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## AU Newsmakers

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### Top Story

#### AU Names Anderson Cooper Wonk of the Year



American University and the Kennedy Political Union honored esteemed CNN journalist **Anderson Cooper** last weekend as AU's *Wonk of the Year* for 2013. The [Associated Press](#), [Washington Post](#) and [U.S. News & World Report online](#) featured some of Cooper's comments from the evening and noted the significance of the award. (10/20, 10/21)

### Additional Features

#### 10 Colleges with the Highest Rate of Student Internships



American University lands on [U.S. News & World Report online's](#) list of 10 colleges with the highest percentage of students interning. Ninety percent of the class of 2012 graduated with internship experience. (10/22)

### Op-Eds/AU Authors

#### Ziv: Negotiate With Iran, but Stay Skeptical



In an op-ed for [Newsday](#), international service professor **Guy Ziv** argues that a diplomatic solution with Iran regarding its nuclear program is preferable to military strikes or allowing the Iranians to complete a bomb; however, he is skeptical about Iran's true intentions given its track record. (10/18)

### Expertise

#### Shutdown Coverage Benefits Cable News Networks



The [Associated Press](#) spoke to journalism professor **Jane Hall** about the boost in cable network ratings during the government shutdown which she attributed to the volume of stories about how the shutdown impacted government workers. (10/19)

#### World Worries Despite Temporary Truce in Polarized United States



Government professor **Patrick Griffin** spoke to [Agence France Presse](#) about the last minute debt ceiling solution. **Griffin** also spoke to [Bloomberg News](#) about how business groups are disappointed with their Republican allies. (10/20)

## Startup to Sell Balloon Trips to Edge of Space

**THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.**

Public administration professor **Howard McCurdy** spoke to the [Wall Street Journal online](#) about private space tourism ventures that are helping to develop a more commercial space industry. (10/22)

## AP Reporter's Mistake: Did the Punishment Fit the Crime?

**The Washington Post**

In a [Washington Post](#) article about an Associated Press reporter being fired for a factual error, journalism professor **W. Joseph Campbell** agreed that the punishment was too much, citing examples of other cases where there was no retribution for reporters misstating facts. (10/22)

## Managing a 'Victimized' Federal Workforce After the Shutdown

**The Washington Post**

**Robert Tobias**, director of the Key Leadership Program, talked to [Washington Post online's On Leadership](#) column about the anger the federal work force is feeling as they return to a back log of work and how managers should reprioritize projects. (10/18)

## Saudi Arabia Rejects Seat on U.N. Security Council and Confuses Everyone

**TIME**

In a discussion with [TIME online](#), international service professor **David Bosco** talked about Saudi Arabia's decision to refuse a rotating term on the United Nations Security Council. (10/18)

## Pitting Credit Unions Against the Banks

**POLITICO**

**David Kautter**, managing director of the Kogod Tax Center, spoke to [Politico](#) about how the banking industry is dealing with tax reform efforts by Congress. (10/23)

## China's 'Airpocalypse'

**WBEZ 91.5 FM**  
CHICAGO

**Judith Shapiro**, director of the Natural Resources and Sustainable Development master's program, spoke to [WBEZ Radio](#) (Chicago) about China's environmental issues. (10/23)

## Obama, Sharif Discuss Drones, Extremism, Afghanistan



**Akbar Ahmed**, Ibn Khaldun Chair of Islamic studies appeared on [ABC Australia Television](#) to discuss the meeting between Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and President Barack Obama. Ahmed also wrote an op-ed for [Al Jazeera online](#) discussing this topic. (10/22)