



## AU Newsmakers

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### Top Story

#### Why Are Young Women Running away from Politics?



[The Atlantic.com](http://TheAtlantic.com) and [Forbes.com](http://Forbes.com) featured director of the Women and Politics Institute **Jennifer Lawless'** recent study on young women not wanting to run for elected office, confirming the gender gap and under-representation of women in politics. [The Atlantic Wire](http://TheAtlanticWire) also reported the results of Lawless' study: *Girls Just Wanna Not Run: The Gender Gap in Young Americans Political Ambition*. (3/27, 3/29)

### Additional Features

#### Immigrants Held in Solitary Cells, Often for Weeks



The [New York Times](http://NewYorkTimes) and American University's [Investigative Reporting Workshop](http://InvestigativeReportingWorkshop) jointly published a story focusing on U.S. prisons holding illegal immigrants in solitary confinement for long periods of time. (3/23)

#### 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 [Naomi Baron](http://NaomiBaron), executive director of the Center for Teaching, Research, and Learning and history professor [Max Paul Friedman](http://MaxPaulFriedman) aired this week. **Baron** discussed her book, *Always On: Language in an Online and Mobile World*. **Friedman** discussed his book, *Rethinking Anti-Americanism: The History of an Exceptional Concept in American Foreign Relations*. (3/24)

### Expertise

#### Cyprus Losses, European Gains



[New York Times.com Times Cast Video](http://NewYorkTimes.com) spoke with finance professor **Robin Lumsdaine** about how the global market will be affected by the Cyprus bail out. (3/25)

#### Supreme Court Debates Marriage Law



For [ABC News' America This Morning](http://ABCNews.com), law professor **Stephen Valdeck** discussed the historic nature of the Supreme Court hearing two cases taking on the meaning of marriage. Valdeck also spoke to [USNews.com](http://USNews.com) and appeared on [WTTG-FOX5](http://WTTG-FOX5) to talk about this topic. (3/25, 3/26, 3/27)

## Venezuela: Navigating Life after Chávez



**Eric Hershberg**, director of the Center for Latin American and Latino Studies, spoke to the [Christian Science Monitor](#) about the outsized role Cuban advisors will play in the upcoming Venezuelan election for pro-Chavez policy candidate Maduro. (3/26)

## Campaign Urges D.C. Lawmakers to Support Background Checks for Gun Sales



**James Thurber**, director of the Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies, spoke to [NPR's WHY Radio Online](#) about New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg's multi-million dollar campaign for gun control which is intended to influence members of Congress. Thurber emphasized such a campaign must be multifaceted to achieve success. (3/27)

## Bonus Clips

### AU's Passionate & Engaged Students



**Sarah McBride**, former SGA president; **Zach Cohen**, editor-in-chief of *The Eagle*; and **Lesley Siu**, editor-in-chief of HerCampusAmerican.com, are active student leaders who were recognized in the news media for their service and commitment to the university. The [Washington Post](#) highlighted **McBride's** active pursuit for more support of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender issues not only on AU's campus but in society in general. [WAMU's Kojo Nnamdi Show](#) spoke to **Cohen** about the future of college newspapers in today's digital environment. **Siu** spoke to [WNEW Radio](#) (Washington, DC) about her club's reaction to AU winning SELF Magazine's Workout on the Quad Challenge. (3/24, 3/25, 3/26)