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**Breaking News**

American University has selected former top Obama administration official, Sylvia Mathews Burwell Director of the Office of Management and Budget under President Barack Obama in 2013-14 and then Secretary of Health and Human Services until his term ended in January 2017. Her cabinet post put Burwell on the front lines of overseeing the implementation of Obama’s signature health-care law. She will take over AU on June 1, succeeding President Neil Kerwin who is retiring. Ms. Burwell holds a bachelor’s degree in government from Harvard University and was a Rhodes Scholar where she received a bachelor’s in philosophy, politics and economics from the University of Oxford. Her AU appointment will be her first to an academic position.

George Washington University’s Board of Trustees has chosen a new president for GW. Thomas J. LeBlanc, Executive Vice President and Provost of the University of Miami, will assume the presidency of the university on August 1, 2017 as its 17th executive leader. He will succeed President Steven Knapp, who will wrap up ten years as president of GW at the end of July. President Knapp oversaw many accomplishments including the acquisition of the Corcoran College of Art and Design; the implementation of a new admission policy in 2015 designed to expand and strengthen GW’s pipeline of incoming students; and the construction of a new science and engineering hall in 2015 to spearhead the university’s ambitious scientific research agenda. Dr. LeBlanc is a computer scientist and veteran academic leader who, while at Miami helped to develop its strategic plan; design a $1.6 billion fundraising campaign; and act as interim president in 2015. (For more about Dr. LeBlanc’s selection, see “Spotlight: Presidents.”)

**Lead Story**

The National Intelligence University (NIU) is relocating to a new facility on the Intelligence Community Campus in Bethesda, MD (ICC-B). The phased move of the NIU main campus out of the District of Columbia to Bethesda began in December and will be complete by late February.
The move is the culmination of the evolution of NIU from a Defense Department schoolhouse to an accredited university serving the entire U.S. intelligence Community.

**ELECTION 2016**

The Presidential and Congressional elections of 2016 dominated the fall news and drew in many Consortium member faculty, staff and students. Here are a few stories:

- At the Democratic National Convention in late July in Philadelphia, Gallaudet University students participated in a Temple University program. Via the program, Laurel Peterson and Kerie Scurry-Burns interned with the cable news outlet CNN; Doris Alcantara, Maggie Kopp, and Ethan Sonnenstrahl worked with Fox News; and, Jehanne McCullough, Irisa MacAulay, Michael Snyder and Mary Harman interned with the Democratic National Convention Committee (DNCC). The two-week seminar combined formal instruction, guest lectures, and fieldwork assignments;

- Also at the Democratic National Convention, Georgetown University alumnae Anastasia Somoza (C’07), a disability rights advocate, gave a rousing speech in favor of Hillary Clinton from her motorized chair to the first night of the Convention. Somoza was born with cerebral palsy with spastic quadriplegia, which has confined her to a wheelchair since childhood. A childhood meeting with Bill Clinton has propelled her to a career advocating for people with disabilities;

- During the 2016 Republican Convention, Georgetown University’s School of Foreign Service (SFS) alumnae Kayleigh McEnany (SFS’10) was in a primetime spot at the Convention providing commentary on CNN. Her path to political news has taken her from Georgetown to organizations throughout Washington to CNN where as a news analyst, she had a firsthand look at the Republican effort to set a narrative at the Convention held in Cleveland, Ohio;

- On September 1st, the American University Student Government, the AU College Republicans and the AU College Democrats kicked off a new initiative called AU TurboVote with the goal of enhancing student electoral engagement. The TurboVote application provided people with voter registration information, key dates, and help applying for an absentee ballot. Participants were sent deadline reminders to keep them active in the voting process;

- On September 12th, Chuck Todd, Moderator of “Meet the Press” and NBC News Political Director and member of the George Washington University School of Media and Public Affairs (SMPA) National Council on Media and Public Affairs, led a panel of experts on the presidential race, the candidates, the media and what else could be expected before Election Day. The event, “Decision Time: What are Trump and Clinton Doing to Politics and the Media?” featured media leaders and political consultants, including two SMPA National Council members at GW’s campus;

- Journalists who cover religion and politics for PBS, the Atlantic, the Wall Street Journal and other media gathered on September 13th at Georgetown University to talk about how anger, trust and faith were factoring into the 2016 presidential election. “It’s been an odd year and some would say a scary campaign,” said John Carr, Director of the university’s Initiative on Catholic Social Thought and Public Life which co-sponsored the event with the McCourt School of Public Policy’s Institute of Politics and Public
Service. Carr moderated the panel which was comprised of PBS NewsHour commentator and syndicated columnist Mark Shields; Melinda Henneberger, a Visiting Fellow at the Catholic University of America and who writes regularly for the Washington Post; Georgetown Alumnae Emma Green (C’12), an Atlantic Magazine Senior Associate Editor who covers millennials, religion and American politics; and Jerry Seib, Executive Washington Editor and Chief Commentator for the Wall Street Journal. “It’s an angry electorate,” Seib observed. “Most elections turn out to be about the economy in the end and that’s where I think the explanation starts.”

- On September 26th, American University historian Allan Lichtman predicted that Donald J. Trump would win the U.S. Presidency. At the time of his prediction, virtually all media and most polls had predicted a Hillary Clinton victory. Based on his “13 Keys” system, Professor Lichtman predicts the outcome of the popular vote based on the performance of the party and not the use of candidate preference polls, campaign strategies, or events. According to Professor Lichtman, “The Keys point to a Donald Trump victory, and in general, point to a generic Republican victory.” The system correctly predicted the outcome of each American presidential election since 1988, with the exception of the 2000 election when the keys predicted an Al Gore victory. (Mr. Gore won the popular vote);

- “The Young Turks on FUSION,” a weekly hour-long live election-themed show with a focus on how millennials are involved in the presidential elections, held a live show at GW on September 19th. George Washington was the second stop on a 12-city college tour. The episode, which aired on FUSION’s cable channel land digital properties, covered issues ranging from political participation and activism to the influence of lobbying. Erika Feinman, GW’s Student Association President, was a featured guest on the program;

- Speechwriters from past political campaigns discussed the rhetoric of the 2016 presidential candidates during the Professional Speechwriters Association’s Third Annual Conference September 26th to 28th hosted at Georgetown University’s McDonough School of Business. The keynote panel was composed of David Kusnet, Chief Speechwriter for the 1992 Clinton campaign and Chief Speechwriter during the first two years of the Clinton Administration; Andie Tucher, Campaign Speechwriter for Clinton-Gore in 1992; and Lindsay Hayes, Director of Speechwriting for Romney for President, speechwriter for Sarah Palin, speechwriter for the Republican National Convention in 2008 and White House Speechwriter in 2002. The session was moderated by political scientist Michael Cornfield. During the conversation, the speechwriters spent more time talking about Donald J. Trump’s rhetoric than Hillary Clinton’s style. Ms. Hayes argued that Trump speaks in a narrative that engages the anger felt by many Americans;

- The George Washington Democrats and GW College Republicans each hosted Watch Parties for the presidential debates. The first debate Watch Party on September 26th was cohosted by the School of Media and Public Affairs (SMPA) and included panel discussions before and after the debate featuring SMPA Director Frank Sesno; Graduate School of Political Management Interim Director Lisa Brown; and Assistant Professor of Media and Public Affairs Ethan Porter; and

- Pop music star Miley Cyrus dropped by a George Mason University dormitory to knock on doors for Hillary Clinton in October. Thousands of students who did not live in the designated dorm waited outside chanting “We want Miley! We want Miley!” as they sang her songs;
The University of the District of Columbia hosted a screening of “Well-Behaved Women Don’t Make ‘Her-Story’: The Dorie Ladner Story,” on November 3rd to encourage voting among people of color, students, and other vulnerable citizens. The student-produced film looked at the life of Ladner, a key organizer of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), during the 1960’s. UDC President Ron Mason moderated the post-film discussion which included a special guest—Dorie Ladner;

On the eve of the Presidential Election, the American University Museum hosted several exhibits exploring American identities including:

- *It Takes a Nation: Art and Social Justice with Emory Douglas and the Black Panther Party, AFRICOBRA and Contemporary Washington Artists*, which focused on a cross-generational conversation of social justice in America with a special focus on Emory Douglas, the renowned Black Panther Party sociopolitical artist whose work was on display for the first time in Washington, DC;

- *Resident Alien*, an exhibit of artist Hung Liu’s work focused on the themes of refugees and heroines expressed in Liu’s experience as an immigrant, woman and American;

- *Portal Screens: Connecting Northwest, DC to Milwaukee’s Amani Neighborhood*, featured a bi-directional video wall opening a window between locations—in this case, Washington, DC and Moody Park, located in the Amani Community in Milwaukee. Moody Park has the highest rate of incarceration for African American males in the U.S.;

- *Silos*, an exhibition of works by artists of color from Washington, DC and across the United States, which featured works exploring themes of urban expression, intersectionality, the prison industrial complex and state-sanctioned violence against people of color and the politics of representation, both racial and visual;

- *Updraft American*, which features Washington, DC sculptor (and former Senate aide) Suzanne Brennan Firstenberg, whose works manifest Americans’ frustration with gridlocked partisan politics. The work featured an entire year of the official proceedings of the United States Congress, as documented in the Congressional Record, with each page folded into a paper airplane; and

- *Todas las Manos*, an interdisciplinary public art project celebrating human rights and global justice by commemorating the 40th anniversary of the murders of former Chilean Ambassador Orlando Letelier and co-worker Ronni Karpen Moffitt in Washington, DC on September 21, 1976. Muralist Francisco Letelier, son of Orlando Letelier, worked in collaboration with youth participants from the Latin American Youth Center to create a large-scale mural in the museum’s sculpture garden;

Throughout the campaign, George Washington University highlighted the elements of political life in America:

- GW’s Battleground Poll tracked approval ratings of the presidential candidates as well as topics around the election. The polls received heavy press coverage throughout the campaign season; and

- “Your Next President! The Campaign Art of Mark and Roasaline Shenkman” exhibition at the George Washington University Museum and Textile Museum explored the evolution of American presidential campaigning. The exhibit featured rare presidential campaign textiles produced in the 19th and early
20\textsuperscript{th} centuries and collected by former GW Trustee Mark Shenkman and his wife Rosaline. The exhibition demonstrated the central role of the American flag in promoting campaigns more than a century ago. It also showed that the themes of immigration, protectionism, reform, prosperity, and patriotism figured strongly in early campaigns and continue to resonate with voters today. The exhibition opened August 27\textsuperscript{th} and will be on display through spring 2017.

**NEW THIS FALL**

In October, the newly renamed **Antonin Scalia School of Law at George Mason University** was dedicated at ceremonies attended by six justices from the current Supreme Court including justices Anthony M. Kennedy, Clarence Thomas, Stephen G. Breyer, Samuel Alito, Sonia Sotomayor and Elena Kagen. The dedication came six months after GMU announced plans to rename the school, coinciding with $30 million in combined gifts to support the school, $10 million from the Charles Koch Foundation and $20 million from an anonymous donor. Justice Scalia died in February 2017. Members of the Scalia family were also in attendance at the event including the late justice’s wife of more than 50 years, Maureen Scalia. The Rev. Paul Scalia, one of his sons, gave the invocation while another child, Catherine Scalia Courtney, who works as an administrative assistant and academic advisor at GMU’s engineering school, said her father would have been honored to have the school named after him.

District House, **George Washington University**’s newest residence hall, opened on August 27\textsuperscript{th} after a major renovation incorporating and expanding three existing residence hall buildings. **District House** features 40,000 square feet of new student space including: performing arts space; a conference room; lounging and study areas; new dining venues; and The Store, GW’s food pantry. With almost 900 beds, it has the second-largest capacity of any residence hall on campus and will house mainly sophomores and juniors.

**Georgetown University** officially opened its newest dormitory this semester. The new 225-bed suite-style residence opened on the northeast side of campus and is named after Pedro Arrupe, S.J., the second founder of the Jesuits. Father Arrupe’s role in modeling social justice, connecting to the world, and educating people to be of service to others still resonates today. Pedro Arrupe S.J. Hall is home to the Global Living Community as well as the French Living and Learning Community. It features a chaplain-in-residence and a faculty-in-residence to support and incorporate the university’s mission. The new dorm also is LEED-certified and includes indoor bike storage, a green roof, and water collection as well as a fireplace lounge, study rooms, a multipurpose room, gathering spaces for campus community and an outdoor patio with power and grills.

The **University of Maryland** has launched the “Do Good initiative”—a $75 million effort designed to instill a culture of philanthropy university-wide, asking students to “do good” from freshman orientation to long after graduation. As part of the effort, the university has created an institute, added three endowed professorships and is building a new public policy building where the Do Good Institute will be based, using a combination of sources such as state funding, university finances and private donations. **University of Maryland President Wallace Loh** called the effort unique—aimed at impacting all 38,000 students rather than only those focused on social service.
Early in the fall, Georgetown University released an updated version of its 2017 campus plan draft retaining essential features of the previous version and incorporating revisions suggested by neighborhood leaders and residents. The plan was agreed to by the university and neighborhood groups establishing the framework for ongoing development at Georgetown.

Howard University Hospital showed a profit in 2016 for the first time in several years making it more likely that it might attract a buyer in the future. While the profit was relatively modest, it is a milestone for the hospital which has been cash-strapped. It is also a good sign for Paladin Healthcare Capital, an El Segundo, California company that took over the hospital’s operations in 2014 with the charge of improving its finances. When the good news was released, Howard University President Frederick said he is discussing the sale of the hospital with various health systems.

In related Howard University Hospital news, HUH announced it would share physicians and provide medical services as part of a new collaboration with Washington, DC’s United Medical Center (UMC). The pact between UMC and Howard University College of Medicine will provide neurology, infectious disease and otolaryngology services to patients at the city-owned hospital. DC Mayor Muriel Bowser, who announced the partnership, called it “a powerful symbol” of medical collaboration.

MedStar Georgetown University Hospital has received concept approval for its proposed $567 million hospital building from the Old Georgetown Board—as well as the backing of other groups in the neighborhood. Several community organizations within the Georgetown Community Partnership gave their support, including ANC3D, ANC2E, the Citizens Association of Georgetown, the Burleith Citizens Association and the Foxhall Community Citizens Association. The MedStar leadership thanked the neighbors for their support of the proposal.

The foundation supporting Montgomery County Community College has acquired a Rockville, MD office building with the aim of consolidating three locations into one and saving $40 million over the next three decades. The College plans to shift several administrative services, including information technology and academic affairs, to a central location on Corporate Drive in Rockville in spring 2017 once the renovations are done. The new building is a former Lockheed Martin building and will house about 400 college employees.

Howard University has plans to rename its school of communications after Radio One Inc. founder and Chairman Catherine L. Hughes and the Alfred C. Liggins III Foundation. Liggins, Hughes’ son and the driver behind the donation, serves as president and CEO of Radio One, the Silver Spring-based media company that primarily targets African American and urban consumers. Last year, Radio One reported $450.86 million in revenue. An official ceremony announcing the new name was held on October 23rd.

**GOLD STARS**
In commemoration of the 40th anniversary of the National Defense University and the 70th anniversary of the National War College, General Colin L. Powell, U.S. Army (Ret) and former Secretary of State, was honored for his extraordinary military and public service on September 29th. The west wing library of the landmark National War College in Roosevelt Hall was dedicated as the General Colin L. Powell Wing. General Powell, a 1976 alumnus of the National War College, stated that his experience at the college shaped his perceptions of U.S. national security. “I came here to study war, and while I learned about war, I learned even more about the importance of finding peace,” he said. Attendees at the dedication included Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Joseph Dunford; Army Chief of Staff General Mark Milley; former Secretary of Defense Charles Hagel, NDU President Major General Frederick Padilla; Brigadier General Darren Harford as well as many past and present top-level officials and friends and family of General and Mrs. Powell.

Georgetown University named Abel Nuñez the 2017 recipient of the John Thompson Jr. Legacy of a Dream Award. A tireless advocate for immigrants’ rights and a recognized community leader, Abel is the Executive Director of the Central American Resource Center (CARECEN). The John Thompson Jr. Legacy of Dream Award is presented annually by Georgetown to a local leader who embodies the life and spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at the Let Freedom Ring Celebration. The 2017 event will take place on MLK Day, January 16th at the Kennedy Center. CARCEN provides a range of support for immigrants and promotes civil rights advocacy and training for Washington-area Latinos.

On September 29th, Gallaudet University hosted an event to honor alumnus Ron Burdett ('70), which featured the naming of a room in the Sorenson Language and Communications Center (SLCC) after him—the Rob Burdett '70 Seminar Room. Burdett has worked at Sorenson Communications for a number of years and the company made a donation to Gallaudet to honor Burdett’s years of service. At the ceremony, Burdett was recognized for his work as a professor and Dean of Deaf Studies and Special Services at Ohlone College as well as for his service as President of the California Association for Post-Education and the Disabled (CAPED), which oversaw 107 community colleges, eight California state universities and three university of California.

American University was named “Institution of the Month” for October 2016 by the National Council of University Research Administrators (NCURA). Every Tuesday during that month, AU research administrators offered best practices and professional advice to fellow university research administrators in 2-3 minute bursts called “You- Tube Tuesday” videos. The designation comes less than a year after the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education moved AU up to “Doctoral: Higher Research Activity.” AU’s ascension up the Carnegie Classification ladder resulted in part from a strategic increase in externally-funded research productivity.

To celebrate its 75th anniversary, the journal Cancer Research sifted through 50,000 papers that the journal had published since its inception in 1941 for a celebratory 75th anniversary issue. Among the 50 “landmark” studies that were scientifically significant and influential was one published by Todd Waldman, MD, PhD, a Professor of Oncology at the Georgetown Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center and Director of the Georgetown MD/PhD Program. The paper, published in November 1995, “P-21 Is Necessary for the p53-Mediated G1 Arrest in Human Cancer Cells, described the discovery of the roll of p53, a gene that is mutated in half of all human
cancers. The paper introduced the concept of gene editing to the field of disease control. Dr. Waldman has continued to study cancer gene function in his Georgetown lab and recently identified a new cancer gene called STAG2 that is among the most commonly mutated genes in cancer and involved in causing bladder cancer, pediatric bone tumors, leukemia’s, brain tumors, and other tumor types.

Lance Hoffman, Distinguished Research Professor in George Washington’s Department of Computer Science, was named to the 2016 National Cyber Security Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame is composed of individuals who collectively invented the technologies, created awareness, promoted and delivered education, developed and influenced policy, and created businesses to begin to address the cyber security problem. Mr. Hoffman and six others were inducted into the National Cyber Security Hall of Fame at a gala and induction ceremony in Baltimore, MD on October 20th.

**Spotlight: Presidents**

The highly anticipated installation of Gallaudet University President Roberta J. Cordano took place in front of a huge enthusiastic crowd at the Field House on the afternoon of September 20, 2016. Highlights included:

- The investiture of President Cordano by Duane Haliburton ('85), Acting Chair of the Board of Trustees and Claire Bugen, Acting Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees and Gallaudet’s first three deaf presidents—Drs. I. King Jordan ('70 & H’14); Robert Davila ('53 & H’96) and T. Alan Hurwitz;
- President Cordano’s response in which she said, “I see every single day, day in and day out, the learning, the research and the work, and the commitment that makes Gallaudet a place like no other in the world. It is because of you that I am honored to accept this presidency.” President Cordano said she would focus on three priorities—a bilingual community framework; diversity, equality, and inclusion; and leadership; and
- A performance of the song Purple Summer from cast members of Deaf West Theatre’s Spring Awakening, including Gallaudet alumni Sandra Mae Frank ('13); and Amelia Hensley, ’13.

In honor of President Cordano’s inauguration, Minnesota Governor Mark Dayton declared September 30, 2016 to be “Roberta J. Cordano Day” in Minnesota at the request of the Commission of Deaf, DeafBlind & Hard of Hearing Minnesotans. President Cordano hails from Minnesota where she was an Assistant Attorney General for the State as well as an Assistant Dean and the Director of Disability Services at the University of Minnesota.

Over the summer, Dr. Richard W. Thomas was named the president of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences.

On September 30th, the National Defense University opened a search for a new president. As reported previously, Dr. David Ellison, who has led NIU since 2009, plans to retire in August 2017. Due to NIU’s unique role in educating U.S. intelligence personnel, finalists for this position will be interviewed by one or more heads of major intelligence agencies before a selection is made.
On October 12th, George Washington University President Steve Knapp moderated a discussion between DC Mayor Muriel Bowser, Virginia Governor Terry McAuliffe and Maryland Governor Larry Hogan on their plans to work cooperatively to bolster the regional economy.

In late August, American University President Neil Kerwin announced the names of the university’s President’s Council on Diversity and Inclusion. The 12-member Council was assembled from every major campus constituency—faculty, students, staff and alumni and will be focused on monitoring and reporting progress on elements of the university’s Diversity and Inclusion Plan. Colleen Sinnette-Jennings, Professor of Performing Arts in the College of Arts and Sciences, will chair the new Council.

George Washington Presidential Search Committee Chair Madeleine Jacobs announced the beginning of the identification of the university’s 17th president. As part of the process, the GW Board of Trustees solicited input from GW community members on the selection of the university’s next president at a series of 11 town hall meetings that were held between September 12th to 14th. (For more on the Board’s selection, see “Breaking News.”)

Between October 5th and 8th, National Defense University President Major General Padilla participated in the annual Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Regional Forum’s Heads of Defense Universities, Colleges and Institutes Meeting (HDUCIM) in Delhi, India. This nineteenth gathering of military educators featured discussions on new pedagogical foci, evolving topics for study, and overall educational challenges. The Indian Defense College hosted more than twenty heads of other national defense institutions from Canada, the United States, and all the way across the Indo-Asia-Pacific region. President Padilla offered insights on how NDU has adapted to new security concerns through revised curricula, thoughtful research, and its International Fellows program to craft the most appropriate educational experience.

George Washington University President Steven Knapp and members of the GW community honored the memory of the nine GW alumni who died in the September tragedy as well as all of those who lost their lives as a result of the attacks that day. The ceremony held in Anniversary Park included a university-wide moment of silence at 8:46 a.m.

Campus News

In mid-October, Georgetown University’s Board of Directors met to celebrate recent successes including: the conclusion of the university’s $1.67 billion capital campaign; the dedication of two new buildings; and a review of the work of the university’s Working Group on Slavery, Memory and Reconciliation (the Working Group). President DeGioia acknowledged the Georgetown alumni community’s support of the “Generations” campaign; joined the Board and others to dedicate the 225-bed Pedro Arrupe, S.J. Hall and the John R. Thompson, Jr. Intercollegiate Athletic Center; and interviewed there members of the Working Group before the Board. The Board also heard presentations from Rev. Howard Gray, S.J., Interim Vice President of Mission and Ministry, about the selection of a new Superior General of the Jesuit Order. The Board also heard from Georgetown faculty as well as remarks highlighting academic achievements by the university’s various departments. (For more on Pedro Arrupe S.J. Hall, see
“New this Fall.” For more on the Working Group on Slavery, Memory and Reconciliation, see “New this Fall” below.)

**George Washington University** students were named the “Most Politically Active Students” in the nation for the fourth straight year by the Princeton Review. The 2017 U.S. News and World Report Best Colleges list, rankings were released on September 13th. **GW** was ranked 56th Best National Universities; 38th for business programs; 28th for Top Pick among high school counselors; and 32nd for Best for Veterans. The university also was ranked 22nd in the Sierra Club’s “Cool Schools” ranking of eco-friendly universities—up from 32nd last year.

In September, **American University** received as a gift the Airlie Center in Warrenton Virginia from the Airlie Board of Directors. The Airlie Center is comprised of 300 acres and includes Airlie House and Village, guest rooms and meeting facilities on a property that surrounds a lake and includes verdant landscape and a wide variety of wildlife. For more than 50 years, Airlie Center has hosted global leaders, heads of states and diplomats for conferences and programs dedicated to social progress, education, environmental research, and public health. “The University is honored to have been selected for this wonderful gift. It is our intent to carry on the very impressive and important legacy of Airlie, while leveraging this marvelous facility for **American University’s** academic initiatives,” said **All President Neil Kerwin**.

On September 1st, **Georgetown University President John DeGioia** announced the next steps in the university’s ongoing process to acknowledge and respond to its historical ties to the institution of slavery. In sharing the report and recommendations of the Working Group on Slavery, Memory, and Reconciliation (The Working Group), **President DeGioia** said that the university will engage directly with descendants of slaves and with members of the **Georgetown** community in this ongoing effort. This will include soliciting feedback, determining priorities for the work going forward, and creating processes and structures to enable that work. The university also intends to engage descendants both on campus and in the cities and communities where they live. In September 2015, **President DeGioia** convened the Working Group, comprised of faculty, students, alumni and staff and chaired by David Collins, S.J., to make recommendations on how best to acknowledge and recognize the university’s history as it relates to slavery; examine and interpret the history of certain sites on **Georgetown’s** campus; and convene events and opportunities open for dialogue. (For more on the Working Group on Slavery, Memory and Reconciliation, see “Campus News” above.)

The **Consortium of Universities** has been supporting the work of the Global Cities Initiative, a partnership between the Consortium and other local business groups. An Export Plan is expected to be released in early 2017 as part of the effort. Also as part of the effort, the **Consortium** is participating in a regional project in the biohealth/biotech sector focused on mapping small and medium sized companies in the region; generating global health data that will be needed to identify the potential export markets and linking companies and markets together; and identifying necessary resources for building the appropriate export trade processes.

**GREEN CAMPUS**
The George Washington University Sustainability Collaborative partnered with the White House Council on Environmental Quality to host the 2016 GreenGov Symposium on September 8th. The symposium brought together senior administration officials and federal sustainability stakeholders to discuss the executive order, “Planning for Federal Sustainability in the Next Decade.” The Collaborative also released five case studies it developed to showcase best practices in federal government sustainability. The event was held in the Jack Morton Auditorium on GW’s campus with keynote addresses given by U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack and chef Dab Barber, co-owner of Blue Hill restaurants. GW President Steven Knapp made remarks at the event.

On October 21st, registered volunteers from the Gallaudet University assembled to support Casey Trees as it arranged for 30 trees to be planted on campus. The event, open to faculty, staff, alumni and students, encouraged volunteers to get their hands dirty planting the trees. Dave Good, Gallaudet’s Energy and Sustainability Manager, spoke to the significance of the event, noting Gallaudet’s campus is a valuable asset to the entire DC Community particularly given its ample open space which is a prime spot for tree planting. The tree-planting will contribute to Gallaudet’s ongoing commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions on campus.

Class Notes

On August 29th, the then Director of National Intelligence James Clapper welcomed new students as the National Defense University. Attired in academic regalia, with the blue and gold academic hood signifying his status as a 1995 recipient of an honorary Doctor of Strategic Intelligence, General Clapper, the then nation’s top intelligence official, provided keynote remarks highlighting the challenges facing intelligence leaders in the 21st Century. This was an event with historic significance as the audience—the NIU Class of 2017—will be the last students to begin study at the main campus at Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) Headquarters, NDU’s home since 1983. (For more on the NIU move, see “Lead Story.”)

Gallaudet University welcomed its largest incoming class since 2001 at New Student Orientation’s University Welcome on August 25th. Gallaudet President Roberta Cordano, in her first year, welcomed 358 new students, including 24 international students from five countries. At the event, Dr. Carrie Solomon, Faculty Senate Chair, led the students in an oath stressing academic excellence, academic integrity and love of learning. Trevor Anderson, Student Body Government President, and David Poland, Graduate Student Association President, provided welcoming remarks.

George Washington University’s 2016-17 academic year began at the end of August with Fall Colonial Inauguration for transfer and international students as well as the graduate student welcome ceremony and reception. Welcome Week, which included more than 30 events, kicked off with move-in for all students and First Night for new students on August 27th and closed with the eighth annual Freshman Day of Service and Convocation on September 10th where the Class of 2020 was officially welcomed into the Colonials community. Following the ceremony, GW President Steven Knapp and first-year students traveled to site around the greater DC area to participate in service projects.
American University announced a By the Numbers look at the Class of 2020 based on the number of students who made deposits on their incoming place:

- AU’s admission rate (or yield) was at an historic low of 25.7 percent;
- Nearly 40% of incoming freshmen were accepted early decision;
- Students come from 48 states with the most common states of origin being New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, California, Massachusetts, Maryland, Florida, Connecticut, Virginia and Texas;
- Four percent of the class are international students;
- 32.4 percent are members of a minority group;
- The class is 64.2 percent female and 35.8 percent male; and
- The average high school GPA was 3.67 with an average SAT score of 1245.

The Milken Institute International Finance Corporation and George Washington University celebrated the Capital Markets Certificate Program with a luncheon recognizing the inaugural class of fellows on September 23rd. The goal of this first-of-its kind program is to create a network of practitioners in Africa and other emerging regions who will lead capital-market development in their countries. The event was also meant to raise potential donor’s awareness of the program.

Georgetown University held a New Student Convocation for first-year and transfer students on August 28th. History major Melina Hsiao (C’18) told newcomers to “take a breath” as they begin their Georgetown academic careers. Hsiao spoke as the 2016 McTighe prize winner, an honor conferred in the name of the late longtime faculty member Thomas McTighe, which is awarded every year to an outstanding undergraduate who has demonstrated achievement in scholarship and service to Georgetown and the surrounding community. The class of first-year students hails from all 50 states and 44 other countries including the United Kingdom, South Korea, China and Spain. Four years from now these students will graduate in the Class of 2020.

The George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Studies held its White Coat Ceremony for incoming students on August 6th. The ceremony, an annual event signaling the start of medical students’ education, is a rite of passage for budding health professionals. Students formally don their white coats, sign the honor code and pledge their commitment to medicine with family, friends and future colleagues as witnesses.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Lisa Delpy Neirotti, Associate Professor of Sport Management at George Washington University, led a group of 27 GW graduates students to Rio de Janeiro to study the ins and outs of the Summer Olympics. Students gained experience in the sports management field, collected data on space utilization in all the Olympic venues and studied spectator behavior and motivation. The data will be used by the International Olympic Committee Organizing Committees and local tourism organizations to better understand venue requirements; what Olympic spectators are most interested in; and how guests spend their money for future Olympic Games. Dr. Neirotti has led the Olympic class every two years; traveling to both winter and summer events for the past 14 years.
American University hired 28 new tenure-line (either on tenure track or fully tenured) for the fall semester. New faculty members include:

- **College of Arts and Sciences (CAS)**
  - Jessica Young, an Assistant Professor in the Health Studies Department, who will focus on health equity and philanthropic approach to critical social issues. She is returning to AU where she received her Master’s Degree;
  - Małgorzata Rymsz-Pawlowska, an Assistant Professor in the History Department as well as Associate Director of the Graduate Program in Public History, who will look at how to interpret history through visual media (documentaries, TV and public art) as well as representational history such as Colonial Williamsburg. Her latest book, History Comes Alive is scheduled for a release shortly. Rymsz-Pawlowska grew up in Washington so this is a homecoming for her;
  - Nathalie Japkowicz, Professor of Computer Science with an expertise in big data and artificial intelligence;
  - Michael Alonzo, Assistant Professor of Environmental Science, who is arriving at AU from a post-doc at NASA;
  - Braxton Boren, who will be teaching in the Department of Performing Arts beginning in 2017-18;
  - Nicole Caporino, Assistant Professor of Psychology, who has done research on child and adolescent anxiety disorders;
  - Julia Chifman, Professor of Math and Statistics;
  - Elizabeth Cotter, Assistant Professor of Health Studies, who previously served as a Professorial Lecturer at AU;
  - Andrew Demshuk, Assistant Professor of History, who specializes in Germany and Central Europe;
  - Molly Dondero, Assistant Professor of Sociology, who will focus on child health and human development. She previously served as a post-doc fellow at the Penn State Population Research Institute;
  - Dustin Friedman, Assistant Professor of Literature, who has arrived at AU from Singapore;
  - Ignacio Gonzalez Garcia, who will join the Economics Department in 2017-18, has an expertise in inequality and financial macroeconomics;
  - Ethan Mereish, Assistant Professor of Health Studies, who arrives from Brown University where he did a post-doc at the Center for Alcohol and Addiction Studies;
  - Paul Sullivan, new to the Economics Department, who has been a research economics at the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics;
  - Perry Zern, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, who will start next year, as he completes his post-doc with the Center for Curiosity at the University of Pennsylvania;

- **Kogod School of Business (KSB)**
  - Siri Terjesen has arrived at AU from Indiana University which is widely viewed as one of the top entrepreneurship schools in the world. As an Associate Professor at Kogod, she will serve as the new Research Director of the AU Center for Innovation in the Capital. Terjesen’s major contribution to the scholarship of
entrepreneurship has been the creation of a global set of data used to compare entrepreneurship across 62 countries;

- Nandini Lahiri, an Associate Professor of Management, has developed an expertise on semiconductor companies while at Temple University as well as the broader topic of language and business reasoning. She has observed, for example, that the underlying structure of native languages guide firms in selecting strategic partners;
- Michael Mowchan, Assistant Professor of Accounting and Taxation, who arrives at AU from the Arizona State University;

**School of International Service (SIS)**

- Audrey Kurth Cronin, Professor, International Relations, who is focused on how conflicts end. In her work with the Congressional Research Service she was one of the few Americans with expertise on Osama Bin Laden’s terrorist activities and the Mujahideen in Afghanistan. Her *Foreign Affairs* essay in 2015 argued that ISIS is a pseudo state rather than “just” a terrorist group. Of her scholarship, she said, “I try to find ways to solve problems that are difficult. . . I don’t always want to take the safe road,”
- Elizabeth Thompson who has been named the Farsi Chair in Islamic Peace. Her expertise is on Syria which she will feature in a book she is working on entitled *After Lawrence: Woodrow Wilson and the Brief Promise of Arab Liberalism*. She comes to AU from the University of Virginia;
- Susanna Campbell, Assistant Professor in International Studies, who will start teaching in the spring. She is completing her post-doc research at the Graduate Institute of International Development Studies in Geneva;
- Megan Stewart, who will arrive at SIS in 2017 and will focus on the intersection of civil war and state formation;
- Yang Zhang, Assistant Professor in International Studies, who earned a Ph.D. in sociology from the University of Chicago;

**School of Public Affairs (SPA)**

- Nathan Favero, an Assistant Professor of Public Administration and Policy, who will focus on internal management, performance, and race/ethnicity. He will be teaching at his current appointment at Texas A & M during the fall, planning to travel to AU in the spring where he will serve as a visiting scholar;
- Carla Fink, Assistant Professor of Public Administration and Policy, who will focus on public budgeting and how it relates to public policy. She, like Professor Favero, arrives from Texas, previously teaching at the University of Texas at San Antonio;

**Washington College of Law (AUWCL)**

- Susan Franck, Professor of Law, who will focus on contracts, international involvement and the law of psychology;
- Rebecca Hamilton, Assistant Professor of Law, who arrives from New York University School of Law where she was the Deputy Director of a Human Rights Institute; and
- Anita Sinha, Assistant Law Professor, who was a practitioner-in-residence at AUWCL’s Immigrant Justice Clinic.
The Georgetown Institute of Politics and Public Service (GU Politics) at the McCourt School of Public Policy welcomed its Fellows Class for the fall of 2016. The class included:

- **Georgetown** alumnus Scott Mulhauser (L’05), Former Chief of Staff, U.S. Embassy, Beijing; former Deputy Chief of Staff to Vice President Joseph Biden, Obama-Biden 2012;
- **Georgetown Parent Advisory Council** member, 2013 Martin O’Malley, 61st Governor of Maryland, former Candidate for the President of the United States;
- **Georgetown** alumnae Rebecca Sinderbrand, (C’99), Deputy National Political Editor, the Washington Post;
- Michael Steel, Former Senior Advisor, Jeb! 2016; former Press Secretary, House Speaker John Boehner; and
- Juana Summers, Editor, CNN Politics.

The Fellows have immersed themselves in life on campus, hosted a weekly discussion group on pressing political topics and meet with students during their office hours to talk about their careers or the political news of the day.

The American Studies (AS) Program at the National Defense University run by the International Student Management Office (ISMO) has been growing to include four new faculty members which provides the opportunity to offer six breakout seminars to the current class of 63. This fall, AS explored the complexities of American identity through race/gender, religion, region and politics. Inspired by NDU President Major General Padilla, the program has added two “American Fellows” for a pilot program to incorporate American students into AS. For the spring semester, ISMO will be interviewing four American Fellows to join the AS curriculum.

The George Washington University School of Media and Public Affairs (SMPA) named Washington Post reporter Jason Rezaian the 2016-17 Terker Distinguished Fellow. Mr. Rezaian reported on Iran until he was arrested in 2014 and sentenced to prison for crimes related to espionage. He worked as a Tehran-based freelancer since 2009 before becoming the Washington Post Bureau Chief in 2012. The journalist spent 546 days in prison after his home was raided and he and his wife were arrested. Mr. Rezaian was released January 17, 2016. The SMPA Terker Distinguished Fellows program was established in 2010 by Bruce and Cindy Terker, parents of Jennifer Terker (BA ’13). The program brings media, political communication and public affairs professionals to SMPA each academic year.

The Georgetown University Disabilities Studies Course Cluster is thriving in its second year, with seven classes offered this past fall. Due to the efforts of English professor Libbie Rifkin and a team of faculty members over the last several years, the cluster offers a set of interconnected, interdisciplinary classes focused on disability through numerous Georgetown College departments as well as the School of Nursing & Health Studies and the School of Medicine. Additional faculty members in the program include Sylvia Önder, a professor of Turkish language and culture, including deaf culture; Jennifer Natalya Fink, a professor of English and theater and performance studies and Professor Julia Watts Belser, an ordained rabbi who studies classical Jewish texts and queer feminist Jewish ethics and teaches a course on the intersection of disability and religion. Professor Belser is a wheelchair user which gives her a unique perspective.

American University has named three new deans for the 2016-17 academic year. They are:
• Camille Nelson, who is the new head of the Washington College of Law;
• John T. Delaney, Dean of the Kogod School of Business; and
• Cheryl Hocomb-McCoy, named to head the School of Education. She arrives at AU from the position of Vice Provost of Faculty Affairs at Johns Hopkins University.

Consortium members are offering more dual degree programs than ever before. Such programs allow students to tack a master’s degree onto an undergraduate degree more easily. Dual degrees are cost-efficient and time efficient, allowing students to graduate with a Master’s degree at 22. A downside, however, is that selecting such a degree requires a major decision early in a student’s college career. In addition, students don’t get a chance to work in their field between completing their undergraduate degree and starting and graduate degree work. Sometimes such employment helps students formulate their academic plans.

**INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

Georgetown University’s Center for Intercultural Education and Development (CIED) is teaming up with Georgetown’s Graduate School of Arts and Sciences to implement a program designed to strengthen Paraguay’s education sector. CIED and the Graduate School are partnering with Paraguay’s Minister of Education to carry out collaborative assessment of the country’s higher education needs, as well as support Paraguay’s efforts to build a research university and strengthen a national scholarship program, according to CIED’s Director Chantal Santelices. The program is funded in cooperation with the government of Paraguay.

Beginning October 4th, George Washington University’s Jack Morton Auditorium was the site of several pre-meetings of the annual International Monetary Fund and World Bank fall meetings, which were held in Washington from October 7th through 9th. Sessions at GW focused on women in business; income inequality; and the economy of developing countries. In conjunction with the fall meetings, U.S. Secretary of the Treasury Jack Lew held a press conference and Graduate School of Political Management Interim Director Laura Brown participated on a Bank of America-Merrill Lynch Great Debate panel.

This year the National Defense University is sending students to four different sites as part of its International Fellows Practicum:

• Students sent to Montana will gain exposure to U.S. government; western culture; and ideology, diversity and the National Park Service. Topics to be discussed will include the “Cowboy Mindset;” American individualism and exceptionalism; community responsibility; and American identity. The Fellows will also experience Native American culture at the Native American Days Powwow and explore challenges faced by Native Americans in the past and present, especially on sovereign reservations. Lastly, the Fellows will visit famous national parks including Glacier and Yellowstone where they will discuss federal land preservation;

• Students studying in New York City will focus on several themes including managing city life; civil liberties and rights; the free market; and international security. Students will visit Ellis Island, the Statue of Liberty and the Tenement Museum to discuss immigration with input from the Mayor’s Office and the New York City Department of City Planning.
Students will also focus on the imbalance between security and privacy with the New York City Police Department and the American Civil Liberties Union as well as discuss globalization through a visit to the United Nations;

- The Philadelphia Field Studies Program is a short weekend trip for international students to understand the founding of our country in context. The weekend will also include trips to the National Constitution Center, Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell, and Valley Forge National Historic Park; and

- In Boston, the International Fellows will discover the American systems of education and how Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO’s) work within the government structure. After a briefing by Paul Reville, the previous Secretary of Education for Massachusetts at Harvard University, the Fellows will meet students at a suburban traditional high school and a vocational technical high school. They will also discuss NGO needs with the Metropolitan Boston Housing Partnership; the Boston Healthcare for the Homeless Foundation; Year Up; and previous City Council members. The Fellows will also visit the JFK Presidential Library; the Edward M. Kennedy Institute; the Freedom Trail; Longfellow’s Wayside Inn; the USS Constitution; and the Concord Bridge.

**RESEARCH AND TECH**

Several **George Washington University** studies have been published recently and provide insights into important subjects. They include:

- A new study by Weiqun Peng, Associate Professor of Physics, which may go a long way toward explaining how to reinforce damaged T-cell systems, the human body’s first line of defense against infections and diseases. In a paper published in the journal *Nature Immunology*, Dr. Peng, along with fourth-year Ph.D. student Zhouhao Zeng and immunologists from the University of Iowa, have unlocked part of the mystery behind T-cell identification—how individual T-cells determine what their functions will be. The discovery is an important step toward designing drugs that can correct a depletion or imbalance of T-cells and may help the body’s defense against autoimmune diseases like AIDS;

- A study published in *Health Affairs* which found the expansion of Medicaid insurance coverage under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) did not increase hospital emergency room visits, as was widely predicted by some lawmakers and researchers before ACA’s passage. Prior research had shown people with health insurance use more health care than those without it. Therefore, insurance expansion—and in particular Medicaid expansion—was expected to cause a major surge in emergency department visits. However, when researchers compared the volume of ER visits in hundreds of hospitals across the country in states that expanded Medicaid to those that did not, they found no increase in ER visit volumes in Medicaid expansion states. The study was led by Jesse Pines, Director of the **GW Center for Healthcare Innovation and Policy Research**, Professor of Emergency Medicine at GW's School of Medicine and Health Sciences and Professor of Health Policy and Management at the **GW Milken Institute School of Public Health**;
• A new finding by Jeffrey Splitstoser, Assistant Research Professor of Anthropology, which identified a 6,200-year-old indigo-blue fabric from Huaca, Peru, making it one of the oldest-known cotton textiles in the world and the oldest known textile decorated with indigo blue. The discovery marks the earliest use of indigo as dye, a technically challenging color to produce. According to Dr. Splitstoser, lead author of a paper on the discovery, the finding speaks to the sophisticated textile technology ancient Andean people developed 6,200 years ago. The textile was discovered during a 2009 excavation of Huaca Prieta, a desert area that offers nearly pristine archaeological preservation on the north coast of Peru. The textile is now in the Cao Museum collection in Peru. The paper, “Early Pre-Hispanic Use of Indigo Blue in Peru” was published in *Science Advances* on September 14th;

• A study led by Ami Zota, Assistant Professor of Environmental and Occupational Health, which found that household dust can expose people to potentially dangerous chemicals that are found in everyday products. Chemicals from consumer products are released into the air and find their way into dust, which settles on household items and the floor. Because children and infants crawl or play on dusty floors and put their hands in their mouths, they are particularly at risk for exposure to the chemicals. The chemical DEHP, which belongs to a hazardous class called phthalates, topped the list. The meta-analysis, “Consumer product chemicals in indoor dust: a quantitative meta-analysis of U.S. studies,” appeared September 14th in *Environmental Science and Technology*. This study is the first large comprehensive study in the U.S. to assess consumer product chemicals in dust and estimate potential exposure to children;

• A new study led by Lance Price, Professor of Environmental and Occupational Health, which has found that people who have no contact with livestock can still become infected by a dangerous superbug—most likely by eating contaminated food. The study, “Evidence for Human Adaptation and Foodborne Transmission of Livestock-Associated Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus aureus,” was published September 21st in *Clinical Infectious Diseases*. A team of international researchers discovered the Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA), a serious infection often contracted by farm workers and veterinarians after contact with certain animals, is spreading to humans in urban areas of Denmark, even though those contracting the infection have not had contact with live animals. According to the study, the infection likely comes from food. The study was an international collaboration involving 25 institutions. The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases provided the funding.

**Georgetown University’s McDonough School of Business** has partnered with seven business schools from around the world to execute a multi-year research effort focused on current practices and strategies associated with the sourcing of production and trends in a global supply chain. *Off-On-or Reshoring: Benchmarking of Current Manufacturing Location Decisions,* co-authored by Ricardo Ernst, Professor of Operations and Director of the Global Business Initiative at Georgetown’s McDonough School of Business; Shiliang Cui, Assistant Professor of Operations and Information Management also at the McDonough School; and seven other experts from around the world looked at what production sourcing decisions are being made, what drives those decisions, and what happens as a result. The study is the first empirical research to take an in-depth look at the topic.
George Washington University researchers received a $26.4 million Martin Delaney Collaboratory grant to be funded over five years from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to develop new strategies to cure HIV. The team will apply immunotherapy advances that focus on improving and reprogramming a patient’s immune system, such as have recently been applied to fight cancer, and apply these new techniques to boost current “kick and kill” HIV cure strategies. The “kick and kill” method wakes up a latent virus and destroys it. By combining these methods, researchers will try to reduce or eliminate the body’s reservoirs of HIV virus. By destroying the reservoir, a person would be effectively cured of HIV. The grant is part of the second iteration of NIH’s Martin Delaney Collaboratory program. GW will work with 17 partners, labs and institutions on this research led by Douglas Nixon, Chair of the Department of Microbiology, Immunology, and Tropical Medicine.

Four professors from Georgetown College’s Department of Chemistry and one from the School of Foreign Service have received major grants from various branches of government over the summer including:

- Professor Steve Metallo, who received a three-year $453,764 grant from the National Institutes of Health for his proposal, “The binding of small molecules to disordered proteins: specificity, affinity, and portability” which examines the interactions and energetics that underlie the specific binding interactions between small molecules and disordered proteins which could lead, in the long term, to drugs that could target diseases such as cancer and Alzheimer’s disease;
- Professor Travis Holman, who received a $455,000 from the National Science Foundation to study and develop molecules materials for the complexation of gasses. In the “Porous Molecular Solids with Zero-Dimensional Pores” project, Holman’s lab aims to study systematically sorbent-sorbate interaction in zero dimensional (oD) porous solids. The topic of the paper is a class of still relatively underappreciated and understudied porous materials with emerging new properties of confining and releasing gases. If successful, the research could contribute to major advances in gas storage and separation;
- Sarah Stoll, who received a highly competitive three-year, $395,000 grant from the NSF’s Division of Materials for her project, “Magnetic Semiconductor Solid Solutions. Stoll’s research could help develop high-performance magneto-optical electronics and storage devices;
- Department Chair YuYe Tong, who received a two-year, $340,000 grant from the Department of Energy for his project “Exploring Electro catalysis of Methane on Transition Metal Surfaces.” Tong hopes to develop a catalytic process by which common but environmentally harmful methane gas can be converted to methanol or other useful chemicals through electrochemistry; and
- Professor Charles King, Chair of the Department of Government, has received a grant from the National Endowment for Humanities to research the work of pioneering anthropologist Franz Boas and his peers for a book titled The Humanity Lab: A Story of Race, Culture, and the Promise of an American Idea. Boas was an early 20th-century German-American anthropologist who taught Margaret Mead and writer Zora Neale Hurston, among others, at Columbia University. He is considered the founder of the American School of Cultural Anthropology and was one of the first to argue against race as a biological reality, instead supporting it as a social and historical concept. He expects the book, under contract with Doubleday, to be published in 2019.
Georgetown University faculty members Susan Martin and Rochelle Davis have been tracking refugee patterns for a while. Professor Martin is the Donald G. Herzberg Professor of International Migration and Director of the Institute for the Study of International Migration at Georgetown’s School of Foreign Service (SFS). She will be retiring this spring after a 30-year career in immigration and refugee policy. Professor Davis is Associate Professor of Anthropology at SFS’s Contemporary Arab Studies and Director of the Master of Arts in Arab Studies Program. They spoke to Georgetown Magazine this past fall about a year (2016) when the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) had counted 60 million refugees and internally displaced persons worldwide, the highest number since World War II and the highest number UNHCR had ever counted. The conversation focused on the crisis in Syria, the reason people flee their homes and what the U.S. is doing about it.

Georgetown University faculty have been busy publishing important research:

- Adriana Kugler, a researcher in the McCourt School of Public Policy, issued a paper in Economics and Human Biology which discovered that the longer immigrants stay in America, the less healthy they become. She believes the culprit is lifestyle changes among immigrant families after moving to the U.S.;
- Christopher King, an Assistant Professor at the university’s School of Nursing and Health Studies (NHS), along with students Stefanie Kurgatt (NHS ’17) and Taylor Brown (NHS ’17) issued a report finding stark differences in the health of African American residents of Washington, DC verses their white counterparts. The report was the subject of a policy briefing, the first in a Georgetown series called The State of African Americans in DC, and was held in September in the Wilson Building (City Hall) in a program which included Council Chair Phil Mendelson, Councilmembers Anita Bonds and Yvette Alexander, and DC Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services Brenda Donald. The report was then officially transmitted to DC Mayor Muriel Bowser, the DC City Council, and the DC Commission of African American Affairs;
- Charbel Moussa, Research Director for Georgetown’s Translational Neurotherapeutics Program, is working with her team to examine autophagy—the fundamental process for degrading and recycling cellular components—and the development of therapeutics to jump start the process when its failure causes neurodegenerative diseases including Alzheimer’s and Parkinson’s disease; and
- Georgetown English Professor Daniel Shore along with Georgetown alumni Christopher Warren (G’03) and Jessica Otis (G’03), currently on the faculty of Carnegie Mellon University, have created a digital archive to mine the 62 million words in the Oxford Dictionary of National Biography. “Six Degrees of Francis Bacon” which recently received a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) will allow researchers to easily find links between authors and historic figures. Shore has affectionately called the archive a “Facebook” for early modern literature finds.

**ON THE BOOK SHELF**

Several National Defense University-affiliated people issued academic papers including:
• Brigadier General (ret) Peter Zwack (INSS) who published “A Reawakening Nuclear Nightmare” and then appeared on CNN to discuss it. Zwack has observed that “the dark cloud of nuclear Armageddon that had faded since the end of the Cold War following the break-up of the Soviet Union is looming once again;” and
• Ann Low, an Eisenhower student from the State Department, who published “Excellence in Government through User-Centric Design.” Her paper reviewed various governments, particular Estonia and New Zealand as examples of user-friendly e-governments;

In the latest Joint Forces Quarterly, the Chairman of the Joint Chief of Staff’s military and security studies journal, included a special Commentary section featuring experts from the National Defense University which evaluated the People’s Liberation Army reform from different angles. The journal was issued on October 2016.

**CAMPUS SUPPORT**

Musician and serial entrepreneur Sean “Diddy” Combs has given $1 million to the School of Business at Howard University to pay for scholarships for undergraduate business majors as well as internships for Howard students at his companies. Combs announced the gift, alongside President Frederick from the stage of Verizon Center during his September “Bad Boy Reunion Tour.” Combs attended Howard but did not graduate. He does hold an honorary degree from Howard. The scholarships will become available next fall to undergraduate business majors with a 3.0 grade-point average and financial need.

George Washington University has received a gift to its School of Media and Public Affairs (SMPA) pledged by Char Beales (BA, '73), Chairwoman of SMPA’s National Council and her husband, Howard Beales, Professor of Strategic Management and Public Policy in the GW School of Business. The gift will fund the Char Beales Endowed Professorship of Accountability in Journalism.

**CAMPUS MOVERS AND SHAKERS**

Gallaudet Alumnus Dr. Ronald J. Stern (’73), a leader with more than 40 years of experience in deaf education, recently became the new Vice President of the Laurent Clerc National Deaf Education Center at Gallaudet. In this position, Stern will provide leadership to Kendall Demonstration Elementary School, the Model Secondary School for the Deaf, and research, training and dissemination activities; oversee the continued implementation of the Clerc Center Strategic Plan 2020; expand local and national birth-grade 12 partnerships; and serve on Gallaudet University President Bobbi Cordano’s Executive Team.

Lucile Adams-Campbell, PhD, Associate Director of Minority Health and Health Disparities Research and Professor of Oncology for Georgetown Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center, has begun serving on the Board of Scientific Counselors (BSC) for the National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI). As a member of the BSC, Dr. Adams-Campbell, along with her colleagues, will evaluate scientists and their programs for the NHGRI Division of Intramural Research. The BSC is the only official group of outside scientists who systematically review
NHGRI’s intramural program and advise the NHGRI scientific director. NHGRI reports to NIH Director Francis Collins, MD, PhD.

**Howard University** and its hospital management company, Paladin Healthcare Capital, have named James Diegel as **Howard University Hospital’s** new CEO. Diegel assumed the role on October 1st, replacing CEO James Edwards who led the hospital for the last year and a half. Diegel recently served as president and CEO of St. Charles Health System in Bend, Oregon. He also serves on the faculty of The Governance Institute and the Institute for Healthcare Improvement, focused on improving quality and value in not-for-profit health care systems.

**George Mason University** researcher Stephen Fuller stepped down from the leadership of **GMU’s Center for Regional Analysis** on January 9th, 2017. He then launched the Stephen S. Fuller Institute for Research on the Washington Region’s Future Economy on the same day. The Institute, with offices at GMU, launched on January 9th will focus on the region’s economy. It has been seeded with about $1 million in donations from about three-dozen donors, among them NVR chief and philanthropist Dwight Schar and The 2030 Group. Professor Fuller’s old job—head of the **George Mason University Center for Regional Analysis** has been filled by Terry Clower.

**Gallaudet University** welcomed three new Board of Trustees members during its fall meeting: Linda Campbell, Ph.D.; Jose “Pepe” Cervantes (’05); and Greg Hlibok (’90).

- Campbell is a senior research fellow and professor at Saint Mary’s University in Nova Scotia, Canada. She spent eleven years teaching at Queen’s University’s School of Environmental Studies and Department of Biology. She is on the Canadian Hearing Society’s Provincial Board of Directors’ Executive Committee; chairs the Governance Committee, and is Chief Executive Officer of the Search Committee. She previously served five years as the Vice Chair of the Board of Directors of the Halifax Regional Affiliate of the Society of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Nova Scotians (SDHHNS), and presided over the International Association of Great Lakes Research Board for five years;

- Cervantes has extensive experience with humanitarian-based leadership efforts, through his management of services for military veterans and his leadership of community and youth projects. He served seven years on the San Diego Community College District’s Trustees Advisory Council, and six years on the City of San Diego Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention, to which he was appointed by the Mayor of San Diego. Cervantes currently is the Lead Analyst/Program Manager of the Office of Field Operations within the U.S. Department of Veterans; and

- Hlibok is an accomplished lawyer and community leader who devoted many years of his professional life to advocating for equality and accessibility for people with disabilities; but to many, he is remembered as a student leader during the Deaf President Now movement at Gallaudet in 1988. He is a member of several deaf organizations, including National Association of Deaf, Telecommunications of the Deaf, Inc.; Maryland Association of the Deaf; and Howard County Association of the Deaf. He is the current Vice President of the Board of Trustees of his alma mater, Lexington School and Center for the Deaf. He has worked at the Federal Communications Commission as Chief of the Disability Rights Office in the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau. He is currently the General Counsel and Compliance Officer for video relay service provider ZVRS.
Diana Burley, Professor of Human and Organizational Learning at George Washington University, traveled to Singapore on behalf of the U.S. State Department to participate as a trainer in the Third Country Training Program (TCTP) Cybersecurity Workshop for Association of Southeast Asian Nations government officials. Representatives of ten nations participated in the workshop where Dr. Burley led the cybersecurity workforce development discussion along with representative from the Cyber Security Agency of Singapore. The TCTP program is a significant State Department program, which was highlighted in the joint statement issued by President Obama and Singapore Prime Minister Lee at the close of the state visit earlier this month.

Georgetown College Italian Professor Laura Benedetti, along with Washington Post reporter Emily Langer, spoke at the Library of Congress on September 1st. The event featured a conversation between Benedetti and Langer focusing on Benedetti’s novel, Un paese di carta. The book spans more than 50 years (World War II to the present day); three generations (mother, daughter and granddaughter) and two countries (the United States and Italy). It tackles issues of cultural identity, family ties, displacement and loss as it follows a young woman in her journey to Italy to fulfill her grandmother’s last wish. Langer previously worked as a research assistant to Benedetti in her first year teaching at Georgetown.

George Washington University Law School professor Christopher Bracey was named the new Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs. Mr. Bracey is replacing Dianne Martin, who announced in April she would step down at the end of the summer after five years leading the Office of Faculty Affairs. Mr. Bracey is an expert on U.S. race relations, individual rights and criminal procedure. He joined the GW Law faculty in 2008, where he has been a teacher and researcher, and for four years served as the Law School’s senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.

Camille Ann Brewer was appointed the first full-time curator of contemporary textile art at the George Washington University Museum and Textile Museum. Ms. Brewer comes to the Museum from the University of Chicago, where she served as Executive Director of the Black Metropolis Research Consortium. In this new position, Ms. Brewer will organize exhibitions, work with artists to create installations and other special projects and engage GW students and faculty in developing research projects and educational opportunities. This new curatorial position is supported by a $500,000 five-and-a-half year grant from the Andrew W. Mellow Foundation to advance the museum’s new contemporary art initiative.

**BIG MEN (AND WOMEN) ON CAMPUS**

Former First Lady Michelle Obama (while still First Lady) paid a visit to Howard University in late August as part of her last back-to-school season as First Lady. Obama spoke to more than 200 students inside a business school auditorium answering questions and offering advice on succeeding in school and beyond. The students who attended the session had no idea the First Lady would be there. They were set to attend a back-to-school event with Seth Meyers, host of NBC’s “Late Night,” and television personality Nick Cannon who became a Howard freshman at age 35.

On August 25th, Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC) and other city officials were among those who recently gathered at the Georgetown University School of Continuing
Studies to address the needs of formerly incarcerated women re-entering society. The day-long conference was sponsored by the Mayor’s Office on Returning Citizen Affairs. The conference featured sessions on trauma services, mental health services and family reunification services with service provider from the District of Columbia and representatives from the federal government and nonprofit sectors.

On August 31st, as the number of Zika cases reached more than 2,500 in the United States and 14,000 in U.S. Territories and federal funds to fight the disease were nearly depleted, Dr. Anthony Fauci, Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, came to Georgetown University Law School. Dr. Fauci joined Professor Larry Gostin, Faculty Director of the O’Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law; Dr. Stephen Morrison, Senior Vice President of the Center for Strategic and International Studies; and Dr. Daniel Lucey, an O’Neill Institute scholar as the first in a class entitled the O’Neill Institute Colloquium. The class is designed to feature leading national and international scholars exploring contemporary concerns in health law. Dr. Fauci previously visited Georgetown to receive an Honorary Degree in 1990.

Senator Susan Collins (R-ME) visited American University on September 5th and talked about gender politics, public service, gun control and her struggle to end Congressional gridlock. The AU College Republicans co-sponsored the Kennedy Political Union event. AU Professor Jennifer Lawless (School of Public Services, SPA) moderated the discussion.

Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg came to the Georgetown University Law Center on September 7th as the Distinguished Lecturer to the incoming class, addressing more than 300 J.D. and L.L.M. students on campus. Justice Ginsberg spoke of her 23-year friendship with the late Justice Antonin Scalia and her career of advocating for gender equality. Students also had the opportunity to ask questions. Her advice to students? Help the less fortunate, take full advantage of law school, and pursue your passion.

To celebrate Constitution Day on September 13th and mark the end of a year-long 150th anniversary celebration, George Washington University Law hosted a conversation with U.S. Supreme Court Justice Elana Kagen, moderated by William Cranch Research Professor of Law Bradford R. Clark. Justice Kagen discussed her experiences on the court, as Solicitor General, and as a law professor and dean; her approaches to statutory and constitutional interpretation; and her views on legal education. GW President Steven Knapp made opening remarks at a lunch reception welcoming Justice Kagen. It was widely covered by the media.

The Georgetown Institute of Politics and Public Service (GU Politics) at the McCourt School of Public Policy hosted a six part series of events from September 2016 to January 2017 centered on the political and policy record of Barack Obama’s presidency. The “Exit Interview” series featured Cabinet Secretaries and senior Obama White House officials who explored the administration’s successes, challenges and regrets in various policy areas. The talks highlighted initiatives and goals they hoped to accomplish in the home stretch of the administration and offered advice to the next administration. All events took place on campus. As part of the series the following people spoke about the following topics:
• Susan Rice, National Security Advisor, on September 14th about National Security and Foreign Policy;
• Loretta Lynch, Attorney General, on October 13th on Criminal and Social Justice;
• Sally Jewell, Interior Secretary, also during October on Climate Change;
• Georgetown Law alumnus Jacob J. Lew (L’83), Treasury Secretary, on November 16th on the Economy; and
• Sylvia Mathews Burwell, Health and Human Services Secretary, during December on Health Care Reform.

Georgetown University’s School of Foreign Service (SFS) in partnership with the U.S. Department of State and the Sustainable Oceans Alliance hosted a two-day conference on September 15th and 16th on campus. Among the speakers were U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and actor and advocate Adrian Grenier who were joined by SFS Dean Joel Hellman for a panel on the topic of understanding the importance of the world’s ocean’s to international security. Other conference participants included Isabella Lövin, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for International Development Cooperation and Climate of Sweden; Susana Malcorra, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Worship of Argentina; and Segolene Royal, President of the COP21 and Minister for Environment, Energy and Marine Affairs of France. Additional Georgetown faculty also participated.

Attorney General Loretta Lynch, FBI Director James Comey and Chuck Rosenberg, Acting Head of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) spoke at Georgetown University on September 21st following a screening of the documentary Chasing the Dragon: The Life of an Opiate Addict. Georgetown’s Office of the President, the McCourt School of Public Policy and the School of Nursing & Health Studies sponsored the event which also included Peggy Compton an Associate Dean for Research, Evaluation and Graduate Studies at Georgetown’s School of Nursing and Health Studies. The documentary, recently released by the FBI and DEA, is designed to educate students and young adults about the dangers of addiction.

Basketball legend Kareem Abdul-Jabbar met in October with Howard University Men’s Basketball Team, emphasizing the importance of education and not just the skill required to make a great slam dunk. Abdul-Jabbar told the team to get a degree and get “great jobs where you have authority and decision-making ability.” He also advised them to give back to their communities. Abdul-Jabbar was on campus to tape “The Rock Newman Show” which airs on Howard’s television station WHUT.

In the words of Georgetown Law Professor Neal Katyal, the former acting U.S. Solicitor General, it often takes an immigrant to teach us about America. That was true on October 6th, when the Law Center community welcomed Pakistani-American lawyer Khizr Khan to campus for an event hosted by four student groups: The Student Bar Association; Georgetown Law Democrats; the Muslim Law Students Association and the Georgetown Student Chapter of the American Constitution Society. Khan—the father of the late U.S. Army Captain Humayun Khan, killed in the Iraq War in 2004—was a speaker at the Democratic National Convention who produced a pocket copy of the Constitution. Dean William M. Treanor, a historian who teaches an Advanced Constitutional Law Seminar, thanked Mr. Khan for his vision and courage.
On October 15th, journalist Jonathan Capehart moderated a conversation with former Attorney General Eric Holder in George Washington University’s Jack Morton Auditorium for “The History Makers,” a PBS series focused on recording, preserving and sharing the stories of African Americans. The episode aired on PBS on a later date.

On October 26th, LTG Jovica Draganic, the Deputy Chief of Defense of the Serbian Armed Forces, visited the National Defense University and met with NDU President Major General Padilla. As part of the visit, President Padilla discussed NDU’s International Fellows program, its alumni, and the many partner nations they represent.

**Spotlight: Students**

Alfredo Rivera, a second-year MBA students from Georgetown University’s McDonough School of Business, was selected as a recipient of the William G. McGowan Charitable Fund’s 2016 fellowship awards. The fellowships recognize second-year MBA students who demonstrate academic excellence and a commitment to ethical leadership. They also must be in the top 5 percent of their class. Fellows receive a full-tuition scholarship for the academic year as well as mentoring from a prominent business leader selected by their home school. Recipients also participate in a social impact group project. Rivera, originally from San Juan, Puerto Rico, is president of Out@MSB and Vice President of the Latin American Business Association at Georgetown. He has also been elected to the Student Government Association.

Andrea Schmuttermair, Master’s Student in Educational Technology and Leadership at George Washington University, received a Fulbright Distinguished Award in Teaching Grant to research STEM education in Finland. Ms. Schmuttermair, an elementary school teacher at the Colorado STEM Academy, is one of approximately 45 U.S. citizens who will travel abroad through the Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching Program in 2016-17.

Georgetown University also has Fulbright Scholars—43 of them. One of them--Chandini Jha--(C’16) plans to spend a year researching ways to combat violence against women in India. Her main research question—whether incidents of violence are going up or whether women have just become more comfortable reporting incidents. As part of her Fulbright, she will learn India’s main language, Hindi, and then begin studies at Azim Premji University while working closely with a number of Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO’s). Jha plans to enroll at Georgetown University Law School when she returns.

Georgetown University’s Ogechi Nwodim (NHS’17), an international health major, conducted research at the World Health Organization (WHO) Western Pacific Office in the Philippines during the fall semester. She researched service delivery and the policy framework in order to analyze how a specific social determinant or health rights issue affects the health system and the resultant health of the Philippines. This is not Nwodim’s first research experience. Last summer she worked alongside Amy Ives, an Assistant Professor at the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy, on the question of what causes falls in hospitals. Two years ago, she spent a summer interning at the National Institutes of Health where she participated in a study of pain among minority populations with sickle cell diseases.
**Georgetown University** International Health major Jack Sardinia (NHS’17) spent his senior year past semester in Ghana as part of the Department of International Health’s Practical Experience Abroad Program. The senior was placed at the Navrongo Health Research Center in the northern part of the country—a region he said was very rural and a hotbed of malaria and high maternal and infant mortality rates. While there, he researched the question about how socioeconomic factors and technology on health or a national insurance scheme may impact health outcomes in the area.

Karla Hills, a Georgetown University senior enrolled in the online Nurse-Midwifery/Women’s Health Nurse Practitioner Program at Georgetown University School of Nursing & Health Studies, recently talked about her post-graduation plans with Georgetown Magazine. A current Southern California resident, she graduated from Georgetown in December 2016 with a degree in nurse-midwifery to complement her current Registered Nurse (RN) degree. She hopes to use her newfound degree to improve healthcare for women, teach disease prevention, and promote healthier lifestyles.

Georgetown University senior Bebin Bellamy, a 22-year-old immigrant from India, was sensitive to the immigrant workers at Georgetown. Bellamy, who started at a community college and then transferred to Georgetown as a junior, designed a class project to introduce his fellow students to "unsung heroes"—campus workers who are all but invisible to most students. Starting with a Facebook page, Bellamy began posting profiles of the workers. Students took notice, interacting with workers that in many cases had gone unnoticed for years. Bellamy hopes to expand Unsung Heroes to other campuses nationwide.

The DC Building Industry Association (DCBIA) named Staci Stout as winner of a DCBIA-funded full scholarship to study in the Master of Professional Studies in Real Estate program at Georgetown University School of Continuing Studies. Ms. Stout began her studies this fall. In its second year, the scholarship, valued at $36,000, is supported by DCBIA members including Allyson Capital, Fort Lincoln New Town Corporation, Lewis Real Estate Services, Property Group Partners, Roadside Development, Trammell Crow, Urban Atlantic, The Wharf, William C Smith, and others. Ms. Stout was awarded the competitive DCBIA scholarship based on the strength of an application and an extensive essay.

**SUMMER IN (AND OUT OF) THE CITY**

Several Gallaudet University students spent their summers focused on their chemistry and physics studies through internships focused on nanotechnology. Christopher Mbochwa participated in a 10-week internship program through Howard and Gallaudet Universities while Brandt Marceaux (’18) and Mandy Houghton (’18) performed their research at Harvard University through its Center for Integrated Quantum Materials. These three students have joined 11 others who have focused on nanotechnology (the science of “super small” particles) through partnerships with Howard, Harvard, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Prince Georges Community College and the Boston Museum of Science.

A new summer program housed in the Georgetown University School of Nursing & Health Studies took five undergraduates to Israel for six weeks of intensive research and cultural
immersion. The six-credit program, hosted by the Sheba Medical Center in the Tel Aviv metropolitan area, ran from June 27 to August 4th and focused on genetics, health and society in Israel. Ronit Yarden, PhD, Assistant Professor of Human Science at Georgetown, created the program with her colleague Daniel Merenstein, MD, Associate Professor of Family Medicine and Human Science.

**CAMPUS LIFE**

On October 14th through 16th, the George Washington University community celebrated Colonials Weekend, which showcases the best of GW, including Deans’ Breakfasts; the Vern Harvest at the Mount Vernon Campus; Acapellapalooza; the Foggy Bottom/West End Neighborhood Block Party; and over 40 additional events. Colonial Madness, the official kickoff of basketball season, was held at the Smith Center on campus on October 14th.

American University’s chaplain Rev. Mark Schaefer is beginning his first year of service as the University Chaplain after replacing long-serving Joe Eldridge, who retired last spring. Rev. Schaefer, the former AU Methodist Chaplain, is well-known on campus and will focus this year on making the Kay Spiritual Life Center “a place to explore issues of moral and ethical input.”

The annual George Washington University Interfaith Dinner invites students of various faith traditions to join together for an evening of community and celebration as they share the commonalities in their experiences. This year’s dinner, “Many Roads, One Community: Prophetic Voices Guiding Us to the Creation of Community,” was held in the Marvin Center Grand Ballroom on October 5th and was open to the entire GW community.

The Army’s Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (ROTC) has overhauled its weapons training procedures on the nation’s college campuses after cadet drills—including one at George Mason University—were mistaken for possible active-shooter attacks. Maj. General Christopher P. Hughes in late September ordered all 275 Army ROTC units and 700 other affiliated programs to use extra precaution during training exercises that involve the use of realistic rifle replicas and furtive movements that could be mistaken for a threat to the community. Several reports that schools were under attack in recent years were later linked to cadet trainings involving the use of Ak-47 and M-16 replicas as students maneuvered on or near campuses. A similar false alarm was triggered at the University of Maryland.

A number of George Washington University basketball players helped lead a series of Title IX training sessions on College Men Preventing Sexual Violence, which are required for all freshman male students. Upperclassmen student-athletes Eddie Muhl, Jordan Sheinkop, Brady Renner, Brandon Chapman, Tyler Swiggart, Shane Sweeney and Chance Malek helped lead discussions. September marked the second anniversary of the “It’s On Us” campaign, a national campus sexual assault awareness campaign. “It’s On Us” strives to end sexual assault by relying on the education of college-aged males against sexual assault encouraging them to make good choices and step off the sidelines and become part of the solution.

On September 30th, the George Washington University Police Department issued its annual Safety and Security Report containing information regarding campus security and personal
safety topics, including crime prevention, fire safety and disciplinary procedures. The report also included crime statistics for the three previous calendar years regarding crimes on campus, in off-campus buildings or on property owned or controlled by GW, and on public property within or immediately adjacent to and accessible to campus.

**CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY**

This fall, the George Washington University opened a food pantry to help students who are hungry and low on funds and in need of food. The pantry, which doesn’t charge students or ask questions, is open seven days a week. The Store, as GWU calls it, is part of a growing national movement to combat hunger among college students. Hundreds of campus pantries have opened around the country, a total that has risen significantly in the past five years. Other local schools that are members of the College and University Food Bank Alliance are Howard, Trinity Washington, and George Mason Universities and the University of Maryland.

**THE PLACE TO BE**

American University School of Public Affairs (SPA) and Library, along with the U.S. National Archives; the George W. Bush Institute; Joining Forces; the National Archives; and the White House Historical Association hosted a forum on September 16th to highlight the contributions of First Ladies featuring First Lady Michelle Obama and Former First Lady Laura Bush. Anita McBride, Executive in Residence at SPA, chaired the conference which also featured ABC News journalist Bob Woodruff and attracted 300 people to the National Archives. The conference was entitled “America’s First Ladies: In Service to Our Nation,” and was part of AU’s Legacies of America’s First Ladies Initiative. This was the sixth conference in the series which began in March 2011.

On September 19th, the Supreme Court Institute at Georgetown University held its annual press briefing with panelists musing about what might happen to the court’s makeup depending on who wins the White House, the House and the Senate. Georgetown Law Professor Mike Gottesman led the panel discussion featuring Professor Martin Lederman, a constitutional law expert; Georgetown alumna Erin Murphy (L’06), a partner at Bancroft; Hashim Mooppan, a partner at Jones Day and Georgetown’s Distinguished Visitor from Practice Paul M. Smith, a partner at Jenner & Block.

On September 20th, George Washington University’s Center for Cyber and Homeland Security cohosted the Central Intelligence Agency’s Third Public Conference on National Security, “The Ethics and Profession of Intelligence.” The full-day conference at Lisner Auditorium featured remarks from senior CIA officials and a set of panel discussion that brought together intelligence community leaders, national security experts, private sector leaders, and members of the media. GW President Steven Knapp made remarks at the event which was attended by more than 20 media outlets.

On September 22nd, the George Washington University Milken Institute School of Public Health hosted a discussion with individuals who worked to pass the Frank R. Lautenberg
Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act. Dean Lynn Goldman made welcoming remarks and introduced Senator Tom Udall (D-NM), who gave the keynote speech. GW Law School Dean Blake Morant and representatives from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Environmental Defense Fund participated.

Leaders, educators and college students from across the nation and the world gathered at Gallaudet University on September 22nd to 23rd for the Sixth Annual President’s Interfaith and Community Service Campus Challenge, an initiative started by President Barack Obama in 2011. Participating in the conference was Carrie Hessler-Radelet, Peace Corps Director; and Tina Tchen, Chief of Staff for First Lady Michelle Obama. Other participants represented the White House Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships; White House Office of Public Engagement; College Promise; Global Engagement; the Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnership; the U.S. Department of Education; and the Berkley Center at Georgetown University.

In additional Peace Corps news, George Washington University hosted Peace Corps Connect on September 23rd, the Peace Corps’ annual conference. The conference, organized by the National Peace Corps’ Association, celebrated the organization’s 55th anniversary.

Two self-professed animal lovers—Joel Manby, President and CEO of SeaWorld Parks & Entertainment, and Wayne Pacelle, President and CEO of the Humane Society of the United States—were on the same stage at Georgetown University on September 29th discussing values-driven business. Laden Manteghi, Executive Director of Georgetown’s McDonough’s Global Enterprise Institute, moderated the conversation.

George Washington University, Michigan State University, the University of the District of Columbia and AGree hosted the 2016 Urban Agriculture and The Next Farm Bill Symposium, bringing together leaders from government, academics and those in the field to discuss the role of urban agriculture in the forthcoming 2018 farm bill. The full day symposium on September 30th featured remarks by Sweetgreen CEO Nic Jammet; Senator Debbie Stabenow (D-MI); and Representative Marcy Kaptur (D-OH). GW President Steven gave welcoming remarks.

*Nearly 300 scholars and leaders from across the public, private, nonprofit and philanthropic sectors gathered at Georgetown University on October 6th to explore how the next presidential administration could best institutionalize innovation in federal policymaking. The event was sponsored by the Massive Data Institute (MDI) at Georgetown’s McCourt School of Public Policy and the Beeck Center for Social Impact and Innovation. The event celebrated the release of “The Architecture of Innovation: Institutionalizing Innovation in Federal Policy Making.”

George Washington University’s Corcoran School of the Arts and Design hosted Day Three of the Creative Time Summit, an international conference on art and social change, held in Washington, DC, October 14-16. Corcoran School Director Sanjit Sethi also presented a session on democratizing arts education through locational and community practices.

**Arts and Culture**
During the month of October, Gallaudet University was the only District of Columbia college campus featuring the exhibition First Folio! The Book that Gave Us Shakespeare, an exhibit that has traveled to every state in the Union to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the Bard. As part of Gallaudet’s exhibit, “Play the Knave,” a video game, was also displayed. “Play the Knave” is a motion capture video game allowing four players to pick a scene to perform, choosing set designs, lighting, costumes and actors to create a “Shakespeare karaoke.”

Also part of the First Folio celebration, the translation work of Gallaudet University Professor Howie Seago, who is the current William H. and Ruth Crane Schaefer Distinguished Faculty Member who is teaching the university’s theater program during the 2016 fall semester, was featured on October 15th. Professor Seago is working with 495 students to translate Shakespeare’s Titus Andronicus into American Sign Language. The translation has been submitted to the Oregon Shakespeare Festival (OSF), a non-profit in Ashland, Oregon, for possible presentation during the OSF season.

The National Endowment for the Arts National Heritage Fellowships Concert celebrated this year’s recipients of the NEA National Heritage Fellowship, the nation’s highest honor in the folk and traditional arts. Dan Sheehy, a 2015 fellow, hosted the concert held at George Washington University’s Lisner Auditorium on September 30th.

The first ever go-go musical to be produced and staged opened at Georgetown University in November. Wind Me Up, Maria, part of the Department of Performing Arts 2016-17 season, was written and staged by acclaimed playwright-director Natsu Onoda Power, a Georgetown Associate Professor of Performing Arts and Charles “Shorty Corleone” Garris, lead singer of the Washington, DC premier go-go band Rare Essence. The show, which ran from November 3rd to 12th, features “Maria” a DC native and rising senior at Georgetown who takes a summer position as a live-in tutor with a Washington family and ends up teaching the students go-go music. Also on the Department’s schedule this fall was:

- The Friday Music Series which began on September 23rd with a narrated concert of music accompanied by spoken poetry written by Margaret Bonds and Langston Hughes;
- Anon, an October production, written by Maomi Iizuka and directed by local playwright Randy Baker; and
- The Phantom Tollbooth, a January production written by Susan Nanus and directed by Georgetown student Molly Rodgers (C’17).

George Washington University celebrated Japanese arts and culture with two exhibitions this fall. GW’s Luther W. Brady Art Gallery showcased prints and explored the career of Japanese artist Utagaw Hiroshige—considered one of the great masters of woodblock printmaking—in its new exhibition “Along the Eastern Road: Hiroshige’s Fifty-Three Stations of the Tokaido.” The exhibition featured all the prints in Hiroshige’s seminal “Fifty-Three Stations of the Tokaido Road” series. The exhibition opened on August 24th and was on display through December 2nd. In addition, the George Washington Museum and the Textile Museum hosted “Bingata! Only in Okinawa” exhibition focused on Okinawa’s distinctive textile traditions. The Okinawa exhibition was on display through November 5th.
In celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. Week (January 17 through 23, 2017), the DC Public Library presented *Dr Andrew Jackson Foster and the African-American Deaf Mission in Washington, DC* at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Library Great Hall on January 19th. **Gallaudet University** professors Dr. Isaac Agboola, Interim Dean of the School of Education, Business, and Human Services alongside Judy Williams, an historian of Shiloh Baptist Church, made the presentation. Professor Agboola has 30 years of teaching, research, and service experience in higher education and administration. The presentation discussed an exhibit at the library entitled “Social Justice Sneakers: Walk in Someone Else’s Shoes,” which included artwork from **Gallaudet University** students.

Launched in 2011, the Albert H. Small Washingtoniana Symposium explores Washington, DC’s dynamic history through items in the Washingtoniana Collection. At an event on October 5th, Mr. Small, the symposium’s namesake, was acknowledged for his honorary degree conferred during the 2016 **George Washington University** Commencement Ceremony.

## Sports

**George Washington University** saw many developments in the world of sports during the Fall Semester:

- **GW’s Men’s Basketball Team** played games in four Japanese cities over two weeks in August while participating in a sport globalization course. The team departed for the trip, sponsored by Japan’s basketball governing body, the Japanese Basketball Association, on August 10th. The trip marked a homecoming for Junior Yuta Watanabe, a native of Kagawa, Japan, who in July played for the Japanese National Team in an Olympic qualifying tournament in Serbia. (The team did not qualify for the Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro.) Along the way, the student-athletes participated in a class exploring the globalization of sports in Japan led by Professor of Management and Tourism Studies Mark Hyman. The students also visited iconic venues; met with officials and executives of leading sports companies; and experienced a mix of sightseeing, local cuisine, classes and games. **GW** played the Japanese National Team three times and the Ryukyu Golden Kings of the Basketball Japan League once;

- **GW Men’s Basketball** Coach Mike Lonergan was dismissed on September 18th in a statement issued by **GW** Provost Forrest Maltzman. Dr. Maltzman announced on September 27th that Maurice Joseph was named interim coach;

- **GW Baseball** alum and 2016 Pittsburgh Pirate draft selection Kevin Mahala was named to the New York-Penn League All-Star game, one of six representatives from his West Virginia Black Bears squad. The New York-Penn League All Star Game was played on August 16th at Dutchess Stadium, the home of the Hudson Valley Renegades, in Fishkill, NY;

- **GW Women’s Basketball** Head Coach Jen Rizzotti was part of the coaching staff that led the USA Women’s Basketball National Team to gold medal at the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The team defeated nine teams over the summer games in August to win its historic sixth consecutive gold medal;

- **The GW Women’s Basketball** program was in the spotlight on September 18th when alumni, friends, family and supporters of the program attended a #RaiseHigh Tailgate at
Clyde’s Gallery Place before heading to the Verizon Center to watch alumna Jonquel Jones and the Connecticut Sun defeat the Washington Mystics. Jones had a career-high 21 points. She also grabbed seven rebounds in 15 minutes off the bench;

- **GW’s Softball Program** got a new leader. James DeFeo was named Head Coach after serving as Head Coach at Mercer for six seasons, where he posted a 147-134 record. DeFeo led the Bears to back-to-back conference championship game appearances in 2014 and 2015—the first such accomplishment in program history. In 2016, DeFeo led Mercer to the Southern Conference Tournament semifinals;

- **GW Men’s Tennis** also got a new leader when David Macpherson was named Head Coach. Since 2005, Macpherson has served as Coach of American duo Bob and Mike Bryan—widely known as the Bryan Brothers—guiding the famed pair to an Olympic gold medal; 10 year-end world No. 1 rankings; 15 grand slam titles; and 87 career titles. In 2014, Macpherson coached Roger Federer and Stanislas Wawrinka to the 2014 Davis Cup Title and was named World Team Tennis Coach of the Year in 2014; and

- **GW’s Men’s Swimming and Diving** senior Andrea Bolognesi was named a CollegeSwimming.com Division I Men’s Pre-Season All-America selection for the 100 Breaststroke, becoming GW’s first-ever Men’s All-American. More than 120 men’s and women’s swimmers from thirty institutions were selected. Bolognesi is the only student-athlete from the Atlantic 10 to earn the preseason honor.

The **University of Maryland**, which moved to the Big Ten Athletic Conference in 2014, has attracted the conference’s marquee event—its annual men’s basketball tournament. Verizon Center in downtown Washington, DC will host the tournament’s 13 games from March 8-12, 2017. Destination DC, Washington’s convention and visitors bureau, forecasts that the Big Ten hoops tournament will contribute $31.6 million to the region’s economy.

In related **University of Maryland** story, in October **UM** and the University of Maryland, Baltimore unveiled plans for a new Center for Sports Medicine Health and Human Performance at Cole Field House, the former basketball venue on the UM campus. The new center will be a hub for the research and treatment of sports-related injuries, with a focus on traumatic brain injuries. The state of Maryland has offered an initial $3 million for research at the facility which is anchored by a community-serving orthopedic outpatient center. The center is part of a larger transformation of Cole Field House into a football and academic complex called the Terrapin Performance Center. UM alumnus and Under Armour Inc. CEO Kevin Plank has pledged $25 million to the $155 million project.

**LIFE AFTER COLLEGE**

Open Circle Theatre (OCT) has cast **Gallaudet University** alumnus Russell Harvard ('07) a Broadway, Film and TV star, to play the lead in its upcoming production of The Who’s Tommy. Harvard has performed in the Broadway revival of Spring Awakenings (Deaf West Theatre) played Knox in the Boston premier of I Was Most Alive With You (Huntington Theatre), and played Billy in the New York premier of Tribes (Barrow Street Theatre), for which he received a 2012 Theatre World Ward for Outstanding Debut Performance. He also had film roles in There Will Be Blood and The Hammer.
George Washington University alumnus Scott Kirby (MS, ’93) was named the new President of United Airlines. Mr. Kirby, a former President at both American Airlines and U.S. Airways, will oversee United’s operations, marketing, sales, alliances, network planning and revenue management.

Gallaudet University alumnus Raymond Rogers (’90) is the Executive Director of Deaf Counseling, Advocacy and Referral Agency (DCARA), based in San Leandro, CA. Rogers, who holds both an MBA and MSW, and is a Certified Deaf Interpreter, has over 23 years of extensive experience in various industries, including business, entertainment, human services, interpretation and residential. DCARA is a non-profit, community-based social services agency serving the deaf, hard of hearing, late-deafened and deaf-blind communities which, when it was established in 1982, was one of the first deaf-run agencies in the country. It serves the deaf community living in Greater San Francisco Bay Area of California.

Two new National Defense University alumni were named as White House Leadership Development Fellows. Kelly Alexander and David Armitage were selected from a variety of federal agencies to represent the talent that thrives across the government. Ms. Alexander is from the Department of the Army and has a Senior Level Acquisition Certifications in Program Management from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces (now known as the Eisenhower School). Mr. Armitage, from the Department of State, is focused on the role of the European Union in crisis management and counterterrorism.

Gallaudet University alumnae Barbara Palmento (’72) is a member of the Board of Directors of the Alder Springs Deaf & Blind Community, a private non-profit independent-living community that has recently opened its first phase in Morgantown, NC. Ms. Palmento documented the phases of construction and opening of the facility on YouTube and other social media. Alder Springs is governed by the North Carolina School for the Deaf (NCSD) at Morgantown Foundation, Inc. where Palmento serves as President of the Foundation Board of Directors. In her remarks on the opening of the facility, Palmento acknowledged the role Gallaudet played in her setting the stage for the establishment of Alder Springs.

American University alumnus Lonnie Bunch (CAS/BA ’74; MA ’MS) was in the spotlight when the National Museum of African American History and Culture (NMAAHC), an endeavor he shepherded as Executive Director, opened on September 24th to national attention and throngs waiting to get in. In March he appeared at the AU College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) where he sat down with AU President Neil Kerwin to discuss his vision for the museum. There are additional AU ties to the museum including:

- The museum’s display of two Academy Awards, two Emmy’s, photos and film equipment from AU School of Communications (SOC) Professor Russell Williams (also an AU alum). Mr. Williams was the first African American to win two Oscars in any category. He won for his work on Glory (1989) and Dances with Wolves (1990);
- The museum’s display of objects on the Maroons of the Great Dismal Swamp donated by Saniel Sayers, CAS Anthropology Chair. Professor Sayers has done meticulous research on this population who were African Americans that escaped enslavement, taking refuge in the wooded wetlands of Southeast Virginia and Northeast North Carolina;
• Adam Martin, another AU alum, who earned his master’s in interactive journalism from AU and later taught as a SOC adjunct; and
• Phil Freelon, father of SOC Dean Freelon, was the lead architect for the NMAAHC.

On October 14th, Lieutenant General Paul Nakasone, National Intelligence University (NIU) Class of 1992, pinned on his third star and assumed command of the United States Army Cyber Command and Second Army, becoming one of a growing number of NIU graduates leading the effort to protect the U.S. from the evolving cyber threats.

Gallaudet University alumnus Eric Raff (’90) has been hired as the Deputy Director of the Virginia Department for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (VDDHH), bringing twelve years of executive experience from the Washington State Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. As Deputy Director, Raff will oversee all VDDHH technology and outreach programs, including Virginia Relay and the Technology Assistance Program (TAP) which are free public services that allow for disabled people, including Deaf, DeafBlind and Hard of Hearing People to use telephony.

The Washington Business Journal surveyed local alumni communities and discovered that the top five universities with the largest alumni populations in the Washington region are Consortium members. They include the University of Maryland, George Mason, George Washington, Georgetown and American Universities. Rounding out the top ten was Howard University.

**What’s Next?**

**Campus Calendar**

- **March 3rd to 13th**: Spring Break at Georgetown University
- **March 6th to 11th**: Spring Break at Trinity Washington University
- **March 6th to 12th**: Spring Break at Marymount University, Northern Virginia Community College
- **March 6th to 13th**: Spring Break at Catholic University
- **March 11th to 19th**: Spring Break at Howard University
- **March 12th to 19th**: Spring Break at American University
- **March 13th to 17th**: Spring Break at Gallaudet University
- **March 13th to 18th**: Spring Break at George Washington University, University of the District of Columbia
- **March 13th to 19th**: Spring Break at Montgomery County Community College
March 19th to 26th  Spring Break at the University of Maryland

April 10th to 16th  Spring Break at Prince Georges Community College