



AU Newsmakers

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Top Story

Southern Swamp Holds Clues about Runaway Slaves

 **Associated Press** The [Associated Press](#) featured **Dan Sayers**, assistant professor of anthropology, and his students for their field research in the Great Dismal Swamp to identify evidence of Native American and maroon (formerly enslaved people) resistance communities between 1600 and 1860. "They were creating their own world, and when you think about it, not many people have that opportunity, even in the present day," said Sayers. More than **250** outlets, including [ABCNews.com](#), [AtlantaJournalConstitution.com](#), and [SanJoseMercuryNews.com](#), republished the article. (7/4)

Additional Features

Washington's Most Influential In-House Attorneys

 **Legal Times** The *National Law Journal's Legal Times* highlighted **Mary Kennard**, AU's general counsel, as one of Washington, D.C.'s, top 20 most influential in-house lawyers. "From intellectual property disputes to issues of campus policing, Kennard has her hands on a variety of legal issues," read the article. (6/27)

Photo Collectives Capture Jarring Environmental Picture

 **The Washington Diplomat** [Washington Diplomat](#) reviewed *E-CO*, an exhibition at the **American University Museum at the Katzen Arts Center**. "Like a thunderous choir, the pictures sing—at times even scream—a compelling narrative that's reinforced by the fact that they hail from all over the world yet attest to a universal phenomenon: The environment is telling us something," read the article. (6/28)

Family Spends Thousands to Find Missing Dog Sassafras

 **NBC 4** [WRC-NBC4](#) mentioned **American University's** contribution in the search for Sassafras, a local family's lost dog. The dog was last seen at a water bowl on Tenley Campus. AU groundskeepers helped set up a motion sensor camera near the bowl. (6/30)

Op-Eds/Editorials

Bachmann for President? I'll Take the Glass Ceiling

 **CNN** **Jennifer Lawless**, director of the Women & Politics Institute, wrote an op-ed for [CNN.com](#) about Michelle Bachmann's campaign for the 2012 GOP presidential nomination. "Like many Americans, I am excited by the prospect of a woman in the White House. Dozens of other nations have elected female heads of state while the United States continues to lag. But shattering the glass ceiling with a candidate like Michele Bachmann might carry too high a price for mainstream Americans," wrote Lawless. (6/27)

Quotes

New Pentagon Chief Facing Mountain of Problems

 **Associated Press** **Gordon Adams**, professor of U.S. foreign policy, spoke with the [Associated Press](#) about the new Secretary of Defense. "Republicans and Democrats alike have always found [Leon] Panetta very user-friendly. He gets along with people," Adams said. More than **395** outlets, including the [MiamiHerald.com](#), [WashingtonPost.com](#) and [BostonGlobe.com](#), republished the article. Adams also discussed the defense budget as a guest on [NPR's All Things Considered](#). (6/25, 7/1)

Space Shuttle's Legacy: Soaring in Orbit and Costs



"One problem is that the shuttle was a compromise from start to finish," said **Howard McCurdy**, professor of public administration, to the [Associated Press](#) about NASA's space shuttle program. More than **335** outlets, including

[WashingtonPost.com](#), [DenverPost.com](#) and [SeattleTimes.com](#), republished the article. [USA Today](#) spoke to McCurdy about NASA's shuttle mission history. (6/27, 6/30)

New U.S. Policy Aids Workers Abused by Diplomats



Janie Chuang, professor of law, explained to the [Associated Press](#) why worker abuse is prevalent amongst the staff of foreign diplomats. "You've got the language barriers, the fear, the not understanding how things work in the United States," said

Chuang. More than **170** outlets, including [FOXNews.com](#), [BostonGlobe.com](#) and [Forbes.com](#), republished the article. (7/3)

Lawmakers Seek New Immigration Museum in D.C.



Alan Kraut, professor of history, spoke to the [Associated Press](#) about a proposed immigration museum in Washington, D.C. "It's a dream to have some discussion of the American people in a city that is filled with monuments mostly to great white

men," Kraut said. More than **145** outlets, including [MSNBC.com](#), [MiamiHerald.com](#), and [WashingtonPost.com](#), republished the article. (7/7)

Obama Daughters are Handling Spotlight with Grace and Poise



Anita McBride, School of Public Affairs executive-in-residence, spoke to the [Chicago Tribune](#) about Sasha and Malia Obama's life in the media spotlight.

"The girls are a little older now; they've settled in to where they live and maintained a private life and private experiences with friends. They look settled and happy and comfortable," said McBride. (7/3)

Facing a Faith's Glass Ceiling: Trailblazing Female Rabbi Losing Her Job



"Congregations that are hiring new rabbis are looking to appeal to the greatest number of their congregants," said **Pamela Nadell**, an expert in Jewish studies, to the [Minneapolis-Star Tribune](#) about the lagging number of rabbi positions, a challenge especially for female rabbis. "And because the typical congregant is a married family with children, then they may be looking for someone who looks very similar to them," she added. (6/27)

Secret Weapon in Debt Limit Fight?



On [CNN's Situation Room](#), **Stephen Vladeck**, professor of law, discussed how the 14th Amendment could help politicians solve the debate over the debt limit. "This is a provision that, although it's been around for 135 years, it's barely been interpreted. It's never been the center of Supreme Court decisions, and so I think all we have is speculation and guessing," said Vladeck. (7/4)

Examining the Broadband Divide in D.C.



For [WAMU News](#), **John Dunbar**, executive director of SOC's Investigative Reporting Workshop, analyzed who has access to broadband service in Washington, D.C. "There's no question the new digital divide is about income," Dunbar said. (7/7)

Bahrain: Small Country, Big Ally



On [WAMU's The Kajo Nnamdi Show](#), **Akbar Ahmed**, chair of Islamic studies, discussed the state of affairs between Bahrain, the Middle East, and the United States. "At this moment in time, we are in the middle of a revolution, right across the Arab world. We don't know how revolutions turn out, but I'm hopeful that sooner rather than later

these societies will join the rest of humanity in the 21st century." (6/27)

Four Tips for Covering Undeclared Presidential Candidates

Poynter. **Jane Hall**, associate professor of journalism, spoke to Poynter.org about how the media covers politicians who have not declared their candidacy for president. "Reporters are interested in finding people who may be perceived as having more charisma than the frontrunner," she said. Hall also commented on the Fox News/Media Matters feud in Politico's The Arena. (7/1)

Fourth of July Facts



James Heintze, librarian emeritus, explained to NationalGeographic.com the history behind America's Independence Day. "Parades, speeches, music, public readings of the Declaration of Independence—those were started in the days after the declaration was adopted and continue today," said Heintze. (7/4)