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Top Story

The Man Who Stole Nazi-Era History from the Streets

The New York Times

For a feature article in the <u>New York Times</u>, associate professor of history Lisa Leff discussed the subject of her new book, controversial Jewish historian Zosa Szajkowski

(pronounced Shy-KOV-ski). In the aftermath of the Holocaust, Szajkowski gathered up tens of thousands of documents from Nazi buildings in Berlin, and later, public archives and private synagogues in France, and illicitly moved them all to New York. The article noted **Leff's** portrayal of the complexity of Szajkowski and her goal to try to determine what he stole, where it has ended up and "what prompted this behavior." (6/11)

Additional Feature

Feeling Patriotic? GM, Ford Vehicles Top Made In America Index

The Car Connection

In an article about the most American-made vehicles, the <u>Car</u> <u>Connection</u> featured Kogod School of Business professor **Frank DuBois'** *Made in America Index*. <u>Edmunds</u> covered the Index noting

that GM vehicles top the Kogod Index. <u>Fox News</u>, <u>Car and Driver</u> and the <u>Detroit Bureau</u> also featured the report. **DuBois** also appeared on the <u>Car Doctor</u> radio program on WROL in Boston. (6/6 - 6/10)

Faculty Authors

Measuring Up: How Elites and the Public See U.S. Foreign Policy



For *Foreign Affairs*, School of International Service assistant professor **Jordan Tama** and his co-authors discussed the potential gap in foreign policy attitudes between the U.S. foreign policy-making elite and the public as shown in two recent surveys by the Chicago Council on Global Affairs. **Tama** and his co-authors pointed to how this gap may influence the 2016

elections, especially if U.S. foreign policy becomes the center of debate over the improving economy. (6/9) *Subscription Required

Some Right-Wing Europeans Say Islam Hasn't Contributed to Western Culture. Here's Why They're Wrong.

THE HUFFINGTON POST

For the <u>Huffington Post</u>, School of International Service Ibn Khaldun Chair of Islamic Studies **Akbar Ahmed** refuted and its contributions to Western culture. **Ahmed** identifies 10

right- wing European diatribes against Islam and its contributions to Western culture. **Ahmed** identifies 10 surprising facts in European history that have connections to Islam. (6/9)

Op-ed Puerto Rico Needs Reform, Not Bankruptcy

In an op-ed for <u>**Roll Call**</u> School of International Service distinguished economist-in-residence **Arturo Porzencanski** argued against Congress supporting a bill to allow Puerto Rico to declare bankruptcy on its bonds.

Porzencanski argued that the HR 870 bill is ill-conceived and will give Puerto Rico a free pass on its debt obligations that would be incongruous to its already special status. (6/9)

Expertise

With Chairmanship, McCain Seizes Chance to Reshape Pentagon Agenda

The New York Times

School of International Service distinguished scholar-inresidence **Nora Bensahel** spoke to the <u>New York Times</u> about Senator John McCain's leadership of the Senate Armed

Services Committee and the defense bill. **Bensahel** underscored the urgency of many of the reforms and McCain's signature influence. **Bensahel** also spoke to the <u>Washington Times</u> about Mosul's fall to ISIS and how ISIS was underestimated. (6/8 - 6/9)

2016 Campaign Discussion & Analysis The Washington Post in-re

Center for Congressional & Presidential Studies executivein-residence **Anita McBride** spoke to the <u>Washington</u> <u>Post</u> about the role of the first lady being diminished to its

aesthetic side, saying that the first lady "is the closest person in the White House to the president." (6/10)

The Washington Times

Women & Politics Institute director **Jennifer Lawless** spoke to the <u>Washington Times</u> about the lack of challengers to Hillary Clinton for the Democratic nomination. **Lawless** explained that potential challengers

concede to Hillary Clinton's strength as a candidate who will win the nomination and the general election. **Lawless** also spoke to **Bloomberg Politics** about whether party affiliation or gender make more of a difference among candidates running for president and Congress paying particular attention to Carly Fiorina's focus on breaking the glass ceiling in her campaign. (6/7 - 6/12)

THEHILL

In a story for <u>The Hill</u> about the media's coverage of Marco Rubio, communication professor **Jane Hall** discussed the presumption that reporters are liberal and biased toward

Republicans. **Hall** said that she doesn't agree with that assumption and that Hillary Clinton wouldn't either. (6/10)

Remembering Beau Biden 1969 - 2015



History professor **Allan Lichtman** appeared on <u>CNN</u> to discuss the passing of Beau Biden, providing commentary and historical context of past leaders who endured tragedy while in office. **Lichtman** said that "out of tragedy some very good things can develop." (6/7)

Obama Looks to Save His Legacy from the Supreme Court



For <u>CNN Politics</u>, Department of Justice, Law & Criminology professor **Jon Gould** discussed President Obama's recent comments aimed at the U.S. Supreme Court over its hearing and pending decision on the Affordable Care Act. (6/11)

How a Handshake in Helsinki Helped End the Cold War

The Boston Blobe

School of International Service professor **Sarah Snyder** spoke the <u>Boston Globe</u> to discuss the anniversary of the Helsinki Final Act, saying that "The most important legacy

of the Helsinki Final Act today is that citizens have the right to monitor and report on the human rights records in their own country." (6/7)

Mediatwits #163: Can We Slow Online Harassment Without Curbing Free Speech?



Communication professor **Andrew Lih** appeared on <u>Mediashift's</u> <u>Mediatwits</u> podcast to discuss how to stop online harassment. Lih discussed his work with Wikipedia and its screening practices. (6/5)

Will U.S. Back New Nigerian Leader's Tough Stance Against Boko Haram? School of International Service professor Carl LeVan spoke to the <u>Washington Post</u> about the task Muhammadu Buhari's administration faces in eliminating

Boko Haram. LeVan said that Buhari's administration will have to think about "what is really the heart of the battle?" (6/6)

Ashton Carter's Candor Creates Major Headaches for President Obama

The Washington Times

School of International Service professor **Gordon Adams** spoke to the <u>*Washington Times*</u> about his expectation that Defense Secretary Ashton Carter will continue to publicly

and clearly state his point of view and not cower to the White House on matters in Iraq and other hotspots. (6/8)

Lt. Gen. David Barno Discusses Force of the Future Update



School of International Service distinguished practitioner-inresidence Lt. Gen. David Barno appeared on <u>Federal News</u> Radio's *In-Depth with Francis Rose* to discuss acting

Undersecretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness Brad Carson's in-progress update to the current rigid military personnel system called Force of the Future. (6/10)

Marines Could Deploy to Havana Following Diplomatic Thaw



Government professor **William LeoGrande** spoke to the <u>Military</u> <u>Times</u> about the possibility of the United States announcing the opening of its embassy in Cuba within a month. **LeoGrande** discussed the cultural affinity of Cuba and said that Marines who

are stationed in Cuba will have a great time when off duty. (6/6)