



AU Newsmakers

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Top Story

AU Community Rallies Behind AU Men's Basketball Team



In the lead up to the **AU Eagles Men's Basketball team** returning to the NCAA tournament, [Associated Press](#), [Comcast Sports Network](#), [WUSA-CBS9](#), [WRC-NBC4](#), [WTTG-FOX5](#), [News Channel8](#) and many other outlets highlighted the AU community's rallying around the team for [selection day](#), the [big send-off](#), and [watch parties](#). Local and national news outlets provided feature lead up and game day coverage of the team as they took on the Wisconsin Badgers. [Washington Post](#) featured [Coach Mike Brennan's](#) first year success and the players he led all the way to the Big Dance. (3/16, 3/17, 3/18, 3/19, 3/20)

Additional Features

What's Next For Russia's Relations With the West



After the Crimea referendum, AU foreign policy and Russian experts provided analysis about the impact on U.S.-Russia relations and how it affects the balance in the region. School of international service dean **James Goldgeier** spoke to [New York Times](#) and appeared on [WAMU's Diane Rehm Show](#) as syndicated to NPR to discuss sanctions targeting Russia and U.S.-Russia relations. Executive director of the Initiative for Russian Culture **Anton Fedyashin** appeared on [CNN International](#) to discuss Russian President

Putin's strategic and uncompromising speech following Crimea's annexation. Additionally, international service professor **Keith Darden's** coauthored op-ed for [Reuters' Great Debate blog](#) explained why the stakes are so high and Western leverage is too weak to stand on principle following Crimea's annexation. **Darden** also spoke to [Sirius Satellite Radio](#). (3/16, 3/18, 3/19, 3/20)

Warming Up to the Culture of Wikipedia

The New York Times

Communication professor **Andrew Lih** discussed with [New York Times](#) the surge of Wikipedia 'edit-a-thons' including his course, "Wikipedia and Public Knowledge," which focuses on 'edit-a-thons' and requires students to create and improve entries. (3/19)

Op-Eds/AU Authors

Where Have All the Great Powers Gone?



In their op-ed for [U.S. News & World Report](#), international service professors **Mike Schroeder** and **Davy Banks** argued that G-20 countries including China, Brazil, and India remaining silent throughout the Ukraine crisis is a failure to signal their commitment to basic order and their readiness to take on shared leadership. (3/21)

What the Search for Flight MH370 Tells Us About National Security in Asia

The Washington Post

In an op-ed for the [Washington Post's Monkey Cage](#), international service professor **Jessica Trisko Darden** argued the loss of Flight MH370 demonstrates a lack of effective control over vast

territories—some of which are disputed in the region. (3/18)

Expertise

Poll: People Still Seek Meaty News on Media Buffet



Journalism professor **Jane Hall** spoke to [Associated Press](#) about a poll revealing leading newspapers and network evening news no longer set the national news agenda as Americans are increasingly relying on a wider variety of media sources—including social media—to stay informed. More than **422** outlets republished this article, including **U.S. News & World Report**, **San Francisco Chronicle**, and **Atlanta Journal Constitution**. (3/17)

Politics Won't Be on First Lady's China Itinerary, Aides Say



With [Reuters](#) and [New York Times](#), executive in residence **Anita McBride** discussed First Lady Michelle Obama's trip to China and her decision to focus on people-to-people exchange rather than politics. (3/16, 3/19)

U.S. to Cede Its Oversight of Addresses on Internet



Communication professor **Laura DeNardis** spoke to [New York Times](#) about the U.S. Department of Commerce's decision to not renew the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) contract. **DeNardis** explained the benefit, which will take into account the global interests of multiple stakeholders. **DeNardis** also spoke to [TIME](#) and [The Economist](#). (3/15, 317, 3/22)

Nostalgic for Old Times, Former Members of Congress Want to Return



Ambassador in residence **Connie Morella** spoke to [McClatchy Newspapers](#) about the counter-trend of former members of Congress making new campaign bids to return to Capitol Hill. **Miami Herald** and **Sacramento Bee** republished this article. (3/18)

Who Was Carl Sagan?



Communication professor **Declan Fahy** spoke to [National Geographic](#) about the impact and legacy of astronomer Carl Sagan. (3/16)

Crowdfunding Real Estate: You Are On Your Own



Finance and real estate professor **Peter Chinloy** talked to [KUOW – FM Radio](#) (Seattle) about the pros and cons of crowdfunding real estate. (3/18)