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## Top Story

### Pushing Back Against Legal Threats by Putting Fair Use Forward



[The Chronicle of Higher Education](#) featured professors **Patricia Aufderheide** and **Peter Jaszi's** fight against misperceptions about the fair-use rules of U.S. copyright law. The article focuses on their upcoming book, *Reclaiming Fair Use: How to Put Balance Back in Copyright* which outlines the reasons why copyrighted material is turning people away from producing original work. "People are choosing not to create. The general feeling is you never want to do anything that deals with popular movies or music because you can't clear those," said Aufderheide. (5/29)

## Additional Features

### Job Prospects Improving for New Graduates



**Katherine Stahl**, director of American University's Career Center, discussed increasing job opportunities available to graduates on [PBS' Nightly Business Report](#). The segment also highlighted May graduate **Ed Levandoski** for landing a job after using the center's resources. "We are very much happier than we were at this point [last year]. Those students who are preparing are landing jobs," said Stahl. (5/20)

### Ivory Tower: James Goldgeier



[National Journal](#) featured **James Goldgeier's** appointment as the new dean of the School of International Service. Goldgeier said the benefit of being in D.C. is blending "the academic world and the think-tank world." **Inside Higher Ed**, **The Hill**, **Washington Business Journal** and **YahooNews' The Envoy**, a foreign affairs blog, also noted the appointment.

### The Future of Washington Arts



[WAMU's The Koyo Nnamdi Show](#) interviewed artist Sam Gilliam whose exhibition, *Close To Trees*, is showing at the **American University Museum at the Katzen Arts Center**. Gilliam was one of three panelists who discussed D.C.'s art scene, and why a younger generation could be changing Washington's reputation. (5/23)

### College Town Tour: Washington, DC



[NBC's The Today Show](#) mentioned **American University** in an *Education Nation* segment about college towns that double as great family vacation destinations. Historic monuments, museums and cultural opportunities combined with so many great colleges ranked Washington, D.C. among the top five cities to visit. (5/23)

## Op-Eds/Editorials

### The 1967 Borders: No Legal Basis, No Power Basis, but Permanent



**Boaz Atzili**, assistant professor of international service, traced the history of Israel's borders from 1949 through 1967, starting with the armistice agreements in an op-ed for [Huffington Post](#). "Both Israelis and Palestinians should take Abbas's UN initiative as an opportunity to gain, for the first time in their history, an international recognition of their borders, as should

President Obama," wrote Atzili. (5/25)

### Black Infighting over the Obama Presidency—Getting Beyond It



**Clarence Lusane**, professor of international service, explained how some African Americans are reacting to President Barack Obama being the first black president in an op-ed for the [Huffington Post](#). "For many, the overriding question, given the nation's horrific legacy of slavery, Jim Crow apartheid, and continuing racial disparities, is what will President Obama

do to help his community," wrote Lusane. (6/1)

## Quotes

### Ex-IMF Chief May Use Tried, Tricky Consent Defense



**Brenda Smith**, professor of law, spoke to the [Associated Press](#) about the defense strategy former International Monetary Fund chief Dominique Strauss-Kahn may use in his upcoming sexual assault trial. "It really is the credibility of the complainant and

the defendant, and also the facts and information that each side can marshal to support their version of what occurred," said Smith. More than 230 outlets including *Washington Post*, *Boston Globe*, and *Forbes* republished the article. (5/26)

### Vanishing Giants in a Sharply Divided Congress



With [Reuters](#), **James Thurber**, director of the Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies, discussed the growing partisan divide in Congress. "The extreme partisanship, lack of civility and comity and inability to pass legislation has occurred as a result of more

individuals on the far right and far left being elected to the House and Senate," said Thurber. More than 35 outlets including *Chicago Tribune*, *CNBC.com* and *Orlando Sentinel* republished the article. (5/23)

### Tough Choices to be made in Cutting Defense: Gates



**Gordon Adams**, professor of international service, predicted to [Reuters](#) larger cuts in defense spending during the next decade than already proposed. "While it may or may not be a trillion dollars over 10 years, chances are very good that it's going to be well above

\$400 billion over 12," said Adams. More than 25 outlets including *Chicago Tribune*, *Sun Sentinel*, and *Yahoo! News* republished the article. (5/24)

### Museum Convention Showcases a Gadget-filled Future



**Maggie Stogner**, assistant professor of film and media arts, discussed how new technology will impact museum exhibitions with the [Houston Chronicle](#). "The mobile apps free up the ability to get history on demand—culture on demand—which I think is a wonderful concept (that allows) museums to really extend beyond their walls," said Stogner. (5/24)

### Female Candidates in 2012



**Jennifer Lawless** discussed Senator Barbara Mikulski's efforts to assist women running for office in 2012 with the [Baltimore Sun](#) and analyzed the Sarah Palin/Michelle Bachmann GOP presidential primary dynamic with the [Canadian Press](#). "Both Palin and Bachmann are also trying to stake out much of the same territory, particularly when it comes to courting the right-wing media,"

said Lawless. (5/11, 5/27)

### Joplin Tornado Memorial Service



On [MSNBC](#), **Allan Lichtman**, professor of history, critiqued President Obama's appearance at the Joplin, Missouri memorial service for tornado victims. "I thought he was very effective and very moving. In times of such great tragedy, we look to our president who has a special mystical bond with the people to provide for the nation hope, compassion, unity," Lichtman said. (5/29)

## Fit for Trial?



**Ira Robbins**, professor of law, explained the implications of whether Jared Loughner—Rep. Gabrielle Giffords’ alleged assassin—is mentally fit to stand trial on [NBC Nightly News](#). “The defendant has to participate in the proceedings. If as a result of a disease or defect he’s not able to do that, then the proceedings cannot continue,” said Robbins. (5/22)

## Katie Couric and Right-Wing Media-Bashing

**POLITICO**

In a [Politico](#) article about Katie Couric’s CBS departure, **Jane Hall** discussed perceived political bias on network television. “There are a number of people who speak only to Fox News at this point because the presumption is that they are going to get a fair shake,” said Hall. (5/20)

## IMF Board Aims to Pick Successor to Strauss-Kahn by June 30

**Bloomberg Businessweek**

**Arturo Porzecanski**, distinguished economist-in-residence, discussed how the International Monetary Fund (IMF) should select its new chief with [Bloomberg Businessweek](#). Porzecanski said that the IMF will choose the most qualified candidate, but that “in political organizations, many of them are talking the talk but not necessarily walking the walk.” (5/21)

## President Obama Addresses AIPAC



**Leonard Steinhorn**, professor of communication, analyzed the impact of President Obama’s speech before the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) on [WTTG-FOX5](#). “I think he is trying to move the process forward and there are a lot of Israelis that are with him on this,” said Steinhorn. (5/22)

## Unlike Harper, Obama Looks Ahead

**TORONTO STAR**

**Clovis Maksoud**, professor of international service, compared President Obama’s reconciliation with Arab nations to Canadian Prime Minister Harper’s isolationist views in the [Toronto Star](#). Maksoud said Harper is “not only denying the right of Palestinian refugees to return but also enhancing the already existing institutional discrimination against the Israeli Arabs.” (5/23)