



# AU Newsmakers

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### Top Story

#### AU's CFO Receives Lifetime Achievement Award

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

WINNER

DON MYERS

American University

Myers, 64, is CFO, vice president and treasurer at American University, a private university in D.C. that has 4,911 employees and recorded \$175 million in revenue in 2012. Myers, who has held that position since 1982, previously was the university's treasurer and an audit investigator for the U.S. General Accounting Office. The Bethesda resident was born in Hagerstown, Md.

Education: Bachelor's in business administration, Shepherd College; M.B.A. in finance, American University.



The [Washington Business Journal](#) awarded **Don Myers**, Chief Financial Officer, with this year's lifetime achievement award. The award was given to Myers for his years of outstanding work at the university for to raise and maintain the financial health of AU. (7/19)

### Additional Features

#### Art Review: 'Washington Art Matters: 1940s-1980s'

On Exhibit

Every picture tells a story – or more



The [Washington Post](#) reviewed *Washington Art Matters: 1940s-1980s.*, a new exhibit at the **American University Museum at the Katzen Arts Center**. The review noted that each piece in the exhibit tells its own tale, contributing to a story that is still being written. [Arts Daily Online](#) also highlighted the exhibit. (7/19)

### Op-Eds/AU Authors

#### THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

In an op-ed for the [Wall Street Journal](#), government professor **Dante Chinni** argued that the current partisan divide over

the Farm Bill ignores who really benefits from the bill and how.

### Expertise

#### China Coal-Fired Economy Dying of Thirst as Mines Lack Water

#### Bloomberg

In an article about China's growing water shortage and energy production, [Bloomberg](#) cited international service professor **Judith Shapiro** book *China's Environmental Challenges*. More than 75 outlets republished this article. (7/24)

#### Obama Speech Setting Invokes History

#### Los Angeles Times

Public communication professor **Robert Lehrman** spoke to the [Los Angeles Times](#) about President Obama's possible motives for delivering a major policy speech in Galesburg,

Illinois: the same place he delivered his first major speech as a Senator in 2005. The [Chicago Tribune](#) republished this article. (7/24)

## Defense Firms Weathering Budget Cuts More Easily than Expected

**The Washington Post**

With the [Washington Post](#), international service professor **Gordon Adams** discussed how defense contractors have tightened spending and thinned their labor force during the past two years in anticipation of shrinking Pentagon orders. (7/24)

## Rand Paul's Suggestion He Looks to Eisenhower for 'Inspiration and Guidance'

**The Washington Post**

International service professor **Jordan Tama** talked to [Washington Post Online's "Fact Checker"](#) about whether President Dwight Eisenhower's foreign policy views would mesh well with those of Senator Rand Paul, who claimed

Eisenhower inspired his arguments for drastic cuts to foreign aid and minimalizing overseas entanglements. (7/24)

## Camp Awash in Cash with No Election Foe Amid Code Rewrite

**Bloomberg**

**David Kautter**, managing director of the Kogod Tax Center, told [Bloomberg](#) that while campaign donations ostensibly buy companies access to present their interests to political candidates, those donations still do not guarantee the outcome

a donor company may desire, such as a massive rewrite of the tax code. (7/19)

## Meet the PAC That's Already Mobilized Against Hillary Clinton For 2016

**Forbes**

Government professor **Christopher Malagisi** spoke to [Forbes Online](#) about how Political Action Committees affiliate themselves with causes early and resist political party labels. (7/24)

## Setback for BP as Judge Rejects Call to Halt Oil Spill Payments

**FINANCIAL TIMES**

The [Financial Times](#) spoke to **Daniel Jacobs** about a federal judge's rejection of BP's request to freeze payments agreed upon in the Deepwater Horizon disaster settlement. (7/21)

## GOP Looks for Its Racial Identity

**THE TAMPA TRIBUNE**

Government professor **David Lublin** spoke to the [Tampa Tribune](#) about political and demographic trends that are working against the Republican Party. (7/21)

## Media Coverage of the Zimmerman Trial

**WOR**  
RADIO 710 HD

Communication professor **Angie Chuang** spoke to [WOR-NY](#) about the news media's struggle to cover the Trayvon Martin trial while balancing emotions about racism with the objectivity of the law, and how audiences sought coverage that reflected their own beliefs. (7/20)

## Why Nate Silver Is Such a Hot Commodity

  
mediabistro.com

[Media Bistro's "TVNewser"](#) blog spoke to communication professor **Jane Hall** about Nate Silver's move from the *New York Times* to ESPN, and how Silver's stats-driven analyses are shaping the future of journalism. (7/23)

## **Bonus Clip**

### **Summer Intern Fashion Show**



A [WNYW-FOX5 "Good Day New York"](#) segment advising college students interning this summer on office-appropriate clothing featured rising sophomore **Farah Saunders**, who is interning at WNYW, as one of the models. (7/25)