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Top Story

Few Winners from Washington's Debt Meltdown

Bloomberg

AU professors **James Thurber**, **Patrick Griffin**, and **Allan Lichtman** provided insight as the congressional clock ticked down for raising the debt limit and ending the government shutdown.

[Bloomberg News](#) and [Agence France Presse](#) spoke to **Thurber** about President Obama stepping out of the spotlight in the final days, and the issues that Obama will have to confront. **Griffin** spoke to [Bloomberg Businessweek](#) about the pressure that time restraints imposed on Congress while trying to avert the fiscal cliff. **Lichtman** spoke to [USA Today](#) about Obama's decision to take a hands-off approach in the final days before the debt ceiling deadline. (10/15, 10/16, 10/17)

Additional Features

Living on \$5,000 a Year, on Purpose: Meet America's 'Intentional Poor'



In an article about America's intentional poor, [NBCNews.com](#) spoke to history professor **Daniel Kerr** about when he voluntarily lived as a squatter in New York City, and how that led to his research on voluntary homelessness. (10/14)

How to Find Your Own Flag-Waving, Patriotic Car



In an article about the most American-made cars, [Consumer Reports](#) featured international business professor **Frank Dubois'** research on which cars in the U.S. market have the most American-made parts. (10/11)

Capital Controls are Back as Part of Many Countries' Financial Armoury



[The Economist](#) highlighted finance professor **Valentina Bruno's** research on the economic effects of capital controls. (10/12)

Op-Eds/AU Authors

40 Years After the Oil Crisis: Could it Happen Again?



International service professor **Jeffrey Colgan** wrote an op-ed for [Washington Post online](#) that suggested another OPEC oil shock is unlikely because the 1973 oil embargo—the last one enacted—brought changes to the geographic oil supply and market dynamics. (10/16)

Expertise

Facebook to Let Teens Share with a Bigger Audience



Communication professor **Kathryn Montgomery** talked to the [Associated Press](#) about teens not always understanding the consequences of putting their information on social media sites like Facebook. More than **250** outlets republished this article, including *Washington Post*, *Miami Herald*, and *San Joe Mercury News*. (10/16)

Libyan Pleads Not Guilty to Terrorism Charges



The [Associated Press](#) spoke to law professor **Stephen Vladeck** about the U.S. plans to try Guantanamo Bay prisoners in federal civilian criminal trials. More than **120** outlets, including *Tampa Tribune*, *Denver Post*, and *El Paso Times* republished this article. (10/15)

Brazil Adds Mostly Positive Notes to IMF/World Bank Summit in Deadlocked DC

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL. International service professor **Matthew Taylor** spoke to [Wall Street Journal online](#) about Brazil's more independent judicial system's effect on economic growth. (10/14)

Studying Abroad Can Help You Stand Out From Peers



Gihan Fernando, executive director of the career center, talked to [Chicago Tribune](#) about why employers value the skills students develop during a study abroad experience. (10/18)

Explosion of Wireless Devices Strains Campus Networks



[Chronicle of Higher Education](#) spoke to **Cathy Hubbs**, chief information security officer, about AU's program that allows students and staff to register electronic devices with the information technology department in order to keep their information safe if a device is stolen. (10/14)

Shutdown Cost America \$24 Billion, Standard and Poor's Says



Kogod executive-in-residence **Mark Waldman** spoke with [WJLA-ABC7](#) about the true impact of the recent government shutdown on the local and national economy. (10/17)

Bonus Clips



AU President **Neil Kerwin** has been selected as one of five honorees for [Washington Business Journal's](#) Most Admired CEOs in the Education Sector. All CEOs honorees will be acknowledged, but there will be only one winner in each category. The winners are based on the votes of *Washington Business Journal* subscribers. Voting takes place through October 31. If you are a subscriber, [click here to vote](#).

Top Five Green Buildings in Washington, D.C.



[CBSWashington.com](#) highlighted AU's LEED gold certified **School of International Service** building which boasts the largest solar installation in the city as one of the top five green building in DC. (10/15)