



AU Newsmakers

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Top Story

The Greenest Colleges: 2013 Princeton Review List



[The Huffington Post](#) featured American University in a photo slide show of the nation's most green colleges after Princeton Review

named AU to its 2013 Green College Honor Roll for receiving a perfect green score in its *Guide to Green Colleges*. AU is one of only 21 schools nationwide to achieve the perfect score. (4/24)

Additional Features

Boston Marathon Bombings: AU Experts Discuss the Suspects

AU's history, communication, international service, public affairs and law professors provided expertise and analysis on various facets of the Boston bombings after the identification of the suspects.



Anton Fedyashin, executive director of the Initiative for Russian Culture, appeared live in studio on [WRC-NBC4](#) to discuss the history of violence in Chechnya. With the [Pittsburgh Tribune Review](#), he also discussed the suspects' Chechen background. (4/19, 4/20)



In a [CNN.com](#) op-ed **Eric Lohr**, director of the Initiative for Russian Culture argued that the Boston bombing suspects' Chechan origins should not be considered motive for the attacks. Lohr also explained the conflict between Russia and Chechnya on [WRC-NBC4](#) and for [National Journal](#). (4/19, 4/20)



Akbar Ahmed Ibn Khaldun Chair of Islamic Studies, explained the concept of tribalism and its underpinnings as the suspects' possible motive to several outlets including [New York Times](#), [Chronicle of Higher Education](#) and [WUSA-CBS9](#) and [WTTG-Fox5](#) Ahmed also wrote about tribalism in separate op-eds for the [Los Angeles Times](#), [Huffington Post](#), [Christian Science Monitor](#), and [National Geographic.com](#). (4/19, 4/20, 4/22)



Communication professors **Angie Chuang** and **Richard Benedetto** discussed media myths and media coverage of the Boston bombings. Chuang talked to [The New Republic](#), and Benedetto spoke to [McClatchy News Service](#). More than 30 outlets

republished Benedetto's article, including the [Charlotte Observer](#), [Miami Herald](#) and [Fresno Bee](#). (4/19, 4/20)



In an op-ed for the [The Huffington Post](#), justice, law and society professor **Joseph Young** and literature professor **Melissa Scholes Young** co-wrote a piece about the fear component of terrorism. Young also

talked about lone wolf terrorism with [Agence France Presse](#) and the [Star Tribune](#) (MN). The [Chicago Tribune](#) republished the [Star Tribune](#) piece. (4/19, 4/23)

The New York Times

With the [New York Times](#), [Los Angeles Times](#), and on [Public Radio International's The Take Away](#), law professor **Stephen Vladeck** talked about national security laws and the surviving suspect's civil liberties (4/20, 4/22)

Expertise

Shrinking Europe Military Spending Stirs Concern

The New York Times

of the organization's European members slashing their military budgets. (4/22)

James Goldgeier, dean of the School of International Service, spoke to the [New York Times](#) about worries surrounding NATO's future viability and relationship with the United States in the wake

Hispanics, the New Italians

The New York Times

With the [New York Times](#), history professor **Alan Kraut** discussed Latino immigrants in the United States following the historic pattern of immigrant integration into American life. (4/20)

Cultural-Sensitivity Soldiers Save Diplomats, Corporate Titans from Themselves

The Washington Post

Geun-hye and the importance of cultural sensitivity and familiarity with local customs in diplomacy and business. (4/23)

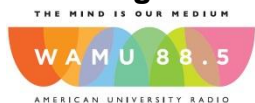
With the [Washington Post](#), **Gary Weaver**, executive director of the Intercultural Management Institute, explained Bill Gates' cultural faux-pas when meeting with South Korean President Park

The New Typography of Irony

the Atlantic

With [The Atlantic](#), **Naomi Baron**, executive director of the Center for Teaching, Research and Learning, talked about different ways that people digitally communicate feeling and irony in writing by using emoticons and creating a customized language. (4/24)

Patenting Your DNA



Law professor **Jorge Contreras** talked to [WAMU 88.5's Kojo Nnamdi Show](#) about the legal and ethical issues surrounding the patenting of human DNA. (4/23)

Immigration Issues



Communication professor **Carolyn Brown** appeared on [China Central Television](#) to discuss immigration reform and the U.S.-Mexican border. (4/24)

Bonus Clips

The Value of On-Campus Jobs



AU senior **Thomas Cheng** wrote an opinion piece for [USA Today College](#) about the benefits of working on-campus during college. (4/24)

Field Hockey Team Pitches in on Campus Beautification Day



[Comcast Sports Network](#) interviewed the **AU field hockey team** about planting trees and keeping the campus clean on AU's annual Campus Beautification Day. (4/25)