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Top Story

Inside Look: Student Centers



[University Business](#)' May cover story took an inside look at student centers and featured AU's University Center among eight universities that created visual appeal and flexible space as a way to build culture and community with students. (May)

Additional Features

Mother, Daughter Graduate From AU On Mother's Day



[WUSA-CBS9](#) highlighted **Karen Parker-Thompson** and her daughter **Ariell**, after receiving degrees from the **School of Public Affairs** and the **Kogod Business School**, respectively. [WashingtonPost.com](#), [WRC-NBC4](#) and [WNEW 99.1](#) also highlighted AU's commencement. (5/11, 5/12)

MOOCs Meet Resistance

Bloomberg

[Bloomberg News](#) talked to **Provost Scott Bass** about the cost/benefits of offering massive open online courses and the university's decision to declare a moratorium on these courses. (5/15)

JFK @ AU

JFK's Wisdom for Graduates



An opinion column in the [Boston Globe](#) suggested that anyone giving a commencement address this spring should look to former President John F. Kennedy's *A Strategy of Peace* speech given at AU's 1963 commencement for its wise words of moral courage and strong sense of idealism. (5/12)

Expertise

US Senator Probing Why IRS Revealed Mistakes at Lawyer Meeting



With [Reuters](#), communication professor **Scott Talan** discussed problematic attempts by the IRS to fend off Congressional criticism after revealing that it targeted conservative groups. More than **10** outlets, including the **Orlando Sun Sentinel**, **Chicago Tribune**, and

Baltimore Sun, republished this article. (5/14)

Coming Clean on Your Taxes



REUTERS

Executive director of the Kogod Tax Center **Don Williamson** spoke to [Reuters](#) about what causes people to not file their income taxes. (5/14)

Despite Convictions, Brazil Corruption Case Drags On

The New York Times

International service professor **Matthew Taylor** spoke to the [New York Times](#) about the public let down in Brazil resulting from the stay out of jail delay tactics and appeals from some of Brazil's

most powerful political figures convicted for a vote buying scheme (5/10)

Multiple Controversies Suddenly Plague Obama



[McClatchy Newspapers](#) spoke to history professor **Allan Lichtman** about the controversies plaguing President Obama's second term. More than **30** outlets, including the **Sacramento Bee**, **Miami Herald**, and **Charlotte Observer**, republished this article. (5/14)

Controversies Risk Starving Obama's Agenda of Air



James Thurber, director of the Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies, spoke to [NPR's It's All Politics](#) about the cloud of White House controversies and the risks to President Obama's second term agenda. (5/14)

Guatemalan Dictator's Genocide Conviction A First



Law professor **Diane Orentlicher** discussed with [NPR's Talk of the Nation](#) the significance of former Guatemalan dictator General Efraim Rios Montt's genocide conviction. (5/14)

After *The Office*, Dunder Mifflin Will Live on in Every Office



office products. (5/16)

[Time](#) magazine spoke to marketing professor **Cristel Russell** about Quill, a subsidiary of office supply chain Staples, using the brand recognition of Dunder Mifflin, the fictitious employer in NBC's sitcom *The Office*, to sell real paper and

Amid Security Worries, Student Visas Come Under New Scrutiny

THE CHRONICLE
of Higher Education

Following safety concerns after the Boston bombings, assistant vice president of campus life **Fanta Aw** talked to the [Chronicle of Higher Education](#) about renewed scrutiny surrounding student visas and the

impact changed regulations may have on international student enrollment. (5/10)