



## This Week's Newsmakers Aug. 28 – Sept. 3, 2010

### Top Story

#### Best Places to Work in Federal Government

**The Washington Post**

The School of Public Affairs' Institute for the Study of Public Policy Implementation and the Partnership for Public Service's annual *Best Places to Work in Federal Government* rankings show that employee satisfaction is at an all-time

high as reported in a [Washington Post](#) exclusive. *Chronicle of Higher Education*, *Federal News Radio*, *Fox News Channel*, and *The Hill*, among others, also published the rankings. (9/1)

### OpEds

#### Experts Debate Muslim Culture

**THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.**

[The Wall Street Journal](#) published an OpEd by **Akbar Ahmed**, chair of Islamic studies, who discussed the impact the Ground Zero mosque debate

has had on American perceptions of Muslims. "Having studied the practices of Muslims around the world today, I've come up with three broad categories: mystic, modernist and literalist. Of course, I must add the caveat that these are analytic models and aren't watertight," Ahmed wrote. (9/1)

#### Advocates for Troy Davis

**savannahnow.com**  
*Savannah Morning News*

A federal judge in Savannah, Georgia, ruled that new evidence did not support death row inmate Troy Anthony Davis' innocence in the 1989 slaying of an off-duty police officer. **Gemma Puglisi**, professor of communication,

who has incorporated efforts to advocate for Davis' innocence into her classes, wrote an OpEd for [Savannah Morning News](#) rebutting another column that supported the judge's ruling." (8/30)

### Quotes

#### Beck's Restoring Honor Rally



**Jane Hall**, professor of communication, appeared on [CNN's Reliable Sources](#) to comment on Glenn Beck's Restoring Honor rally on the National Mall. She discussed the landmark event and who constitutes the "we" that Beck said would be the group of people to "restore honor" to the country. (8/29)

#### Federal Court Upholds Verdict

**The New York Times**

[The New York Times](#) quoted **Stephen Vladeck**, professor of law, about his efforts to file a brief asking a federal appeals court to rehear the case of Guantanamo

detainee Ghaleb Nassar al-Bihani from Yemen. "They've basically removed the single biggest complaint people had with that opinion," he said, "They said, 'We don't think we need to rehear the whole case just to limit the opinion.'" (8/31)

## Female Candidates in the Midterm Elections

**The Washington Post**

Politics Institute, to [The Washington Post](#) about women and the midterm elections. (9/1)

"Women have won relatively few close primaries, and some of those races were fought on the uneven territory of gender politics," said **Jennifer Lawless**, director of American University's Women &

## Internet Traffic Rules

**Bloomberg**

go through, the collaboration would be, "a potent presence." (9/1)

Google and Verizon signed an agreement on a proposal for Internet traffic rules. **John Dunbar**, project director with the School of Communication's Investigative Reporting Workshop, told [Bloomberg News](#) that if allowed to

## Taxes for Stem Cell Research



**Matthew Nisbet**, professor of communication, said a ruling on tax support for stem cell research "has the potential to mobilize the conservative base in the midterm election." The decision not to support federal taxes for the research was highlighted in [U.S. News & World Report](#). (9/1)