Story



[The Californian Online](#) highlighted communication professor **Carolyn Brown's** documentary *From the Fields: An American Journey*, which showcases life of a migrant worker's son who became a local TV news anchor. (3/7)