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### Top Story

#### AU Works on BookTV's College Series



For its college series, C-SPAN's Book TV interviewed 10 AU professors about their books. The segments featuring law professor [Angela Davis](#) and [Jon Gould](#), director, Washington Institute for Public and International Affairs Research aired this week. **Davis** discussed her book, *Arbitrary Justice: The Power of the American Prosecutor*. **Gould** discussed his book *How to Succeed in College (While Really Trying): A Professor's Inside Advice*. In the coming weeks, Book TV will feature additional AU professors. (3/17)

### Additional Features

#### Chris Matthews Finds 'Heaven' at JFK Event



The [Washington Examiner's](#) *Yeas and Nays* column covered "The Art and Craft of Speech Writing," the first in a series of events American University is hosting to celebrate the 50th anniversary of former President John F. Kennedy's legendary 1963 [AU commencement speech](#), "A Strategy For Peace." MSNBC *Hardball* host Chris Matthews moderated an expert panel that included communication professor **Robert Lehrman**, former Obama speechwriter Adam Frankel, and Marvin Kalb, former chief diplomatic correspondent for CBS News who covered JFK's speech. Also, [MediaBistro](#) previewed the event. (3/21, 3/20)

#### Myanmar Moves to Rebuild Its Universities, With U.S. Help



The [Chronicle of Higher Education](#) spoke to **Carola Weil**, dean of the School of Professional and Extended Studies, about the effort by ten universities to improve Myanmar's education system. The article also mentioned scholarships for two Burmese students that will help them achieve degrees through AU's School of International Service. (3/18)

#### Migrant Carnival Workers Need Protection, Advocates Say



[USA Today](#) cited a recent study by the **Washington College of Law** finding that many migrant carnival workers employed under H-2B non-agricultural work visas are exploited and endure long hours and poor living conditions. More than **20** outlets republished the article including the [Cincinnati Enquirer](#). (3/18)

## Expertise

### 'FDR and the Jews' Puts a President's Compromises in Context



[NPR's \*All things Considered\*](#) interviewed history professors **Allan Lichtman** and **Richard Breitman** about their new book, *FDR and the Jews*, which discusses former President Franklin D. Roosevelt's approach to addressing the plight of Jews in Nazi-Occupied Europe before and during the Holocaust. (3/18)

### With Obama and Biden Both Overseas, Who's in Charge?



History professor **Allan Lichtman** talked to the [Washington Post](#) about President Obama and Vice President Biden's nearly overlapping overseas trips, and the questions raised about who

is in charge when this happens. (3/19)

### Ten Years Later, Many See Iraq War as Costly Mistake



In a discussion about the 10 year anniversary of the war in Iraq, [The Arizona Republic](#) spoke to international service professor **Gordon Adams** about the consequences and lessons learned. *USA Today*, *Detroit Free Press* and *Gannett* republished this article. (3/17)

### Beyond Steubenville, Rape Case Inspires Action, Angst among Victims



[Christian Science Monitor](#) spoke to communication professor **Gemma Puglisi** about the effect media coverage of rape cases can have on survivors. *Yahoo! News* republished this article. (3/16)

### The Untapped Power of Presidential Pardons



With the [Boston Globe](#), American politics professor **Jeffery Crouch** discussed the potential political consequences, risks, and power associated with Presidential pardons. (3/17)

### Pressuring Netanyahu May Save Two-State Solution



Two international service processors analyzed President Obama's first trip to Israel. **Boaz Atzili** spoke to [Hearst Television](#) about the future of the peace process. **Guy Ziv** talked to [U.S. News and World Report](#) about Obama's speech in Jerusalem. **Ziv** also wrote an op-ed for [Huffington Post](#) discussing the future of the two state solution. (3/18,3/20, 3/21).

### Americans Once Believed the Irish Caused Cholera



History professor **Alan Kraut** talked with the [Springfield News Sun Online](#) about the public perception among Americans during the 1800s that Irish immigrants were to blame for a cholera epidemic. (3/17)

### Targeted by Militants, Pakistan's Women Push Back



[The Independent](#) (UK) spoke to **Akbar Ahmed**, Ibn Khaldun chair of Islamic Studies, about the decades- long war on terror and how it has fractured the Pakistani tribal society. (3/19)