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Top Story

The Man Who Wrote the Book on U.N. Security Council Tells How it's Handling Syria

The Washington Post

With the United Nations' Security Council in the spotlight, [Washington Post's Wonkblog](#), turned to **David Bosco**, international service professor. The U.N. wonk and author

of a book about the history of the Council, *Five to Rule Them All*, provided expert analysis about the Council's role in the diplomatic push to avert a military response in Syria. **Bosco** also appeared on **BBC-TV** to discuss this topic. (9/11, 9/12)

Additional Features

FDR and the Jews



Holocaust survivor Elie Wiesel talked about the significance of history professors **Allan Lichtman** and **Richard Brietman's** book, *FDR and the Jews*, on [American Public Television's Open Mind](#). (9/7)

Op-Eds/AU Authors

Obama's Speech on Syria: Why Our Analysts Are Mostly Hopeful

Los Angeles Times

[Los Angeles Times online's Opinion LA column](#) asked government professor **Chris Edelson** to analyze President Obama's address to the nation about the situation in Syria. (9/10)

The Red Line Statement Not a Blunder

THE HUFFINGTON POST
THE INTERNET NEWSPAPER: NEWS BLOGS VIDEO COMMUNITY

In a co-authored op-ed for the [Huffington Post](#), international service professor **Michael Schroeder** discussed the human rights conditions and the 'red lines' that Syria's Bashar al-Assad crossed when he allegedly used chemical weapons in his own country. (9/9)

Expertise

AU professors continued to analyze the events as they unfolded in Syria, Moscow and in the United States.



Highlights include:

- School of International Service dean **James Goldgeier** spoke to [NPR's All Things Considered](#), [Al Jazeera America](#), [Agence France Presse](#), and [WJLA-ABC7](#).

- **James Thurber**, director of the of the Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies spoke to [NPR's Morning Edition](#), [NPR's It's all Politics Blog](#), and [Hearst Argyle TV](#).
- History professors **Allan Lichtman** appeared on [CNBC's Power Lunch](#) and **Max Paul Friedman** spoke to [Sinclair Broadcasting](#).
- Communication professor **Leonard Steinhorn** spoke to [U.S. News & World Report](#).

Pakistan, India Spar in Kashmir in Worst Border Violence in Years

The Washington Post

the U.S. military withdrawal from Afghanistan. (9/12)

Justice, law and society professor **Stephen Tankel** spoke to [Washington Post](#) about renewed militant fighting on the Kashmir border, and whether the strategy is linked to

Oakland Police Release Sketch of Slaying Suspect

San Francisco Chronicle

appear. (9/11)

Journalism professor **John Watson** talked to [San Francisco Chronicle](#) about how police sketches are not always accurate representations of how suspects

Mobile Computer Sales Continue to Surge

The Washington Times

With [Washington Times](#), Kogod executive-in-residence **Jill Klein** discussed why PCs are still relevant, despite a surge in mobile device sales. (9/12)

Tension Between Media and Political Candidates



Communication professor **Jane Hall** appeared on [MSNBC's Up with Steve Kornacki](#) to discuss the relationship between the press and social media networks and how the relationship is changing the political process. (9/8)

Implications of America's New Gilded Age



Dante Chinni, director of the School of Public Affairs' American Communities Project, discussed on [WAMU's Diane Rehm Show](#), as syndicated to **NPR**, the economic recovery five years after the collapse of Lehman Brothers and the record income gap for the American economy, society and political system. (9/12)

9/11 Then and Now



Ibn Khaldun Chair of Islamic Studies **Akbar Ahmed** appeared on [Al Jazeera America](#) to talk about the 9/11 attacks then and now, with respect to how the U.S. is perceived in the Middle East since the attacks 12 years ago. (9/11)

Underreporting of Business Income



[FoxBusiness.com](#) spoke to **David Kautter**, managing director of the Kogod Tax Center about the IRS crack down on small businesses underreporting business income. (9/9)

Leaders of Mexico and Brazil Rebuke U.S. for NSA Snooping



With [TIME online](#), SIS scholar in residence **Johanna Mendelson-Forman** addressed Mexico and Brazil's frustration that the NSA is spying on them. (9/6)

As Christine Quinn Fades, Why Aren't More Women Winning?



Jennifer Lawless, director of the Women and Politics Institute, spoke to [The Daily Beast](#) about the New York Mayoral race and the shortage of female political candidates running for elected office. She also spoke to [Atlantic Wire online](#) about the same topic. (9/8)

Portrayals of Abuse in Pop Culture and the Potentially Harmful Effects on Society



[CBS Cleveland online](#) spoke to **Daniel Rappaport**, AU's sexual assault prevention coordinator, about how pop culture's portrayal of violence against women has desensitized society to potential harms. (9/9)

Bonus Clip

AU Climbs in U.S. News Rankings



After *U.S. News and World Report* released their annual *Best Colleges* rankings, [Washington Post](#), *Washington Business Journal*, [WRC-NBC4](#), and [WTOP Radio](#) cited American University's rise to number 75 Best National University. (9/10)