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Top Story

New Foundation Promotes Study Abroad in China



InsideHigherEd.com highlighted American University's involvement in the 100,000 Strong Foundation, announced this week by Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton. The foundation, whose mission is to encourage U.S. students to study in China, will be housed in the **School of International Service**. (1/25)

Additional Features

40th Anniversary Roe v. Wade Poll Reveals Young Peoples' Views



In a live appearance on WRC-TV NBC4, Jennifer Lawless, director of the Women & Politics Institute, discussed the results of her nationwide poll of high school and college students' opinion on abortion. Lawless explained the gap between high school and college results, where abortion ranks among students' political priorities and the majority pro-choice response. (1/25)

Expertise

Insight-In Amenas Attack Brings Global Jihad Home to Algeria



Justice, law and society professor **Stephen Tankel** talked to Reuters about Algerian militant Mokhtar Belmokhtar and his criminal and jihadist connections. (1/24)

Denis McDonough, Loyal and Trusted Aide, to be Obama's Chief of Staff



International service professor **Celeste Wallander** spoke with the Washington Post about President Obama's nomination of Denis McDonough as his chief of staff. (1/18)

Women a Big Factor in New Congress



Women and Politics Institute director **Jennifer Lawless** talked to USA Today about the importance of recruiting more female candidates to run for office. (1/25)

As Left Pressures Obama on Drone Strikes, Some Suggest New Front in North Africa



On Fox News Channel's Fox Report with Shepard Smith, international service professor **Benjamin Jensen** talked about the short term success of the U.S. drone attacks and the need for more substantial weaponry for militants in Benghazi. Jensen also commented on this topic for FoxNews.com. (1/22)

Dow Chemical Fights Ally Exxon's Natural Gas Export Push

Bloomberg

With [Bloomberg News](#), **James Thurber**, director of the Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies, discussed Dow Chemical's battle over Exxon's desire to export natural gas. (1/24)

D.C. Could Force Huge Wage Increase on City's Big Retailers



Economics professor **Robert Lerman** spoke to the [Washington Examiner](#) about the D.C. Council's Large Retailer Accountability Act to raise wages for all employees of the District's largest employers, including Walmart, Lowes, Giant and Safeway. (1/23)

Pollution in Growing Economies



With [CCTV](#) (China), Center for Environmental Policy director **Daniel Fiorino** discussed noticeable changes in China's air and water quality resulting from economic growth. (1/24)