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Top Story

The Drone War Is Far From Over

The New York Times

In an op-ed for the [New York Times](#), Akbar Ahmed, Ibn Khaldun chair of Islamic studies, warns President Obama that scaling back the drone war will not alleviate the impact on America's image or

Pakistan's security unless the old pillars of tribal authority can be reestablished. [The Atlantic Wire](#) cited the op-ed as one of the five best of the day, and [Commentary Magazine](#) critiqued it. In a separate op-ed for the [Christian Science Monitor](#), Ahmed argues that the United States' intense drone program demonstrates Washington's misunderstanding of tribal groups, and in the process has created more enemies than allies. Ahmed also appeared on [Al Jazeera-English Television](#) to talk about the need for the U.S. to shift focus from the war on terror to addressing the weak economy in Pakistan. (5/31, 6/1, 6/5)

JFK @ AU

How JFK Moved the World Towards Peace



In a special edition focused on former president John F. Kennedy's June 1963 legacy, [NBC's Chris Matthews Show](#) highlighted Kennedy's "A Strategy of Peace" speech at delivered at AU's commencement. [The Hill](#), [MSNBC's Morning Joe](#) and [The Huffington Post](#) also called attention to the importance of the speech. (6/1, 6/3, 6/4, 6/5)

Expertise

Meet Your Digital Doppelgänger

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

[The Wall Street Journal](#) spoke to communication professor **Scott Talan** about how similar email addresses can cause confusion between strangers. (6/5)

Mindful Eating: Peaceful Coexistence with Food

The Washington Post

Nutrition professor **Vanessa King** spoke to [Washington Post online](#) about the importance of the how and why of eating. (6/4)

Court Prepares to Write New Chapters in Civil Rights History



With [NPR online](#), law professor **Stephen Wermiel** discussed three cases the Supreme Court will rule on this month including affirmative action, voting rights, and same-sex marriage and each case's potential to create new chapters in America's civil rights history. (6/1)

A New Era In Prosecuting Crimes Against Humanity?



In separate interviews, law professors [Diane Orentlicher](#) and [Stephen Vladeck](#) spoke to **WAMU 88.5's Kojo Nnamdi Show**. **Orentlicher** discussed the recent shifts in the layout of the criminal justice system and **Vladeck** discussed political, privacy and legal issues surrounding domestic surveillance. (6/5, 6/6)

Freedom Key to Watchdog Role, Experts Say



Communication professor **Richard Benedetto** talked to the [Pittsburgh Tribune Review](#) about the importance of press freedom, and how journalism was created to monitor the American government. (6/1)

Common Core Curriculum Questioned



Education professor **Julie Sara Boyd** appeared in studio with [WTTG-FOX5](#) to discuss the common core curriculum, and why it is controversial. (6/3)

Minorities Harmed Most by Fast-Food Outlets near School: Study



Marketing professor **Sonya Grier** talked to [Health Day News online](#) about why it is important to study the eating behaviors of low-income and ethnic minority children in urban areas where there is a high concentration of fast-food restaurants. (6/4)

Can The US Military Afford the Cost of a No Fly Zone in Syria?



[International Business Times](#) spoke to international service professor **Gordon Adams** about the economic practicality debate of the U.S. military becoming involved in creating a no-fly zone in Syria given Syria's robust air defenses. (5/31)

Chinese president Visits Americas (CCTV America Weekend Edition)



CCTV English spoke to executive in residence **Robert Sicina** about the growing power of China in the world relative to the United States. (6/3)

http://english.cntv.cn/program/general_news/20130603/102426.shtml