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Top Story

Judge's Word on NSA Program Won't Be the Last



Law professor **Stephen Vladeck** spoke to the [Associated Press](#) about the federal judge's ruling that the National Security Agency's collection of metadata from millions of Americans' telephone records is likely unconstitutional, and said that this

ruling is the first in a long road of rulings in this case. More than **500** online outlets republished this article. Also, more than **100** television and radio stations included **Vladeck's** comment to the AP in their coverage of the ruling. (12/17)

Additional Features

U.S. Considering Deal to Expand Trade in Americas



[The Oppenheimer Report](#), a nationally syndicated *Miami Herald* column featured the **Center for North American Studies'** recent North American Free Trade Agreement

(NAFTA) poll, which revealed 32% of Americans would prefer Washington to prioritize trade agreements with Mexico and Canada. The column also quoted center director **Robert Pastor** on NAFTA's 20th anniversary. (12/14)

Op-Eds/AU Authors

Kiev Isn't Ready for Europe



International service professor **Keith Darden** co-authored an op-ed in the [International New York Times](#) arguing Ukraine's rejection of integration

accords with the EU was less surprising than Brussels' readiness to sign an integration agreement with Ukraine because it had taken few steps toward European political and economic standards. (12/20)

White Men and Their Guns



In an op-ed for [History News Network online](#), communication professor **Leonard Steinhorn** explained why some men view the gun control debate as an assault on their identity. [Huffington Post](#) also published Steinhorn's op-ed. (12/16)

Expertise

Making the Most of a Job Fair



For the [Wall Street Journal online](#), Career Center executive director **Gihan Fernando**,

provided tips job seekers should follow in order to get the most out of a job fair. (12/15)

Spiked Eggnog to Mistletoe, Christmas Traditions Explained



In a [USA Today](#) story about Christmas traditions, **Daniel Abraham**, director of choral activities, discussed how the modern form of caroling, with harmonies and refrains, was formed during the Victorian era. More than **75** outlets republished this article. (12/18)

Need for Leaders at D.C. Arts Institutions



Arts management professor **E. Andrew Taylor** spoke to [Washington Post](#) about the number of vacancies and length of time it is taking to fill leadership positions in Washington's cultural and arts institutions despite a large pool of qualified candidates. (12/13)

'Breathing Room' in Congress? Don't Hold Your Breath



James Thurber, director of the Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies, spoke to [American Public Media's Marketplace](#) radio about Congress' likelihood of bridging the partisan divide, now that a bipartisan budget compromise is in place. (12/17)

Wasted Tax Dollars



With [Sinclair Television](#), international service professor **Gordon Adams** discussed the pros and cons of the budget deal emphasizing that a gain in one budget area is a cut in another. This segment aired on more than **25** local affiliate news stations across the country. (12/18)