Gothamist quoted Karen Tongson of USC Dornsife about the history of the McBurney branch of the YMCA (immortalized in the song and video “YMCA” by the Village People) and its legacy for LGBT communities.

Energy News Network quoted G.K. Surya Prakash of USC Dornsife in a story about a partnership that is exploring using hydrogen to make methanol.

The New York Times featured the USC Shoah Foundation in an interview with Steven Spielberg on the power of storytelling.

The New York Times quoted Wendy Wood of USC Dornsife about potential bias in research on finances and happiness.

Los Angeles Times quoted Robert Schrum of USC’s Center for the Political Future in a story on whether the next president will come from California.

The Epoch Times quoted Steve Ross of USC Dornsife on celebrities who criticize the administration.


The Outline featured research by Steve Kay of the Michelson Center for Converging Biosciences and colleagues on a mechanism that could account for the relationship between circadian rhythms and risk of disease. The researchers found that the activation of a protein in liver cells is closely tied to the body’s circadian rhythms.


USA Today quoted Varun Soni of USC's Office of Religious Life on a "mental health crisis" in higher education.

Los Angeles Times quoted Mike Murphy of USC’s Center for the Political Future on Republicans in California.

The Outline, Sleep Review and Technology Networks featured research from USC Michelson Center that shows a disrupted biological clock contributes to disease.
Scientific American featured research by Scholastica Cruz of USC Dornsife in a story about undocumented scientists affected by changes to DACA. Cruz studies the language used in standardized exams and tests comprehension in two socioeconomic groups. "I got into neuroscience because I wanted to be able to read my dad’s MRI scans," Cruz said.

Houston Chronicle, via The Conversation, published commentary by Lisa Bitel of USC Dornsife on Santa Claus. Bitel cautions against reading accounts of saints' lives as factual history. But the earliest stories of St. Nicholas seem to correlate with histories and church documents of the period, Bitel wrote.

December 11, 2018

Time quoted David Kang of USC Dornsife in a story about South Korean President Moon Jae-in.

Boxrox quoted Todd Schroeder of the Ostrow School of USC’s Department of Biokinesiology & Physical Therapy on testosterone.

December 7, 2018

Telemundo National news featured USC Latino Alumni Association Director Mercy Willard, speaking about the perseverance of USC’s non-traditional students like Margarita Lopez, a USC Dornsife scholar in her 50s majoring in psychology. “Margarita is a great example of perseverance -- she is a mother of eight, including a son who has cerebral palsy and faced obstacles that could have prevented her from getting to USC, but despite these she is here,” Willard said.

The New York Times, via Associated Press, quoted David Bottjer of USC Dornsife on the factors behind Earth’s largest mass extinction 250 million years ago.

CBS This Morning interviewed Ange-Marie Hancock Alfaro of USC Dornsife on the lyrics of "Baby, It's Cold Outside."

The Economist mentioned research by Jonas Kaplan of USC Dornsife and colleagues in a story on why people deny facts.

Gizmodo mentioned that Julien Emile-Geay of USC Dornsife and others organized the writing of an open letter regarding a senator being honored by a scientific society despite his record on climate change.

Spectator USA mentioned research by Dowell Myers of the USC Price School and Morris Levy of USC Dornsife on a demographic future in which whites lose majority status by a hard-and-fast date.

December 5, 2018

KPCC-FM quoted Bill Deverell of USC Dornsife on the history of Sunset Magazine and its significance in the development of the American West.

December 4, 2018

The American Prospect published commentary by Manuel Pastor of USC Dornsife and a colleague on how California can be a model for other states. A 12-step program designed for recovery from statewide and national addictions to inequality, racial division and short-term thinking could help, Pastor wrote.
The New York Times, via Reuters, quoted Stanley Rosen of USC Dornsife on how soft power will be increasingly used in the Pacific.

Fast Company quoted Manuel Pastor of USC Dornsife on how high rent handicaps innovation.

December 3, 2018

The Conversation published an op-ed by Matthew Kahn of USC Dornsife on George H.W. Bush. In 1989, the former president proposed what would become his most important environmental achievement: the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990. The legislation used a market-based approach to halve sulfur dioxide emissions from coal-fired power plants, Kahn wrote.

USA Today quoted Karen Tongson of USC Dornsife on the Christmas song "Baby It's Cold Outside" and the #MeToo movement.

Marin Independent Journal quoted Robert Shrum of USC's Center for the Political Future on California's new members of Congress.

November

November 30, 2018

Hubbard Broadcasting affiliate WTOP-FM, via ABC News Radio, quoted Peer C. Fiss in a story on former CEO Les Moonves.

Streets Blog interviewed Manuel Pastor of USC Dornsife on how the Environmental Justice Screening Method was turned into California environmental policy.

Time mentioned David Roman of USC Dornsife in a story on the history of HIV and AIDS.

November 28, 2018


Science News for Students quoted April Thames of USC Dornsife in a story on young people's memory after stopping their use of marijuana.

November 20, 2018

LAist and KPCC profiled USC professor of poetry and public culture Dana Gioia, who was appointed California Poet Laureate by Governor Brown. During his tenure, Gioia visited every one of California's 58 counties at least once. "[W]hat I have gained from driving thousands of miles across the backroads of California are thousands of images, of memories, of places, of people, and I've already seen that percolate through my poetry," Gioia said.

Chalkbeat quoted Ann Owens of USC Dornsife about trends in school segregation and neighborhood integration.

Business Insider via the San Antonio Express-News mentioned USC research on body language that expresses joy or sadness.

November 19, 2018
The New York Times quoted political science professor Stanley Rosen of USC Dornsife about China’s push to soften its image through movies, media and cultural projects.

The San Francisco Chronicle, via The Conversation, published a piece by Jennifer Bernstein of USC Dornsife on GPS apps making people worse at navigating.

**November 16, 2018**

Time published an essay by Viet Thanh Nguyen of USC Dornsife on immigration. The piece argues for a more inclusive vision of America that allows for the fact that criticism can coexist with a love of country.

Los Angeles Times featured a USC Dornsife/Los Angeles Times poll showing that Democrats and Trump opponents are significantly happier about the midterm election than are Republicans and Trump voters. Asked to rank their reaction to the congressional election results, voters who said they cast ballots for the Democrats were, on average, 26 points more positive than were Republican voters.

Inside Higher Ed featured research by Manuel Pastor of USC Dornsife in "State of Resistance." The book contends that California offers a glimpse into America's future. By the middle of this century, the demographics in the U.S. will largely mirror those of today's California, according to Pastor.

BBC Radio 5 Live interviewed Travis Longcore of the USC School of Architecture and the USC Dornsife on the California wildfires.

PolitiFact mentioned a USC Dornsife/Los Angeles Times poll finding that 53 percent favored and 29 percent opposed California's sanctuary state legislation.

**November 14, 2018**

Diverse: Issues in Higher Education featured a new racial equity tech tool from the USC Race and Equity Center. PRISM will provide a platform for academic professionals of color to engage with potential employers. "This [platform] moves us beyond passive approaches to recruiting, meaning that it's not just posting a position and whoever sees it applies," said Shaun Harper, founder of the center.

**November 13, 2018**

Forbes quoted Geddes MacGregor, professor emeritus of philosophy at USC, on the King James Bible.

KPCC-FM interviewed Ange-Marie Hancock-Alfaro of USC Dornsife on state and national politics.

KPCC-FM interviewed Dana Gioia, the Judge Widney Professor of Poetry and Public Culture at USC, about his two-year term as California Poet Laureate.

The Wrap mentioned a USC Dornsife event on workplace harassment.

**November 12, 2018**

The Good Men Project, via The Conversation, featured an op-ed by Michael Messner of USC Dornsife on veterans of past wars. Veterans have long been at the forefront of peace advocacy in the United States, Messner wrote.

Santa Cruz Sentinel quoted Manuel Pastor of USC Dornsife on undocumented immigrants.
November 9, 2018

ABC News quoted Assal Habibi of USC Dornsife on the cognitive benefits of music training during childhood.


November 7, 2018

New Zealand Herald featured Deborah Harkness of USC Dornsife. A new TV series is based on her book A Discovery of Witches, about a woman unaware of the power she possesses. "We are both fascinated by people who are different but we can also fear people who are different and it’s that dynamic that has always been part of their story," Harkness said.

Courthouse News Service quoted Thai Truong of USC Dornsife in a story on the midterm election.

CALmatters quoted Manuel Pastor of USC Dornsife on the midterm election.


Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, via Los Angeles Times, mentioned a USC Dornsife/Los Angeles Times poll showing that about 4 in 10 partisans on each side said they were closely following the election campaign.

The Philadelphia Tribune mentioned USC in a story about civic participation by naturalized immigrants.

November 6, 2018

The Washington Post mentioned a USC Dornsife/Los Angeles Times poll on the 2016 presidential election.

Los Angeles Times mentioned a USC Dornsife/Los Angeles Times poll showing that Gavin Newsom dominated the Bay Area and Los Angeles County in mid-October.

Los Angeles Times published an op-ed by Steven Ross of USC Dornsife on Nazi violence against Jews in 1938.

Entrepreneur mentioned research by Antonio Damasio of USC Dornsife on emotion.

PBS affiliate KQED-TV mentioned a USC Dornsife/Los Angeles Times poll showing that Proposition 6 is a dead heat.

Medium published an op-ed by Travis Longcore of USC Dornsife on Proposition 7.

Hartford Courant mentioned that representatives of USC Shoah Foundation will teach a class for Connecticut educators on the Holocaust.

KPCG-FM mentioned a USC Dornsife/Los Angeles Time poll regarding Kevin de Leon's key to beating Dianne Feinstein in California's Senate race.

November 5, 2018
Los Angeles Times cited a USC Dornsife/Los Angeles Times poll on possible outcomes of the midterm election. The article focused on poll data about interest, partisanship and opinions of President Donald Trump among voters. “The central issue is him,” said Robert Shrum, the co-director of USC’s Center for the Political Future.


November 2, 2018

New Zealand Herald quoted Robert Shrum of USC's Center for the Political Future on President Donald Trump and the midterm election.

The Economist mentioned Manuel Pastor of USC Dornsife in a story on housing.

St. Louis Today mentioned USC in a story about a seed accelerator project.

The Hill mentioned a USC Dornsife/Los Angeles Times poll showed that Democrats lead Republicans by 17 points on a generic ballot.

November 1, 2018

MSNBC featured a USC Dornsife/Los Angeles Times poll showing a 17-point lead for Democrats heading into the midterms. In 2016, the poll saw a wave of support for Donald Trump when other polls did not. Washington Examiner and Independent also covered the story.

Self quoted Wendy Wood of USC Dornsife on how voting can become a repeat habit.

Eos quoted David Bottjer of USC Dornsife in a story about how life recovered millions of years ago after the Earth's worst mass extinction.

Entrepreneur mentioned research by USC's Master of Science in Applied Psychology program and a partner on ads that utilize user-generated content.

October

October 31, 2018

The Hill featured a USC Dornsife/Los Angeles Times poll showing that Democrats are leading Republicans by 17 points on a generic ballot. The survey found that 57 percent of likely voters said they plan to cast their ballots for Democrats in the midterm elections.

Los Angeles Times quoted Leo Braudy of USC Dornsife on why people love to be scared.

Vox Media quoted Tok Thompson of USC Dornsife on witches.

KPCC-FM quoted William Deverell of USC Dornsife on California's initiative process.

Los Angeles Times mentioned a USC Dornsife/Los Angeles Times poll on rent control and the state's housing affordability problems.

Newsweek cited comments by Manuel Pastor of USC Dornsife on people who cannot participate in the elections.
October 30, 2018

Bustle quoted Tok Thompson of USC Dornsife on ghost stories.

Los Angeles Times mentioned a USC Dornsife/Los Angeles Times poll showing an upward spike in support for Democrats.

Los Angeles Times mentioned a USC Dornsife-Los Angeles Times poll finding that California is going in the right political direction.

NBC News mentioned research by Manuel Pastor of USC Dornsife and colleagues on rent control.

October 29, 2018

Los Angeles Times featured a USC Dornsife/Los Angeles Times poll on voters who don't like either party or its leaders. This "hold your nose and vote" group leans toward the Democrats, according to the poll.


The Washington Post quoted Robert Shrum of USC's Center for the Political Future on the gas tax repeal.

Los Angeles Times quoted Michael Murphy of USC's Center for the Political Future on swing voters in California.

Los Angeles Times mentioned a USC Dornsife/Los Angeles Times poll showing Democrats leading the so-called "generic ballot."

The San Diego Union-Tribune mentioned research by Manuel Pastor of USC Dornsife and colleagues suggesting there are unseen cost benefits to rent control.

Santa Fe New Mexican mentioned research by USC's Center for the Study of Immigrant Integration on lawful permanent residents eligible to apply for citizenship in Santa Fe County.

October 26, 2018

Houston Chronicle, via The Conversation, published commentary by Tok Thompson of USC Dornsife on why believing in ghosts can make you a better person. Ghosts became identified with "Catholic superstitions" in Protestant countries and people turned to science to deal with the issue, Thompson wrote.

Curbed SF featured a USC Dornsife/Los Angeles Times poll reporting that 13 percent of eligible California voters believe that too little home building is a key contributor to the state's affordability issues. More than twice as many voters blame lack of rent control, according to the survey. "There hasn't been the kind of discussion that would actually form a consensus on what the nature of the problem is," said Robert Shrum of USC's Center for the Political Future.


Newsday mentioned USC’s data-sharing platform CancerBase in a story on tattoos for breast cancer survivors.

The Chronicle of Higher Education noted that Zachary Furstie of USC Dornsife taught a class in which students read work by a literary theorist sued for harassment.

The San Jose Mercury News mentioned a USC Dornsife/Los Angeles Times poll on Proposition 10.

October 25, 2018

CBS News Vermont affiliate WCAX-TV quoted Jane Junn of USC Dornsife on the importance of women voters. The story also appeared on other CBS affiliates.

Forbes mentioned research by Jonas Kaplan of USC Dornsife on why people get worked up over politics.

Houston Chronicle, via San Francisco Chronicle, mentioned the USC Dornsife/L.A. Times poll in a story on President Donald Trump.

San Francisco Examiner mentioned the USC Dornsife/L.A. Times poll in a story on the gas tax repeal.

October 24, 2018

Houston Chronicle, via The Conversation, published commentary by Jeffrey Fields of USC Dornsife on the death of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi. The incident has put the United States’ relationship with Saudi Arabia under intense scrutiny and highlights a persistent oddity in American foreign policy, Fields wrote.

NHK World quoted Ange-Marie Hancock Alfaro of USC Dornsife on women who could shift the balance of power in the House of Representatives.

Public Media San Diego affiliate KPBS-FM mentioned research by Manuel Pastor of USC Dornsife and colleagues on rent control.

NPR Sacramento affiliate KXJZ mentioned Dana Johnson of USC Dornsife in a story on Stories on Stage Sacramento.

October 23, 2018

CNBC featured a USC Dornsife/Los Angeles Times poll reporting that Gavin Newsom has a 23-point lead over John Cox in the governor’s race. Newsom led 54 percent to Cox's 31 percent among likely voters. "Cox's primary message was that Trump was for him, and that helped him in the primary," said Robert Schrum, co-director of the USC's Center for the Political Future.

Foreign Policy quoted Brett Carter of USC Dornsife on politics in Cameroon.

The New York Times, via Associated Press, mentioned that USC Shoah Foundation partnered with the Philadelphia Holocaust Remembrance Foundation to bring educational content and technology to the renovated Holocaust Memorial Plaza.
PBS Philadelphia affiliate WHYY-TV mentioned an app produced by USC Shoah Foundation offering a digital tour at the Holocaust Memorial Plaza.

October 22, 2018

Los Angeles Times featured a USC Dornsife/Los Angeles Times poll showing Democrats with a lead when likely voters were asked which party’s candidate they would vote for in the Nov. 6 midterm election. The 13-point Democratic advantage on the generic ballot is roughly similar to the findings of some other recent polls.

Philly.com mentioned that USC Shoah Foundation is collaborating with the Philadelphia Holocaust Remembrance Foundation and the Anti-Defamation League on smart-phone-based guides to a memorial that explores the Holocaust and other instances of genocide and racial hatred.

October 19, 2018

Los Angeles Times featured a USC Dornsife/Los Angeles Times poll on an initiative to repeal the gas tax increase. The initiative is falling short of the majority support needed to pass, jeopardizing a Republican strategy to use the measure to draw conservatives to the polls next month in hopes of helping GOP candidates in congressional and legislative races.

Los Angeles Times featured a USC Dornsife/Los Angeles Times poll on an initiative that would expand rent control in California. The survey found that 41 percent of likely voters favor Proposition 10 with 38 percent opposed and 21 percent undecided. California law currently prohibits cities and counties from implementing many forms of rent control.

New York Magazine featured a USC Dornsife/Los Angeles Times poll showing that Dianne Feinstein is leading opponent Kevin de Leon in the Senate race by a margin of 35 percent to 22 percent. Thirty-three percent are undecided and another 9 percent say they will vote but will skip this contest.

New York Daily News, via The Conversation, published commentary by Jill Darling of USC Dornsife and Robert Shrum of USC’s Center for the Political Future on press freedom. Thomas Jefferson saw the press as guards against the abuse of public authority. And today’s Americans agree with this ideal, according to a USC Dornsife/Los Angeles Times poll, the authors wrote.

Los Angeles Times quoted Ange-Marie Hancock Alfaro of USC Dornsife on women running for office in record numbers.

Los Angeles Times mentioned research by Manuel Pastor of USC Dornsife and colleagues on rent control.

October 18, 2018

Los Angeles Times highlighted the USC Dornsife-L.A. Times poll finding that Kevin de Leon's strongest support in the Senate race is coming from Republicans. De Leon has campaigned as the progressive alternative to Dianne Feinstein. “It is a profound irony, given the rationale of his campaign, that de Leon is getting more support from Trump supporters,” said Robert Shrum, co-director of USC’s Center for the Political Future.

San Francisco Chronicle mentioned research by Manuel Pastor of USC Dornsife and colleagues on the anti-displacement benefits of rent control.
Los Angeles Business Journal noted that USC Shoah Foundation projects and exhibits will be overseen by "Hamilton" designer David Korins.

October 17, 2018

Los Angeles Times featured a USC Dornsife/Los Angeles Times poll reporting that Democratic Lt. Gov. Gavin Newsom holds a solid lead over Republican businessman John Cox in the governor's race. According to the survey, 54 percent of likely voters in the state favored Newsom for governor compared to 31 percent who support Cox. "Cox has Mount Everest to climb when you look at these [numbers]. Barring some massive event, it's very difficult to see how he makes up this," said Robert Shrum, co-director of USC's Center for the Political Future.

BBC quoted Manuel Pastor of USC Dornsife on how California is driving the national debate on data privacy.

Los Angeles Times mentioned a USC Dornsife/Los Angeles Times poll finding 46 percent of voters supporting a split roll property tax measure challenging Proposition 13.

Mother Jones mentioned a USC Dornsife/L.A. Times poll on the gas tax repeal.

October 16, 2018

Salon, via The Conversation, published commentary by Cavan Concannon of USC Dornsife on whether Robert Mueller will formally charge President Donald Trump with a crime. Immunity from prosecution for elected officials is not a modern American concept, Concannon wrote.

Los Angeles Times quoted Robert Shrum of USC's Center for the Political Future on the political ambitions of Rep. Adam Schiff.

The Epoch Times cited comments by Stanley Rosen of USC Dornsife on China's film industry.

October 15, 2018

Foreign Policy quoted Emil Sanamyan of the USC Institute of Armenian Studies on Armenia's Velvet Revolution.

The Good Men Project mentioned Antonio Damasio of USC Dornsife in a story on coaching.

October 12, 2018

Long Beach Post featured research by Manuel Pastor of USC Dornsife and colleagues on rent control. The study examines whether moderate rent control would help the housing crisis. "As in the minimum wage literature, the evidence on the impacts of these more moderate rent regimes is more mixed than older economics textbooks might indicate," Pastor said.

October 10, 2018

Los Angeles Times featured a USC Dornsife/L.A. Times poll reporting that President Donald Trump is venting when he calls the press "enemies of the people." Forty-five percent said they believed he was serious compared to 55 percent who said he was expressing frustration. The public also split closely on whether Trump’s remarks are potentially harmful.
Los Angeles Times quoted Ange-Marie Hancock Alfaro of USC Dornsife on a record number of women running for the U.S. House, Senate and state legislatures this year.

October 9, 2018

NBC News Los Angeles affiliate KNBC-TV interviewed Robert Shrum and Mike Murphy of USC's Center for the Political Future. The center aims to bridge the political divide. "We want to model and advance the dialogue where we respect each other," Shrum said.

Los Angeles Times quoted William Deverell of USC Dornsife on the placement of a Cal State Long Beach statue.

Harvard Crimson quoted Ryan Boyd of USC Dornsife in commentary on university endowments.

The Hill published commentary by Gregory Treverton of USC Dornsife on people from Mexico seeking asylum in the U.S.

October 8, 2018

Houston Chronicle posted commentary by Peter C. Mancall of USC Dornsife on the 1492 voyage of Christopher Columbus. The European expected to discover inhuman creatures during his exploration. Mancall's research, however, revealed that the explorer's views were far from abnormal.

Los Angeles Times quoted Robert Shrum, co-director of USC's Center for the Political Future, on the midterm election.

BuzzFeed News quoted Heather Berg of USC Dornsife on community challenges facting a company working to open a robot brothel.

Independent Online quoted USC professor emeritus Richard Easterlin of USC Dornsife on the fact that gross domestic product is an abstract idea.


October 5, 2018

Los Angeles Times quoted Ange-Marie Alfaro Hancock of USC Dornsife on #MeToo one year later.

Variety noted that Elizabeth Daley of the USC School of Cinematic Arts and Steven Ross of USC Dornsife will be honored at the U.S.-China Entertainment Summit.

October 4, 2018

Science Daily featured research by Wendy Wood of USC Dornsife and colleagues on the best way to spend money to increase happiness. That may depend, in part, on how wealthy you are. "[A] simple answer to the question of how to best spend your money does not consider the huge economic disparities in our society," Wood said.

ABC News Los Angeles affiliate KABC-TV interviewed Ange-Marie Hancock Alfaro of USC Dornsife on attacks against Brett Kavanaugh and Christine Blasey Ford.
Los Angeles Times mentioned a USC Dornsife/L.A. Times poll on how Democrats narrowed the Republicans' edge with blue-collar white women.

October 3, 2018


Scientific American mentioned research by Scott Kanoski of USC Dornsife on a brain circuit that controls memory.

October 2, 2018

AlterNet cited a study by Manuel Pastor of USC Dornsife and colleagues on the state's worst polluters.

October 1, 2018

The Seattle Times featured research by Shaun Harper and colleagues on racial equity at public universities. The authors examined equity in terms of representation, gender and completion. The Albany Times Union and Atlanta Black Star also covered the story.

Los Angeles Times quoted Robert Shrum and Mike Murphy of USC's Center for the Political Future on the confirmation hearing of Brett Kavanaugh.

CBC Radio Canada quoted Ange-Marie Hancock Alfaro of USC Dornsife on the #MeToo movement.

KPCC-FM quoted Ange-Marie Hancock-Alfaro of USC Dornsife on the Supreme Court nomination hearing.

Los Angeles Times mentioned a USC Dornsife/L.A. Times poll in which the majority of likely voters oppose a wall along the border.

Los Angeles Times mentioned a USC Dornsife/L.A. Times poll showing growing support from women for the Democratic party.

Science Daily mentioned research by David Hutchins of USC Dornsife on domoic acid.

September

September 28, 2018

The New York Times featured Deborah Harkness of USC Dornsife. Harkness found a long-lost manuscript at Oxford, turning the experience into her All Souls trilogy of novels. “We all want answers to our questions of who we are and why we are here, and there seems to be a much more complex answer to those questions than meets the eye,” she said.

The San Diego Union-Tribune highlighted a USC Dornsife/L.A. Times poll showing that Democrats held an advantage among suburban women across the country. The survey was conducted mostly before accusations of sexual misconduct surfaced against Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh. "If Republicans are not doing well with seniors and not doing well with college-educated voters in the
suburbs, there's just no good news," Mike Murphy, co-director of USC's Center for the Political Future, told the Times.

The San Diego Union-Tribune noted a study by David Hutchins of USC Dornsife on domoic acid production.

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel mentioned a USC Dornsife blog on the multigenerational workforce.

September 27, 2018

CW News Los Angeles affiliate KTLA-TV interviewed David Caron and Jayme Smith of USC Dornsife on a toxic algae hot spot along the Southern California coast. Domoic acid from ocean algae has risen to some of the worst concentrations in the world. "If [the acid] gets into an animal's system, including humans, it acts as a neurotoxin," Caron said.


September 26, 2018

Los Angeles Times featured a USC Dornsife/L.A. Times poll showing that Democrats are poised to make major gains nationwide in the midterm election. The party has also made significant gains among older voters, according to the poll. "If Republicans are not doing well with seniors and not doing well with college-educated voters in the suburbs, there’s just no good news" for the party, said Mike Murphy, co-director of USC's Center for the Political Future. Co-director Robert Shrum was also quoted.


Wired quoted Steven Ross of USC Dornsife on Hollywood’s relationship with American politics.

Vice News quoted Robert J. Bunker of USC Price's Safe Communities Institute in a story on a Brooklyn drug cartel.

The Wire mentioned Andrew Simpson of USC Dornsife in a story on Manipur University arrests.

September 20, 2018

St. Louis Public Radio featured research by Manuel Pastor of USC Dornsife and colleagues on racial equity in St. Louis. "Changing States-Building Power on the Frontlines: Missouri" examines how the state can improve racial equity in the electoral, judicial and corporate arenas. “I really want to be clear that demography is [a] possibility, but it is not destiny,” Pastor said.

Los Angeles Times quoted Robert Shrum of USC Dornsife on the gubernatorial race in California.

Bustle mentioned research by Michael Messner of USC Dornsife and colleagues on hidden sexism in sports coverage.

Psychology Today mentioned Norman Arnheim of USC Dornsife in a story on sperm cells.
September 19, 2018
San Francisco Chronicle quoted Gayla Margolin of USC Dornsife regarding Christine Blasey Ford.

September 18, 2018
Los Angeles Times quoted Najuma Smith-Pollard of USC Dornsife Cecil Murray Center for Community Engagement in a story on harassment in the black church.
KPCC-FM interviewed Ange-Marie Hancock-Alfaro of USC Dornsife on Brett Kavanaugh's Supreme Court nomination.
Newsmax mentioned the USC Dornsife-Los Angeles Times poll in a story about the top 25 pollsters in America.

September 17, 2018
Sierra Magazine featured research by Jayme Ann Smith of USC Dornsife and colleagues on a toxic algae hot spot in California. The study found that algal blooms kill shellfish, cause marine mammals to miscarry and contribute to human health problems. "We need to be doing more research to get a better understanding of the physics and the chemistry and all the nutrient cycling in the region and how that relates to bloom development," Smith said.
The Sacramento Bee quoted Manuel Pastor of USC Dornsife on California's housing shortage.
Newsday quoted Manuel Pastor of USC Dornsife on midterm elections and the Democratic Party.
Good News Network quoted Kelly Sanders of the USC Viterbi School and Sri Narayan of USC Dornsife in a story on renewable energy.
Los Angeles Times mentioned Viet Thanh Nguyen of USC Dornsife in a story about upcoming literary events.
The Conversation published commentary by Alison Dundes Renteln of USC Dornsife on ethical limitations on the right to take pictures.

September 13, 2018
The New York Times published commentary quoting Manuel Pastor of USC Dornsife on whether California's liberal politics have failed.
The San Diego Union-Tribune mentioned Peter Kuhn of USC Dornsife, whose technology was behind the founding of San Diego's Epic Sciences.

September 12, 2018

September 10, 2018
Los Angeles Times featured the Center for the Political Future directed by Robert Shrum of USC Dornsife and co-directed by Michael Murphy. The center aims to offer a balanced view of politics. “We’re trying to expose students to civil, fact-based dialogue,” Shrum said.

Los Angeles Times mentioned a USC-Dornsife/Los Angeles Times poll asking people to rate their trust in news sources.

NBC News Detroit affiliate WDIV-TV mentioned Viet Thanh Nguyen of USC Dornsife in a story about poetry readings.

September 7, 2018


The Hollywood Reporter quoted Stanley Rosen of USC Dornsife in a story about the collapse of the studio Global Road Entertainment.

September 6, 2018

Los Angeles Times mentioned a USC Dornsife/Los Angeles Times Poll reporting that the Democratic Party leads in a gauge of which party voters would prefer to see controlling Congress.

September 5, 2018

Five Thirty Eight included the USC Dornsife/Los Angeles Times poll among a list of polls asking voters which party they would support in congressional elections.

September 4, 2018

The New York Times featured the Center for the Political Future directed by Robert Shrum of USC Dornsife and co-directed by Michael Murphy. The center is devoted to the study of contemporary politics. “Mike and I are doing this together because we are both concerned about the state of our politics,” Shrum said. Los Angeles Times also ran an op-ed on the new center. Los Angeles Times also ran an op-ed on the new center. Fox News Los Angeles affiliate KTTV-TV interviewed Shrum and Murphy.

Los Angeles Times featured research by Margaret Gatz of USC Dornsife on the erosion of trust in the media. Of nine major sources of news, none were "mostly" or "completely" trusted by more than one-third of voters. For media organizations that hold themselves out as nonpartisan, "having trust sink below 50 percent is concerning," Gatz said.

Science Friday excerpted a book that notes the research of Antonio Damasio of USC Dornsife on the subjective experience of emotion.

August

August 31, 2018
Attn interviewed Julien Emile-Geay of USC Dornsife about the possible cause of the world’s extreme weather — global warming.


August 30, 2018


Los Angeles Times mentioned research by scientists at USC Dornsife and USC School of Architecture on the decline of tree and shrub cover in Los Angeles County.

August 29, 2018

Newsweek quoted the late USC historian Kevin Starr in a story about a documentary featuring UFO cultists, New Agers and desert eccentrics.

Entertainment Weekly quoted Steven Spielberg on his Oscar-winning film "Schindler's List" returning to theaters for its 25th anniversary and it being the inspiration for establishing USC Shoah Foundation.

Fox News quoted Bob Shrum of USC Dornsife's Unruh Institute on Democrats poised to limit influence of superdelegates in the presidential nominating system.

August 28, 2018

Los Angeles Times quoted Bud Thomas of the ONE National Gay and Lesbian Archives at USC on art gallery owner Danny Fuentes.

Los Angeles Times mentioned research by the USC Dornsife/L.A.Times poll on the gas tax repeal.

August 27, 2018

The Guardian quoted Bob Shrum of USC Dornsife's Unruh Institute on Donald Trump and comparisons to Watergate.

Los Angeles Times quoted Irving Biederman of USC Dornsife in a story about a Hawaii official closing beaches in the face of Hurricane Lane.

The Sacramento Bee quoted Bob Shrum of USC Dornsife's Unruh Institute about the gas tax repeal.

Hartford Courant mentioned USC's Shoah Foundation in a story about a similar database at Yale University.

August 24, 2018

Los Angeles Times published commentary by Hannah L. Schacter of USC Dornsife on the health and psychological benefits for teens who help others. "I'm interested in studying teens' prosocial behavior — things like helping, comforting and sharing — in the context of their close relationships." she wrote. The op-ed also appeared in San Francisco Gate and The Conversation.

Science Daily highlighted research by Thomas Jordan of USC Dornsife and colleagues who developed a physics-based model in earthquake forecasting. The model could limit the potential for catastrophic
collapses of roads and buildings and loss of human lives. "If you can get similar results with different techniques, that builds confidence you're doing something right," Jordan said.

August 23, 2018

The New York Times published an op-ed by David Kang of USC Dornsife on what the administration can do to reach a final deal on the denuclearization of North Korea. "The U.S has done little in the two months since the Singapore summit to advance the relationship between the countries," Kang wrote.

Phys.org featured research on toxic algae by David Caron and colleagues at USC Dornsife. "The Southern California coast really is a hot spot and our study also shows that the concentrations of particulate domoic acid measured in the region are some of the highest — if not the highest — ever reported," Caron noted.

Salon quoted Leo Braudy of USC Dornsife on American ideals of masculinity and the relationship of those ideals to the policies of the Trump administration.

San Diego Union-Tribute quoted Scott Kanoski of USC Dornsife on a study regarding the effects of leptin on appetite suppression.

August 22, 2018

Science Daily featured research by David Caron at USC Dornsife on the Southern California coast harboring some of the world's highest concentrations of an algal toxin dangerous to wildlife and people who eat local seafood. The USC research reveals the growing scale of the problem over the last 15 years. "Our study shows that the concentrations of particulate domoic acid measured in the region are some of the highest — if not the highest — ever reported," Caron said. The story also appeared on My News L.A.

CNBC quoted Hashem Pesaran of USC Dornsife on increased tariffs.

NPR quoted Karen Tongson of USC Dornsife on Madonna's "Like a Virgin."

Salon quoted Leo Braudy of USC Dornsife on the Affordable Clean Energy Rule.

August 21, 2018


Scientific American quoted David Wallace of USC Dornsife on a new experiment in quantum physics.

August 20, 2018

Genetic Literacy Project published an op-ed by Darby Saxbe of USC Dornsife on the toll community violence may take on a child's brain. As a result, kids might have difficulty regulating emotions, paying attention or concentrating at school, she writes.

The Hill quoted Bob Shrum of USC Dornsife's Unruh Institute on potential presidential prospects using early endorsements and campaign fundraisers as a way to build credit with those who might aid them in the future.

August 17, 2018

Big Think interviewed David Kang of USC Dornsife on whether war with China is inevitable.

August 10, 2018

Los Angeles Times quoted Ann Crigler of USC Dornsife on Sen. Dianne Feinstein taking a break from public campaign events in August.

Big Think published commentary by David Kang of USC Dornsife on whether war with China is inevitable.

August 9, 2018

EdSource featured the USC Bovard Scholars program, which helps high-achieving, low-income students get into top universities. “It is a cornerstone of this university to create a diverse community of scholars — whether here at USC or at other top universities,” said USC Provost Michael Quick. Maria Maldonado of the Keck School of Medicine of USC was also quoted.

Los Angeles Times quoted Bob Shrum of USC Dornsife's Unruh Institute and Dan Schnur of the USC Annenberg School about the California gubernatorial race. The story also cited results from the USC Dornsife/Los Angeles Times poll about voter support to repeal the gas tax.

August 7, 2018

Fox News interviewed Bob Shrum of USC Dornsife on the record number of women running for political office this election cycle.

August 4 - August 6, 2018

PBS NOVA featured research by Daniel Benjamin of USC Dornsife's Center for Economic and Social Research on genetic markers that may predict educational attainment. Although the more than 1,200 genes identified served as a reliable predictor for some demographics, the conclusions did not hold true for all Americans. The article also quotes Mary Helen Immordino-Yang of the USC Rossier School and USC Dornsife's Brain and Creativity Institute who noted that “there’s as much to be learned about the nature of our educational system as about the nature of the individual in this data.”

The Sacramento Bee featured commentary by Manuel Pastor of USC Dornsife's Program for Environmental and Regional Equity and Mindy Romero of the USC Price School’s California Civic Engagement Project in an article that solicited views from political influencers about programs to make California students successful. Pastor focused on the continuation of programs that are successful, and supporting and encouraging multiple languages. Romero focused on changing programs that provide personalized and tailored approaches that account for different community and familial experiences, including a child's native language.

Los Angeles Times quoted Dana Goldman of the USC Schaeffer Center on the basic economics of insurance.
Los Angeles Times quoted Stephanie Eggert of USC Dornsife and Claudia Del Vecchio of Keck Medicine of USC on the benefits of staying well-hydrated with proper liquids.

August 3, 2018

The Wall Street Journal published a book review written by Peter Mancall of USC Dornsife. Mancall reviewed two books that examined how London’s merchant culture propelled English settlements in the Western Hemisphere. According to Mancall, the authors examined this time period in a new way.

August 2, 2018

The Washington Post quoted Paul Ginsburg of the USC Schaeffer Center on President Donald Trump's efforts to dismantle the Affordable Care Act.

Radio Free Europe quoted Emil Sanamyan, a fellow at USC Dornsife's Institute of Armenian Studies, about the arrest of Armenia’s former president.

August 1, 2018

KFI-AM quoted Travis Longcore of USC Dornsife and USC School of Architecture about the long-term impacts of a longer wildfire season.

July

July 31, 2018

La Opinion featured the USC Bovard Scholars summer program which provides a university experience for low-income and high-achieving rising high school seniors each year. "The most important thing about this program is that students can move out of the house for a while, manage their own money, schedule and gain knowledge," said Celso Cardenas of the USC Bovard Scholars program. Sixty-five percent of the latest class of Bovard Scholars were accepted by top 25 universities, 16 percent entered research institutions and 86 percent received scholarships or subsidies to cover their full tuition. The program provides support for students applying to college or for financial aid until they enroll at an institution.

Wired featured research by Daniel Benjamin of USC Dornsife's Center for Economic and Social Research on genetic markers that may predict educational attainment. Although the roughly 1,300 genes identified served as a reliable predictor for some demographics, the conclusions did not hold true for all Americans. Benjamin hopes to grow the study to more than 2 million people and expects to find thousands more genes linked to education.

July 30, 2018

Pasadena Weekly noted an event headlined by Manuel Pastor of USC Dornsife focusing on his latest book, "State of Resistance: What California’s Dizzying Descent and Remarkable Resurgence Mean for America’s Future."

The New Republic cited comments by Ange-Marie Hancock Alfaro of USC Dornsife about intersecting identities.

The Record covered an event with Dana Gioia, California Poet Laureate and Judge Widney Professor of Poetry and Public Culture at USC, as he tours California on a poetry reading tour.
July 27, 2018

Los Angeles Sentinel profiled Clifford Johnson of USC Dornsife. Johnson appeared on panels at the 2018 Comic-Con in San Diego, released a graphic novel to introduce complex scientific concepts to lay people and served on science advisory panels for Disney's Marvel Universe films. "Sometimes working with a real scientist can help produce much more interesting storytelling than if writers are just making stuff up. A scientist can help use real science as an inspiration for that world-building, even if that world is fictional," Johnson said.

July 26, 2018

The Atlantic featured research by David Newman, Norbert Schwarz and colleagues from USC Dornsife that found people with conservative political beliefs reported greater levels of life satisfaction. "This is definitely not a Trump effect. But if you did [the study] right now, liberals might find life even less meaningful than before," Newman said. Newman acknowledged correlation does not necessarily mean causation.

Shape Magazine quoted Mary Helen Immordino-Yang of the USC Rossier School and USC Dornsife's Brain and Creativity Institute on how broadening the swath of people a person regularly interacts with can impact self-awareness.

July 25, 2018

The Scientist featured research by Daniel Benjamin of USC Dornsife's Center for Economic and Social Research on genetic markers that may predict educational attainment. Although the roughly 1,300 genes identified served as a reliable predictor for some demographics, the conclusions did not hold true for all Americans. Benjamin hopes to grow the study to more than 2 million people and expects to find thousands more genes linked to education. Slate, ABC News (Australia), IANS and Press Trust of India highlighted the study's findings.

Los Angeles Times quoted Robert Shrum of USC Dornsife's Unruh Institute on why California gubernatorial candidate Gavin Newsom is trying to avoid a widely publicized debate with Republican candidate John Cox.

July 24, 2018

The New York Times featured research by Daniel Benjamin of USC Dornsife's Center for Economic and Social Research on genetic markers that may predict educational attainment. Although the roughly 1,300 genes identified served as a reliable predictor for some demographics, the conclusions did not hold true for all Americans. Benjamin hopes to grow the study to more than 2 million people and expects to find thousands more genes linked to education. The Atlantic, MIT Technology Review and The Independent (UK) also featured the study's results.

KPCC-FM and LAist interviewed Brie Loskota of USC Dornsife's Center for Religion and Civic Culture about the lack of coordination for homeless services.

July 21, 2018

PC Magazine featured research by Assal Habibi of USC Dornsife's Brain and Creativity Institute on how music education may possibly improve cognition among children. For the past five years Habibi has
performed MRI scans and other tests on 80 children, some exposed to music education. She is in the final stages of data analysis and is looking at possible correlation between musical training and impulse control, working memory, task switching ability and more.

Los Angeles Wave quoted Jeb Barnes of USC Dornsife about what Justice Anthony Kennedy's retirement could mean for the direction of U.S. Supreme Court rulings for a generation.

Agence France Presse quoted Nicolas Albertoni, a graduate student at USC Dornsife, about what to expect from the upcoming Group of 20 (G20) summit.

The Washington Post noted USC Libraries houses the ONE National Gay & Lesbian Archives.

July 20, 2018

The Washington Post published commentary by Manuel Pastor of USC Dornsife School on how the future of the Democratic Party is reflected in the current battle between progressives and centrists in the California Democratic Party. "California — whose history of anti-immigrant fervor and racial turmoil has echoes in contemporary America and whose current demographic diversity foreshadows the nation's future — may be one place to get an early glimpse of how that fight will play out," Pastor wrote.

The Hill, in an opinion column, highlighted USC Dornsife/Los Angeles Times Poll finding that only 10 percent of Californians would go back to the old primary system.

Quartz ran a contributed article by Chelsea Johnson, a PhD candidate in USC Dornsife.

July 19, 2018

LiveScience featured research by David Newman, Norbert Schwarz and colleagues from USC Dornsife that found people with conservative political beliefs reported greater levels of life satisfaction. "Finding meaning in life is related to the sense or feeling that things are the way they should be and that there is a sense of order. If life feels chaotic, then that would likely dampen your sense that life is meaningful," Newman said. Newman acknowledged correlation does not necessarily mean causation. Yahoo and TechTimes also highlighted the study.

South China Morning Post quoted Stanley Rosen of USC Dornsife about Chinese audience entertainment tastes.

BigThink interviewed David Kang of USC Dornsife's Korean Studies Institute on why America needs to assess its diplomatic relationship based on what is known about East Asian history instead of applying Eurocentric models and modes of thinking.

July 17, 2018

NBC News quoted Stanley Rosen of USC Dornsife on how actor Dwayne Johnson has endeared himself to Chinese audiences.

Fox News cited research by David Newman, Norbert Schwarz and colleagues from USC Dornsife that found people with conservative political beliefs reported greater levels of life satisfaction.
**Psychology Today** published commentary by Jung Jang, a graduate student of Darby Saxbe of USC Dornsife, on how optimism can affect well-being.

**July 14 - 16, 2018**

**The Sacramento Bee** featured commentary by Manuel Pastor of USC Dornsife's Program for Environmental and Regional Equity and Mindy Romero of the USC Price School's California Civic Engagement Project in an article that solicited views from political influencers about undocumented immigration. Pastor noted that immigration is wracked by polarization and misinformation, and that California has the most settled immigrant population. Romero noted that California lawmakers must continue to protect the safety and well-being of both documented and undocumented immigrants, but that there is not one view on immigration in the state but many nuanced views.

**The New York Times** quoted Robert Shrum of USC Dornsife on the recent vote by the executive committee of the California Democratic Party to support Kevin DeLeon, rather than incumbent Diane Feinstein, in the race for Senate. The story also mentioned USC Dornsife/Los Angeles Times poll.

**Newsday** quoted Robert Shrum of USC Dornsife on the possible effects of a politician changing views.

**Los Angeles Times** mentioned the USC Schaeffer Center in a story on the 2018 homeless count report.

**San Francisco Chronicle** mentioned USC Dornsife professor Jennifer Cool and her research in the startup world of Silicon Valley.

**July 13, 2018**

**Ventura County Star** highlighted work by David Caron of USC Dornsife to analyze the water conditions at Channel Islands Harbor in Ventura County. "We're reaching a point in all coastal systems, not just in Southern California, but globally, where we now recognize there are enough nutrients in this system that they're supporting more algae than we want present," Caron said. The team found that although the water is safe enough for humans to swim in, devices will still be installed to aerate the water with the lowest oxygen levels.

**The Hollywood Reporter** quoted Stanley Rosen of USC Dornsife on whether President Trump's trade war with China will have any meaningful impact on the entertainment industry.

**The Press-Enterprise** quoted Robert Shrum of USC Dornsife's Unruh Institute and Dan Schnur of the USC Annenberg School on whether ballot propositions will impact turnout in California's midterm election.

**ABC News Fresno affiliate KFSN-TV** quoted Manuel Pastor of USC Dornsife about the growing minority population in the Fresno area and the need to allocate resources for this demographic.

**July 12, 2018**


**Crosscut** mentioned a study from USC Dornsife on the lack of ESPN coverage of women's sports.

**July 11, 2018**
Marketwatch quoted Jessica Dutton of USC Dornsife's Wrigley Institute on why eliminating plastic straw consumption can improve health outcomes for marine life.

The Advocate published commentary by Megan Carroll, graduate student at USC Dornsife, about the incidental activism of gay fathers.

LAist cited results from a USC Dornsife/Los Angeles Times poll on the lack of voter support for California's gas tax.

July 10, 2018

Mindful highlighted research by Wendy Wood of USC Dornsife on how habitual behaviors can reduce the level of pride a person associates with performing the action. "Repetition has multiple effects - one is to strengthen the memory trace for an action, so that habitual tendencies get stronger. The other is to weaken your emotional response (boredom starts), so that you are no longer getting much kick from what you are doing," Wood said.

Fox News Los Angeles affiliate KTTV-TV interviewed Jeb Barnes of USC Dornsife about President Donald Trump's potential U.S. Supreme Court nominees. Glamour cited comments by Orin Kerr of the USC Gould School possible candidates.

OZY quoted Liana Stepanyan of USC Dornsife about journalist Elena Poniatowska and her new book on Mexican politics.

July 9, 2018

The New York Times highlighted results from USC Dornsife/Los Angeles Times poll on the lack of California voter support for the gas tax. The poll found only 38 percent of voters said they supported the gas tax. "It has a lot of support in the business community. It's part of Jerry Brown's legacy. But to save it, people will have to spend a lot of money and he will have to get personally involved and they will have to change the way it's talked about," said Robert Shrum of USC Dornsife's Unruh Institute.

The Sacramento Bee published commentary by Manuel Pastor of USC Dornsife's Program for Environmental and Regional Equity and Dan Schnur of the USC Annenberg School in an article that solicited views from political influencers about California's tax revenue. Schnur argued that taxing all citizens more would make a more stable revenue stream for the state. Pastor, on the other hand, recommends reforming the current system, but as of now, there does not seem to be a negative impact on investment within the state.

Los Angeles Times quoted Jeb Barnes of USC Dornsife about the impact of replacing U.S. Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy on future rulings.

Channel News Asia published commentary by David Kang of USC Dornsife's Korean Studies Institute about why it is important the world does not give up on diplomatic relations with North Korea.

July 6, 2018

Los Angeles Times quoted Stanley Rosen of USC Dornsife about the growing pay for entertainment celebrities in China and the government's reaction. Politico (in a South China Morning Post story) quoted Rosen about delayed negotiations between China and Hollywood due to threats of a trade war with the United States.

NPR's "All Things Considered" interviewed David Kang of USC Dornsife's Korean Studies Institute about what success with North Korea would look like.

Politifact mentioned research by Manuel Pastor of USC Dornsife's Center for the Study of Immigrant Integration about the proportion of Califormian children who are undocumented.

Monterey County Weekly mentioned Manuel Pastor of USC Dornsife and his new book, State of Resistance: What California’s Dizzying Descent and Remarkable Resurgence Mean for America’s Future, on an election-inspired reading list.

BigThink mentioned research by Antonio Damasio of USC Dornsife's Brain and Creativity Institute on the relationship between human emotions and the brain.

July 5, 2018

Newsweek published an op-ed by Manuel Pastor of USC Dornsife on why California can serve as a model for the anti-immigrant sentiment seen across the country. "Like California Republicans before them, the national party seems to be keeping its eye on the past rather than the prize. But we Californians know how this movie started and how it ends: with a rejection of the politics of division and an embrace of the future," he wrote.


July 3, 2018

OZY quoted Emil Sanamyan of USC Dornsife's Institute of Armenian Studies about the independence movement in Armenia during the 1990s.

July 2, 2018

The New York Times published commentary by Pamela Starr of USC Dornsife about the recent election of Andrés Manuel López Obrador (AMLO) as Mexico's next president. Starr reviews the sometimes contradictory policies López Obrador has supported over the years and why his tenure is certain to reshape Mexico. "None of this means that Mr. López Obrador will fail to change Mexico. He will. It doesn’t mean that his pragmatism will prevent him from making some bad policy choices. It won’t," she wrote.

Los Angeles Times quoted Viet Thanh Nguyen of USC Dornsife about the impact President Donald Trump's family separation policy will have on the legacy Camp Pendleton has with Vietnamese refugees.
The Sacramento Bee quoted Manuel Pastor of USC Dornsife's Program for Economic and Regional Equity on how to prepare the workforce for evolving industries and aging workers.

Arizona Republic quoted Leo Braudy of USC Dornsife about society's fascination with celebrities.

The Wall Street Journal cited research by Antonio Damasio of USC Dornsife's Brain and Creativity Institute in how the brain ascribes values to feelings based on physical changes in the body.

Inside Higher Ed, in a story about preserving media collections, mentioned USC Shoah Foundation's work.

June

June 29, 2018

The Washington Post featured research by Travis Longcore of USC Dornsife on the ecological impact of light pollution and particularly the impact of modern LED lighting. Longcore and his co-authors studied a variety of different types of lights as well as different hues and found that blue-tinted LEDs are the most damaging to wildlife. “When you add the potential for sky glow, the scattering of the light, and the human response of circadian disruption,” said Longcore, it becomes “very clear that lamps that have less blue in them are going to have on average less impact.” Longcore went on to describe that the best scenario would be for humans to use just enough light to travel safely at night.

Inside Higher Ed noted that the USC Shoah Foundation is an example of preservation of important archival media.

Cleveland Jewish News noted that The Survivor Memory Project in Cleveland relies on content and technology developed by the USC Shoah Foundation's New Dimensions in Testimony project.

June 28, 2018

The Eastsider LA highlighted a study by Gabriel Kahn of the USC Annenberg School on the levels of relative population across cities and neighborhoods in Los Angeles County. The results come from Crosstown, a joint project of the USC Annenberg School and the USC Viterbi School's Integrated Media Systems Center using an artificial intelligence model developed with USC Dornsife's Spatial Sciences Institute and collaboration with the USC Viterbi School's Information Sciences Institute and the Keck School of Medicine of USC. The story highlighted air quality in Eastside communities and noted the possible factors for why some neighborhoods had some of the worst air quality scores in the county.

Global Times (China) quoted David Kang of USC Dornsife about the misrepresentations of China's "tributary system" by Western governments.

June 27, 2018

The Sacramento Bee quoted Manuel Pastor of USC Dornsife's Program for Environmental and Regional Equity on why it is important to consider multiple solutions to solving California's high housing costs.

Los Angeles Times (in an analysis originally from The Conversation) mentioned research by Karen Hennigan of USC Dornsife's Center for Research on Crime on how profiling individuals who are likely to join gangs may be an effective means of preventing recruitment.
June 26, 2018

The Press-Telegram cited results from the USC Dornsife/Los Angeles Times poll on the lack of voter support for California's gas tax.

Albuquerque Journal noted USC Dornsife's Program for Environmental and Regional Equity partnered with PolicyLink and others to develop a report on racial equity within Albuquerque, New Mexico.

June 25, 2018

San Francisco Chronicle highlighted the latest results from the USC Dornsife/Los Angeles Times poll on voter support for Sen. Dianne Feinstein and her competitor state senator Kevin de Leon. The poll found 46 percent of California voters on undecided on who to vote for in November. Fox & Hounds Daily cited the poll's results on the lack of support for California's gas tax.

The New York Times (in an Associated Press story) quoted Karen Tongson of USC Dornsife on why entertainment networks have decided to move forward with successful series that previously featured a disgraced star.

CNN Money quoted Jody Agius Vallejo of USC Dornsife's Center for the Study of Immigrant Integration about Hispanic and Latino social mobility.

Wired, in a story about the growing field of urban science, referenced USC Dornsife's Spatial Sciences Institute.

Eugene Register-Guard noted research by Antonio Damasio and colleagues from USC Dornsife's Brain and Creativity Institute on how developing brains benefit from learning a musical instrument.

June 22, 2018

Financial Times featured Clifford Johnson of USC Dornsife and his graphic novel, "The Dialogues: Conversations about the Nature of the Universe," which he wrote and illustrated. "It's reaching out beyond academia and getting people excited about science," he said. The story also noted Johnson's role as a science adviser for the Marvel Cinematic Universe. "I get to sneak in some science ideas that millions of people are going to see, and that's of value," Johnson said.

Scientific American published commentary (originally from The Conversation) by Darby Saxbe of USC Dornsife about how living in a violent environment may shape adolescent brains. "If our participants told us at around age 13 that their neighborhoods were higher in crime and violence, the size of these critical brain structures looked smaller about four years later, compared to teens who reported less community violence," she wrote. Saxbe found similar results when the data was controlled by socioeconomic status.

Axios quoted Stanley Rosen of USC Dornsife about the efforts made by Hollywood studios to appeal to Chinese audiences.

Los Angeles Times mentioned the USC Pacific Asia Museum in a story about regional museums and galleries.

June 21, 2018
The Hill featured research by Christian Grose of USC Dornsife exploring the responses of state legislators who sponsored or co-sponsored bills that would require voters to show identification at the polls toward letters from constituents with Latino-sounding names, compared to legislators who did not sponsor such bills. The study found that legislators who sponsored bills requiring identification were less likely to respond to requests made from people with Latino-sounding names than to people with names which did not sound Latino.

NPR Dallas affiliate KERA-FM interviewed Viet Thanh Nguyen of USC Dornsife on World Refugee Day.


The Independent (UK) quoted Jeb Barnes of USC Dornsife about the importance of raising money for congressional races.


NBC News San Diego affiliate KNSD-TV noted USC Dornsife's Center for Religion and Civic Culture tracks the growth of faith communities in San Diego.

June 20, 2018


Los Angeles Times featured results from the latest USC Dornsife/Los Angeles Times Poll on the U.S. Senate race in California between incumbent Dianne Feinstein and state Sen. Kevin de Leon. "When you look at these numbers he would have to pull off some stupendous gains across the board in order to make this race close," said Bob Shrum of USC Dornsife’s Unruh Institute. In a second story, the Los Angeles Times highlighted the poll's results on the gubernatorial race. The story also quoted Shrum and noted Jill Darling of USC Dornsife’s Center for Economic and Social Research contributed to the analysis of the results.

Pacific Standard highlighted research by David Newman, a graduate student at USC Dornsife that found social conservatives are more likely to feel that their lives have meaning, when compared to liberals. "There is some unique aspect of political conservatism that provides people with meaning and purpose in life," Newman said. The research team conducted five separate studies and controlled for religiosity and noted correlation should not be confused with causation.

Quartz featured Clifford Johnson of USC Dornsife and his new graphic novel, "The Dialogues: Conversations about the Nature of the Universe," which he wrote and illustrated. The book review highlighted how Johnson expertly broke down difficult concepts. "There is no perfect method for finding answers, or certainty that we’re asking the right questions. But [Johnson] argues, through his characters, that we can still enjoy this eternal quest—the fact that the more scientists uncover, the more questions are raised," the author wrote.
Reuters quoted Ashlesha Datar of USC Dornsife's Center for Economic and Social Research on how environment can affect an individual's potential to become obese. U.S. News & World Report cited Datar's comments and The Washington Times noted her research on obesity as a social contagion.

June 19, 2018

iNews (UK) featured research by Travis Langcore of USC Dornsife that has shown that LED lights can negatively affect wildlife. The team has developed a tool to identify shades that carry the most threats for animals. "Outdoor environments are changing rapidly and in ways that can impact wildlife species," said Longcore.

June 18, 2018

KPCC-FM featured research by Darby Saxbe of USC Dornsife on about the health effects of fatherhood and the challenges related to funding for studies on fatherhood. “NIH tends to fund maternal child research, so fathers and looking at men's health in conjunction to fatherhood doesn't sort of get the same [research]. It's not conceptualized in the same way," Saxbe said. Fox News also cited a study by Saxbe on the incidence of postpartum depression among fathers.

KPCC-FM's "Take Two" featured research by Yao-Yi Chiang of USC Dornsife's Spatial Sciences Institute, Cyrus Shahabi of USC Viterbi School's Integrated Media Systems Center and Gabriel Kahn of the USC Annenberg School to create the Crosstown traffic database. The researchers found that Chinatown has the most polluted air in Los Angeles County while Altadena has the best air quality.

Sacramento Bee featured Manuel Pastor of USC Dornsife among a series of California influencers discussing how the state can address the issue of housing affordability. Pastor believes there are three first steps to be taken on the issue: more rent regulation, more building and streamlining regulations around housing construction.

Medical News Today featured research by Scott Kanoski of USC Dornsife on why meals tend to "jog" our memories and the interplay between the brain and the gut. The researchers found that the enteric nervous system's vagus nerve, located in the gastrointestinal tract, is known as the second brain. This system sends signals to the brain's hippocampus, responsible for creating memories, with details of the meal when it notifies the brain that the body is full.

The Washington Post quoted Gloria Koo of USC Dornsife on the business prospects for South Korean companies in North Korea.

Vox quoted David Kang of USC Dornsife’s Korean Studies Institute on juche, the official philosophy of North Korea.

The Washington Post cited a May USC Dornsife/Los Angeles Times poll finding that only 10 percent of registered California voters want to go back to the old system of closed partisan primaries.

June 15, 2018

Daily Mail featured research by Scott Kanoski of USC Dornsife on why the brain is sometimes able to recall details about meals but still can forget important dates and names. The researchers found that the enteric nervous system's vagus nerve, located in the gastrointestinal tract, is known as the second brain. This system sends signals to the brain's hippocampus, responsible for creating
memories, with details of the meal when it notifies the brain that the body is full. Live Science also featured the study.

June 14, 2018

Chicago Tribune published an analysis (originally from The Conversation) by Jeffrey Fields of USC Dornsife about the true meaning of nuclear nonproliferation. "While most nuclear armed states agree that nuclear weapons are only for deterrence and thus likely never to be used in war, their devastating power will always provoke fierce debate on their utility," he wrote. Fields also discussed how recent presidential administrations have addressed disarmament of America’s own nuclear facilities.

The Independent (UK) and New Atlas featured research by Scott Kanoski of USC Dornsife on why the brain is sometimes able to recall details about meals, but still can forget important dates and names. The researchers found that the enteric nervous system's vagus nerve, located in the gastrointestinal tract, is known as the second brain. This system sends signals to the brain's hippocampus, responsible for creating memories, with details of the meal when it notifies the brain that the body is full.

Politico quoted David Kang of USC Dornsife's Korean Studies Institute on the strategic advantages of having American troops stationed in South Korea.

ConstructionDive cited results from the USC Dornsife/Los Angeles Times Poll on California voter support for a bullet train in the state.

June 13, 2018


Earth.com featured research by Travis Longcore of USC Dornsife and USC School of Architecture on the impact of LED lighting on wildlife. The researchers found certain animals experience significant harm because of the increasing use of certain shades of LED. Longcore helped develop a database city planners and policymakers can use to find which LED colors are the least harmful to native wildlife. "If we don’t provide advice and information to decision makers, they will go with the cheapest lighting or lighting that serves only one interest and does not balance other interests," Longcore said.

June 12, 2018

The Nation published a Q&A with Viet Thanh Nguyen of USC Dornsife about his Pulitzer Prize–winning novel, "The Sympathizer," the MacArthur Foundation fellowship and how he identifies as a refugee, not an immigrant. "I feel that it’s necessary for people like me, who have benefited from being a refugee, to acknowledge our existence as such and to advocate for the new refugees today," he said.

Los Angeles Times, MSNBC, NPR New York affiliate WNYC-FM and El Comercio (Peru) quoted David Kang of USC Dornsife on his expectations for the summit between President Trump and Kim Jong Un.

RT interviewed Marco Milani of USC Dornsife about expectations for the summit between North Korea and the United States.
June 9 to 11, 2018

Sacramento Bee featured Manuel Pastor of USC Dornsife among a series of California influencers discussing what may be learned from the recent California primary. Pastor identified that it will be important to create a real debate about how to restructure the state's economy. He also mentioned the media coverage resulting from California's unusual primary system.

Los Angeles Times quoted David Kang of USC Dornsife on his expectations for the upcoming summit between President Trump and Kim Jong Un.

fivethirtyeight.com quoted David Kang of USC Dornsife on the importance of symbolism in politics.

June 8, 2018

Voice of America quoted Joshua Goldstein of USC Dornsife on how China's recycling industry has helped millions of impoverished Chinese.

Newsday quoted Jeffrey Fields of USC Dornsife about the similarities between President Donald Trump and Kim Jong Un's diplomatic styles.

Mother Nature Network quoted Jennifer Cool of USC Dornsife on how American society is overwhelmed with choices.

Los Angeles Times mentioned an ongoing exhibit at the USC Pacific Asia Museum.

Jewish Journal mentioned a book written by Steven Ross of USC Dornsife.

June 7, 2018

CBS News Los Angeles affiliate KCBS-TV featured research by Cyrus Shahabi of USC Viterbi School's Integrated Media Systems Center, Yao-Yi Chiang of USC Dornsife's Spatial Sciences Institute and Gabriel Kahn of the USC Annenberg School to create the Crosstown traffic database. The researchers found that on average, evening and afternoon commutes home were 14 percent longer than morning commutes. The data was collected using sensors placed throughout Southern California freeways and then fed into Transdec, the USC-developed system. CW News Los Angeles affiliate KTLA-TV and City News Service also mentioned the study.


Bloomberg quoted Christian Grose of USC Dornsife on the likelihood that the Democratic party will pick up a few seats in the House in November.

KPCC-FM's "AirTalk" interviewed Ange-Marie Hancock Alfaro of USC Dornsife and Dan Schnur of the USC Annenberg School about California's primary election results and what to expect in November.

Los Angeles Times noted results from a recent USC Dornsife/Los Angeles Times poll on voter support for the state's top-two primary system. KPCC-FM noted voter support to repeal the gas tax.
Xinhua News Agency mentioned USC Shoah Foundation's work to preserve survivor testimonies from the Nanjing Massacre.

Curbed cited research by Su Jin Lee of USC Dornsife and Travis Longcore of USC Dornsife and USC School of Architecture on the diminishing quantity of green space in Los Angeles County.

Ars Technica and TechRepublic mentioned USC in a story about possible cyberattacks on institutional websites.

June 6, 2018

San Francisco Chroncile featured a poem by Carol Muske-Dukes of USC Dornsife about the experience of giving birth to a human child. "Whatever words we might use to describe a human birth feel circumscribed by mystery. In 'Blue Rose,' Carol Muske-Dukes doesn't shy away from the challenge," according to the introduction. The poem chronicles from the moment the womb breaks to the birth of the child.

Telemundo featured a class by Sarah Portnoy of USC Dornsife to connect students with Spanish language and culture through food in Los Angeles. Portnoy's students must explore Los Angeles County and interact with different cultures throughout South Los Angeles via food in order to complete the course.

People's Daily published an op-ed by Robert Dekle of USC Dornsife about China's economic growth since opening its markets up to other countries. "Much like the US was in the previous 40 years, in the next 40 years, China must evolve to become the engine of global growth," he wrote. According to Dekle, the private economy in China has grown exponentially and learned from Western businesses.

NPR's "All Things Considered" interviewed Christian Grose of USC Dornsife about California's top-two primary system.

Grist quoted Manuel Pastor of USC Dornsife's Program for Environmental and Regional Equity about the inequitable impact of emissions on low-income communities.

KPCC-FM mentioned results from a recent USC Dornsife/Los Angeles Times poll on the lack of support for California's gas tax.

PBS' "NextAvenue" cited research by Arie Kapetyn of USC Dornsife's Center for Economic and Social Research on the inaccurate representation of one's own physical activity levels.

June 5, 2018

The Washington Post (in an Associated Press story) quoted Karen Jungblut of USC Shoah Foundation on the modus operandi when governments begin the genocide of a specific identity group.

Los Angeles Times quoted David Kang of USC Dornsife's Korean Studies Institute about the likely outcome of the summit between the North Korean and American leaders.

ABC News quoted Robert Shrum of USC Dornsife's Unruh Institute about Senator Dianne Feinstein's commanding lead over other candidates for her position.
Bloomberg quoted Christian Grose of USC Dornsife on how dislike for President Donald Trump among voters who lean Republican may impact California's primary races.

Sky News (UK) quoted Ange-Marie Hancock Alfaro of USC Dornsife about the lack of progress since women were granted the constitutional right to vote in the United States.

NPR San Diego affiliate KPBS-FM noted research from USC Dornsife on the possible revenue for California if Proposition 13 is modified or overturned.

LiveMint (India) cited comments by Matthew Kahn of USC Dornsife and colleagues on the "floor space index" for urban development as a sustainable model for urban development.

June 4, 2018

Politico quoted Jill Darling of USC Dornsife's Center for Economic and Social Research on how the latest USC Dornsife/Los Angeles Times statewide poll was conducted.

MindBodyGreen mentioned research by Emily Noble of USC Dornsife and colleagues on a neuropeptide that stimulates the brain and alerts the body that it is hungry.

May

May 31, 2018

RT featured a new study by Morteza Dehghani of USC Dornsife on the correlation between violence at a protest and social media rhetoric preceding the event. "Our findings suggest that people are more likely to condone violent protest of an issue when they both see it at as a moral issue and believe others share this position, a pattern we refer to as moral convergence," Dehghani said.

The New York Times mentioned USC Shoah Foundation and its work to preserve genocide survivors' testimonies.

The Washington Times mentioned results from the new USC Dornsife/Los Angeles Times poll about the California gubernatorial race.

Boston Review published a book review on a new book by Manuel Pastor of USC Dornsife on why California's economic resurgence could be a blueprint for the rest of the country.

May 30, 2018

Los Angeles Times featured results from the new USC Dornsife/Los Angeles Times poll on support for a high-speed bullet train in California. Forty-eight percent of voters surveyed expressed at least some support and 43% opposed the project. KPCC-FM's "AirTalk" reported on poll results on the California gubernatorial race and voter support for the state's bullet train project. ConstructionDive mentioned the poll's findings on support for the state's gas tax.

Gizmodo featured a new study by Morteza Dehghani of USC Dornsife on the correlation between violence at a protest and social media rhetoric preceding the event. "People identify others who share their beliefs and interpret this as consensus. In these studies, we show that this can have potentially dangerous consequences," Dehghani told Press Trust of India. The researchers hope to use these
findings to predict which protests may turn violent in the future. Fast Company and Digital Trends also highlighted the research.

Los Angeles Times cited research by Antonio Damasio of USC Dornsife's Brain and Creativity Institute about the relationship between feelings and biology.

Inverse cited comments by Travis Longcore of USC Dornsife and USC School of Architecture about the impact of feral cats on native wildlife.

May 29, 2018

Los Angeles Times highlighted results from a new USC Dornsife/Los Angeles Times poll on the lack of voter support for a closed primary. The results showed voters preferred the existing top two system in place. Los Angeles Times and California Matters mentioned the poll's results on the lack of support for California's gas tax.

Desert Sun published a Q&A with Juan De Lara of USC Dornsife about his new book, "Inland Shift: Race, Space and Capital in Southern California." De Lara focused on the Inland Empire and the economic upheaval the region has experienced over the past several decades. According to De Lara, politicians need to explore, "How do we pay attention to those very real losses and senses of displacement, and yet not conflate social change, racial change and economic change with the sense of powerlessness?"

The New York Times quoted Travis Longcore of USC Dornsife and USC School of Architecture about the impact of feral cats on native wildlife.

Los Angeles Times quoted Ann Marie Yasin of USC Dornsife about the subject matter of a stolen mosaic discovered in a Palmdale home.

The Daily Beast quoted Bob Shrum of USC Dornsife's Unruh Institute on how businessman Tom Steyer's campaign to impeach President Donald Trump may encourage Trump supporters to turnout for the midterms.

Los Angeles Times mentioned research from USC Dornsife's Center for Religion and Civic Culture on the number of mosques serving Muslims in Los Angeles.

May 25, 2018

Los Angeles Times featured results from the new USC Dornsife/Los Angeles Times Poll on the Republican support for repealing the gas tax bill among California's voters. A second story noted the poll's finding on support for a 2020 ballot measure that would increase property taxes on businesses. The story noted contributions by Jill Darling of USC Dornsife's Center for Economic and Social Research on the data analysis. Another article highlighted voter support for the state's proposed bullet train. "Newsom is clearly trying to make sure he runs against Cox and not Villaraigosa," said Bob Shrum of USC Dornsife's Unruh Institute in a fourth story on the poll's findings. The San Diego Union-Tribune also noted the poll's results on support for gubernatorial candidates.

Associated Press mentioned project by USC Dornsife College researchers and others to study seismic activity in Alaska.

May 24, 2018

Los Angeles Times featured the latest results from the USC Dornsife/Los Angeles Times Poll on how California voters feel about repealing the gas tax. If the measure qualifies for the November ballot, California Republicans may use it as an opportunity to increase turnout, according to Bob Shrum of USC Dornsife's Unruh Institute. "If Democrats are going to save this they are going to have to spend a lot of money," Shrum said. Fox News Los Angeles affiliate KTTV-TV mentioned the results and The San Jose Mercury News noted the poll's finding for the gubernatorial contest.


Los Angeles Times mentioned the “Winds From Fusang: Mexico and China in the Twentieth Century” exhibit at the USC Pacific Asia Museum.

May 22, 2018

Los Angeles Times featured a new USC Dornsife/Los Angeles Times Poll on California's gubernatorial hopefuls, possible presidential candidates from California and the most important issues in California congressional races. "It's very volatile for second place; it seems very likely that this is a contest between [Antonio] Villaraigosa and [John] Cox at this point. Other people do not seem to have made substantial progress," said Bob Shrum of USC Dornsife's Unruh Institute. The poll also showed that Californians would prefer if Kamala Harris remained in the U.S. Senate and that voters are engaged because of the new tax laws and possible threats to the Affordable Care Act.

May 21, 2018

The Washington Post published commentary by Dowell Myers of the USC Price School and Morris Levy of USC Dornsife about white anxiety about possibly becoming a demographic minority. Myers and Levy argue this is a myth based on a limited definition of whiteness. "Stories about the impending demise of white America are rooted in outmoded notions of racial exclusivity. These stories of white decline obscure the ongoing changes to America’s color line, and they serve only to divide," they wrote.

May 18, 2018

Los Angeles Daily News quoted Manuel Pastor of USC Dornsife and Shaun Harper of the USC Rossier School's Race and Equity Center about the need for education about racism and stereotypes in a story about a racial epithet written on a Starbucks cup.

Los Angeles Times mentioned the “Winds From Fusang: Mexico and China in the Twentieth Century” exhibit at the USC Pacific Asia Museum.

May 16, 2018

Los Angeles Times published commentary by Viet Thanh Nguyen of the USC Dornsife about the blindspots privilege can cause when addressing racism, misogyny and other forms of discrimination. Nguyen related the story of his own confrontation with intersectionality when he was a college student.
"People with good intentions are often complicit with systems of power that benefit them, including systems of white privilege, male privilege and class privilege," he wrote.


Bloomberg quoted David Kang of the USC Dornsife's Korean Studies Institute about the bargaining leverage North Korea's Kim Jong Un has in the upcoming talks.


May 15, 2018

CNN quoted Manuel Pastor of the USC Dornsife on why California can serve as a model for the future of American politics.

May 14, 2018

Univision Los Angeles affiliate KMEX-TV and La Opinion featured Ryan Lopez, a USC graduate, who is the first in his family to finish college and the first member of the USC Department of Public Safety's Youth Cadet Program to be admitted to USC. "Maybe the children in my neighborhood can see themselves reflected in me. I am a first-generation graduate and I want to make sure that the opportunities I have had are also available for the next generation," Lopez said. "Ryan is compassionate and pushes other youth in the community to excel academically and prepare to take advantage of resources that help them achieve their goals," USC DPS Chief John Thomas. La Opinión also mentioned Oprah's commencement address to the USC Annenberg School.

Los Angeles Times cited research by Manuel Pastor of the USC Dornsife's Center for the Study of Immigrant of Integration about the proportion of Los Angeles' workforce that is undocumented.

May 11, 2018

The Washington Post highlighted research by Sylvain Barbot of the USC Dornsife on the fate of North Korea's nuclear testing site. "These findings make us infer that a large part of the Punggye-ri test site is inoperable and that further testing may require a substantial investment in the construction of another facility elsewhere," Barbot told The Wall Street Journal. The Week also reported on the study's findings.

Los Angeles Times quoted Ange-Marie Hancock-Alfaro of the USC Dornsife on whether Spotify choosing to not promote certain artists on its platform violates those artists' First Amendment rights.

May 10, 2018

Psychology Today published an analysis by Anna Blanken, a graduate student working under Darby Saxbe of the USC Dornsife, about the rise of social media use among older adults.

Hartford Courant cited comments by Lanita Jacobs of USC Dornsife on how those in the majority can be better allies for minorities.
May 9, 2018

The New York Times cited comments by the late Kevin Starr of USC Dornsife in an article about the life of former California governor George Deukmejian.

Pacific Standard published commentary by Meredith Shaw, a USC Dornsife graduate student, (originally in The Conversation) about the changes in North Korea's foreign relations strategy.

May 8, 2018

KPCC-FM's "AirTalk" interviewed Ange-Marie Hancock-Alfaro of USC Dornsife about the latest political news, including Rudy Giuliani's television interviews and California's Republican convention.

Long Beach Post noted Manuel Pastor of USC Dornsife will be a keynote speaker at a Long Beach's economic equity summit.

May 7, 2018

The Washington Post published commentary by Viet Thanh Nguyen of USC Dornsife on how racism lives in academia and why minority scholars are expected to be versed in European- and American-centric literature in addition to minority-focused literature. "Insufficient fealty to the Western canon ... imperiled my job prospects, because even then, identity politics, as it would soon become known, was a threat to the curriculum at universities across the country," Nguyen wrote. He argues that proponents of the Western canon believe there is no equivalence in minority-produced literature so there should be no requirement to read it. The Guardian (UK) reviewed Nguyen's literary work on the refugee experience.

Business Insider featured Clifford Johnson of USC Dornsife and his work as a science advisor for the Marvel Cinematic Universe. Johnson focuses on the new weapon wielded by Thor and his traditional hammer. According to Johnson, the Marvel Cinematic Universe builds on ideas that already exist in physics about the gravity available in a neutron star and how the matter inside takes on different properties when it is in that form.

The New York Times quoted Heather Berg of USC Dornsife about how decentralization of the pornography industry gives more agency to its workers.

NBC News cited research by faculty at USC Dornsife's Program for Environmental and Regional Equity on the demographics and citizenship status of Texas' under 18 population, of which Latinos compose nearly half.

Politico's "Playbook" cited an op-ed by Antonio Damasio of USC Dornsife's Brain and Creativity Institute on how feelings are related to biology.

Psychology Today published commentary by Yehsong Kim, a graduate student studying under Darby Saxbe of USC Dornsife, on how income inequality can impact health and well-being.

May 4, 2018

Quanta Magazine quoted Sheel Ganatra of USC Dornsife about the importance of zeta numbers to connect geometric worlds.
The Conversation cited research by Antonio Damasio of USC Dornsife's Brain and Creativity Institute on how the brain constantly interacts with every part of the body.

May 3, 2018

KPCC-FM's "Take Two" featured an exhibit at the USC Libraries' ONE Archives highlighting safe sex campaigns from the 1980s and 1990s. "They are powerful images and probably some of the most powerful media campaigns around public health. People today who are public health practitioners now look back and say, 'Wow, can we do a campaign that's as impactful as those campaigns were?'' said Nayan Shah of USC Dornsife.

Xinhua News Agency featured a documentary produced in cooperation with USC Shoah Foundation about the Nanjing Massacre. "One of our goals is to preserve survivor testimony as well as we can, to make sure that it's accessible to future generations to continue to educate future generations," said Kia Hays, project director of "New Dimensions in Testimony" for USC Shoah Foundation. By preserving these stories for future generations, the foundation hopes future generations will learn from history and not repeat it.


The Diplomat published commentary by Yukari Easton, fellow at USC Dornsife's East Asian Studies Center, on why she believes the diplomatic talks between North Korea and the United States will fail.

May 2, 2018

Scientific American highlighted research by Norbert Schwarz of USC Dornsife College on how the audio quality impacts a researcher's credibility for the listener. The researchers found that if something is easier to process, the more likely someone will think it is true. "Basically, if your audio is not good, it hurts both your own credibility and the perceived quality of the research," Schwarz said.

Vox highlighted a study by Dowell Myers of the USC Price School and Morris Levy of USC Dornsife on how the media's characterizations of demographic trends impacts people's response to the information. Myers and Levy found that when media narratives "take a narrow view of whiteness," or 100 percent Europeans in the population, this causes higher levels of fear and anxiety.


May 1, 2018

The Washington Post published commentary by Sara Sadhwani, graduate student at USC Dornsife, about the impact Asian Americans will have on Democratic turnout in California's elections. According to her research, the number of eligible Asian American voters will increase by over 37 percent by 2040. "In a hotly contested election year, Asian American voters may make a significant difference," she wrote.
The Korea Times published an op-ed by Kyung Moon Hwang of USC Dornsife on why unification is no longer an imperative in the diplomatic talks between North and South Korea. Hwang argues it is unwise for unification to feature prominently in these new talks. "The price for that most important goal of assuring peace in Korea, along with hopefully an improvement in the lives of the North Korean people, is the relinquishment of Korean unification," he wrote.

Inside Higher Ed and "Academic Minute" interviewed Arie Kapteyn of USC Dornsife's Center for Economic and Social Research on why people in different countries may interpret the same survey questions differently.


The Scientist quoted Chien-Ping Ko of USC Dornsife about research on cells that may prevent muscle fatigue.

April

April 27, 2018

The Washington Post published a review on a poetry collection by Carol Muske-Dukes, professor of English, of USC Dornsife. "Blue Rose" is "fearless throughout," according to the reviewer. Most of the poems are about current issues and women silently pushing against societal norms. "The intensity of these poems — which seek to know more about the lives of others and our world — is difficult to forget," the reviewer wrote.

April 26, 2018

Bloomberg quoted David Kang, director of USC Dornsife's Korean Studies Institute, about the change in optics for North Korea when Kim Jong Un meets with the South Korean president across the border.

Al Jazeera interviewed Salpi Ghazarian, director of USC Dornsife's institute of Armenian studies, about the future of Armenia's government.


Eater LA mentioned Sarah Portnoy, associate professor (teaching) of Spanish, of USC Dornsife and her work to teach Spanish culture to students through food.

April 25, 2018

The New York Times published a poem by Carol Muske-Dukes, professor of English. "The Year the Law Changed" may appear to be about a controversial subject, but poet Terrance Hayes, who selected the piece for publication, asserts the poem is more about form. "Poems are rarely simply about subject. They are almost always about poetry: form, sound and deliberations of order and disorder," he wrote.

**The Conversation** cited comments by Antonio Damasio, director of USC Dornsife's Brain and Creativity Institute, of USC Dornsife's Brain and Creativity Institute on how culture develops.

**April 24, 2018**

**Bloomberg** quoted Matthew Kahn, professor of economics, spatial sciences and environmental studies, on how wealthier developers often move into neighborhoods that are almost completely destroyed by disaster events.

**April 23, 2018**


**Los Angeles Times** quoted Manuel Pastor, director of USC Dornsife's Center for the Study of Immigrant Integration, about the level of neighborhood segregation in Los Angeles.


**NBC News** quoted Richard Flory, research scientist of Religion and Civic Culture, on the religious argument against climate change.

**The Weekly Standard** quoted Amy Carnes, project manager of USC Shoah Foundation, on how colonialism laid the groundwork for genocide in Rwanda.

**Big Think podcast** interviewed Antonio Damasio, director of USC Dornsife's Brain and Creativity Institute, about the imperative all life has to flourish and avoid conflict, as well as his book, "The Strange Order of Things." **Reader's Digest** quoted Damasio about the psychological reason for a "hunch."

**The Wrap** quoted Karen Tongson, associate professor of English, gender studies and American Studies and ethnicity, about the history of the "sexy baby" voice for women in entertainment and society.

**The Straits Times (Singapore)** quoted Kyung-Moon Hwang, professor history and East Asian languages and cultures, about the history of corruption in South Korea.

**Agence France Presse** quoted Steven Sussman, professor of preventive medicine and psychology, and Julie Albright, lecturer of sociology, on how to successfully detox from smartphone usage.

**Los Angeles Times** noted USC hosted the 23rd annual Los Angeles Times Festival of Books on April 21 and 22. Additional mentions here, here, here, here, here, and here about the event that brought around 150,000 people to the University Park Campus. In the paper's "Books" newsletter, it mentioned a conversation led by Viet Thanh Nguyen, University Professor of English, American Studies and Ethnicity and Comparative Literature and Aerol Arnold Chair of English. **The Hollywood Reporter** reported on the festival's location, mentioned a panel held in the USC Leonard Davis School and noted Nguyen's

**The Daily Beast** mentioned work by USC Shoah Foundation and its director, Stephen Smith, to record survivors of the Rohingya Muslim genocide by Myanmar.

**April 20, 2018**

**Nature** quoted Scott Fraser, provost professor of biological sciences & biomedical engineering, about a new technique that provides 3D video of living cells inside the body.

**April 19, 2018**

**NPR New York affiliate WNYC-FM's "The Brian Lehrer Show"** interviewed David Kang, director of USC Dornsife's Korean Studies Institute, about diplomatic relations between the United States and North Korea.

**Jewish Journal** quoted Stephen Gruner, director of USC Shoah Foundation, about the acts of resistance by the Jews during the Second World War.

**April 18, 2018**

**CW News Los Angeles affiliate KTLA's "Frank Buckley Interviews" podcast** interviewed Clifford Johnson, professor of physics and astronomy, about his graphic novel and other efforts to make theoretical physics and other scientific concepts accessible for the lay audience.

**April 17, 2018**

**CGTN-America** interviewed Mark Marino, associate professor of writing, about his class that examined selfies and how identity and value are ascribed to them.

**GOOD** interviewed Joseph Hawkins, director of the USC Libraries’ ONE Archives, about the evolving and diminishing role of gay bars within the queer community.

**April 16, 2018**

**The Washington Post** highlighted research by Darby Saxbe, assistant professor of psychology, about new fathers who may experience postpartum depression due to a change in hormone levels. Saxbe found that fathers with dipping testosterone levels following the birth of a child were more likely to experience postpartum depression, which primarily affects new mothers.

**California Healthline** quoted William Deverell, professor of history, about the justifications used during the eugenics movement in California.

**The Chronicle of Higher Education** mentioned USC Dornsife's English department allows its graduates to participate in semester-long workshops on preparing for the tenure-track market.

**April 13, 2018**

**CBS News** highlighted research by Charles McKenna, professor of chemistry and pharmacology and pharmaceutical sciences, and USC Michelson Center for Convergent Bioscience that may serve as a
possible treatment for hearing loss. The researchers developed a molecule intended to stay put in the inner ear to repair damaged cells.

The New Republic published a book review by Jacob Soll, University Professor of History and Accounting, on how Islam helped shaped the Enlightenment. "What this book shows is that the great philosophers may have been innovative thinkers, and they took Islam seriously as a religion, but they ultimately lacked the scholarly skill to excavate Islam in Europe," Soll wrote of "The Republic of Arabic Letters: Islam and the European Enlightenment."

The Hollywood Reporter quoted Stanley Rosen, professor of political science, about the possible repercussions if filmmakers disagree with censorship imposed by the Chinese government.

The Chronicle of Higher Education mentioned the retirement of Albert Checcio, senior vice president for USC University Advancement. The outlet also mentioned the appointment of Donna Elliott of the Keck School of Medicine of USC as the new vice dean for medical education and chair of the department of medical education.

Arizona Republic mentioned USC Shoah Foundation in a story about a Phoenix-area Orthodox Jewish synagogue.

April 12, 2018

KPCC-FM interviewed William Deverell, professor of history, about the immigrant experience and California dream. The story also noted results from a USC Dornsife/Los Angeles Times Poll found that 50 percent of Californians believe younger residents are doing worse compared to previous generations.


Vox cited comments by Jonas Kaplan, assistant research professor of psychology for USC Dornsife's Brain and Creativity Institute, on why some people react strongly when their deeply set beliefs are challenged.

April 11, 2018

Univision Los Angeles affiliate KMEX-TV highlighted research by Charles McKenna, professor of chemistry and pharmacology and pharmaceutical sciences, and USC Michelson Center for Convergent Bioscience that may serve as a possible treatment for hearing loss. The researchers developed a molecule intended to stay put in the inner ear to repair damaged cells.


April 10, 2018
CBS News Los Angeles affiliate KCBS-TV featured USC graduating senior Zack Wentz in the station’s "People Making a Difference" series. Wentz, who will be awarded his degree in economics at commencement, lost the use of his legs during a high school skiing trip. At USC, he’s started intramural sports events for athletes of all ability levels, including a basketball tournament that’s part of the annual Swim With Mike scholarship event for physically challenged athletes. The piece also showed Wentz’s contributions as USC student government’s director of accessibility affairs.

Los Angeles Times quoted Stanley Rosen, professor of political science, about China’s efforts to control its own narrative about the country’s history.

BBC (UK) quoted Kyung Hwang Moon, professor history and East Asian languages and cultures, about the culture of reciprocity in Korea and how that impacts the country's political system.

KPCC-FM interviewed Kyung Moon Hwang, professor history and East Asian languages and cultures, on why Korean-Americans and native South Koreans have differing views on Korean unification.

The Washington Post, in a story about for-profit company partnerships with research universities, mentioned a collaboration between Matthew Kahn, professor of economics, spatial sciences, and environmental studies, and Jupiter Intel, a climate services firm.

San Francisco Chronicle mentioned Dana Gioia, California Poet Laureate and Judge Widney Professor of Poetry and Public Culture at USC, won the Poets' Prize for his latest collection.

Fox News and RT cited comments by Bob Girandola, associate professor of biological sciences, about the possible biological advantages for transgender women who run in the Boston Marathon.

MIT Technology Review (Pakistan) reported on research by Charles McKenna, professor of chemistry and pharmacology and pharmaceutical sciences, and USC Michelson Center for Convergent Bioscience that may serve as a possible treatment for hearing loss.

Channel News Asia published commentary by David Kang, director of USC Dornsife’s Korean Studies Institute, on the implications of the upcoming summit between South and North Korea's leaders.

April 9, 2018

ABC News Los Angeles affiliate KABC-TV highlighted research by Charles McKenna, professor of chemistry and pharmacology and pharmaceutical sciences, and USC Michelson Center for Convergent Bioscience that may serve as a possible treatment for hearing loss. The researchers developed a molecule intended to stay put in the inner ear to repair damaged cells. "Our new approach addresses that problem. This is a first for hearing loss and the ear. It’s also important because it may be adaptable for other drugs that need to be applied within the inner ear," McKenna said. Inquisitr, Tech Times and IANS highlighted the research as well.

Boston Herald quoted Bob Girandola, associate professor of biological sciences, about the possible biological advantages for transgender women who run in the Boston Marathon.

San Francisco Chronicle cited research by Manuel Pastor, Turpanjian Chair in Civil Society and Social Change and professor of sociology and American Studies & ethnicity, on the number of legal permanent residents who are eligible for citizenship in Santa Clara County.
April 6, 2018

City News Service highlighted research by Charles McKenna, professor of chemistry and pharmacology and pharmaceutical sciences, and USC Michelson Center for Convergent Bioscience that may serve as a possible treatment for hearing loss. The researchers developed a molecule intended to stay put in the inner ear to repair damaged cells. "This is a first for hearing loss and the ear. It's also important because it may be adaptable for other drugs that need to be applied within the inner ear," McKenna said.

Los Angeles Times quoted Mark Marino, associate professor of writing, on how online profiles are tied to a person's identity.

The Economist cited research by Romain Ranciere, professor of economics, about the boom and bust of Thailand's emerging markets.

April 4, 2018

The New York Times quoted Robert Shrum, Carmen H. and Louis Warschaw Chair in Practical Politics and professor of the practice of political science of USC Dornsife's Unruh Institute, about the differences between Gavin Newsom and Antonio Villaraigosa's rhetoric on the campaign trail.


NPR quoted Arun Hendi, associate demographer of USC Dornsife's Center for Economic and Social Research, on how future economic volatility may lead to higher mortality.

The Intercept cited a survey by USC Dornsife's Center for Economic and Social Research did on voter approval of charter schools.

April 2, 2018

Agence France Presse quoted Pamela Starr, associate professor (teaching) of international relations and director of U.S.-Mexico Network, about Mexico's presidential candidates.

Portland Press Herald quoted Raymond Stevens, provost professor of biological sciences, chemistry, neurology, physiology and biophysics, and Chemical Engineering and Materials Science, and of the USC Michelson Center's Bridge Institute about his relationship with a University of Southern Maine professor.

Psychology Today published an analysis by Nina Jhaveri, a graduate student working under Darby Saxbe, assistant professor of psychology, on how mindfulness can encourage health eating decisions.

March

March 28, 2018

CNN quoted Manuel Pastor, director of USC Dornsife's Program for Environmental and Regional Equity, on the changing demographics in America's urban, suburban and rural areas.

March 23, 2018
**City News Service** featured research by Raymond Stevens, provost professor of biological sciences, chemistry, neurology, physiology and biophysics, and Chemical Engineering and Materials Science, and of the USC Michelson Center's Bridge Institute to construct a detailed, virtual 3-D model of the pancreatic beta cell and its components in an effort to develop new treatments for diabetes. "We are converging to solve a difficult problem to solve a structure at multiple scales, from the individual atoms, to the small molecules, to the macromolecule, to the cell," Stevens said. The new Pancreatic Beta Cell Consortium at USC Michelson brings together experts in biology, chemistry, computational biology, engineering, mathematics and imaging. Stevens also is involving non-scientists such as artists and filmmakers in the research process to provide diverse perspectives.

**March 22, 2018**

**Futurism** highlighted work by Jie Ren, postdoctoral scholar and research associate, that used machine learning to analyze what viruses were more common in patients with liver cirrhosis compared to healthy people. Ren's algorithm inspired other researchers to analyze genomic material to identify viruses and to investigate how viruses might influence other diseases.

**Nautilus** quoted Antonio Damasio, director of USC Dornsife's Brain and Creativity Institute, on how creating narrative helps humans understand concepts and how this is a necessary skill to explain the value of scientific research.

**March 21, 2018**

**The Christian Science Monitor** quoted Robert Shrum, Carmen H. and Louis Warschaw Chair in Practical Politics and Professor of the Practice of Political Science, and of USC Dornsife's Unruh Institute on whether increased voter turnout by Democrats will impact the 2018 midterm elections.

**Discover Magazine** interviewed Clifford Johnson, professor of physics and astronomy, to explain the concepts behind the late Stephen Hawking's last paper.

**March 20, 2018**

**The Washington Post** quoted Julie Albright, lecturer of sociology, on why a younger partner may be seeking to fill a psychological need by seeking out an older romantic partner.

**KPCC-FM's "AirTalk"** interviewed Ange-Marie Hancock, Dean's Professor of Gender Studies and professor of political science and gender studies, about the latest news from Donald Trump's administration.

**Nature** quoted Jie Ren, postdoctoral scholar and research associate on how scientists now search for viruses by examining DNA samples.

**El Mercurio (Chile)** quoted Gerarado Munck, professor of international relations and political science, about President Donald Trump's trip to Latin America.

**March 19, 2018**

**Los Angeles** Times quoted David Roman, professor of English and American Studies and ethnicity, on how popular music is a means for individuals and society to resist oppression.
Los Angeles Times quoted Karen Tongson, associate professor of English, gender studies, and American Studies and ethnicity, on how using a "queer gaze" when building a narrative will result in a different style of looking at what is important in a story.

Wired quoted Gil Carvahlo, research associate of USC Dornsife's Brain and Creativity Institute, on how the brain impacts embryonic development before the nervous system develops.

MarketWatch quoted Heather Berg, lecturer of gender studies, on the lack of data on younger people seeking companionship with older, wealthier individuals.

Los Angeles Times cited an op-ed by Manuel Pastor, director of USC Dornsife's Center for the Study of Immigrant Integration, on California's ugly past with anti-immigrant sentiment.

Quartz cited comments by Stanley Rosen, professor of political science, on why he expected a lukewarm reception of "Black Panther" by Chinese moviegoers.

The Conversation published an analysis by Stanley Rosen, professor of political science, on why the world is focused on China's president and the country's new policies to let him remain president for an indefinite period of time.

Psychology Today published an analysis by a graduate student working under Darby Saxbe, assistant professor of psychology, on how prenatal stress impacts fetal development.

March 16, 2018

Los Angeles Times published an op-ed by Manuel Pastor, director of USC Dornsife's Center for the Study of Immigrant Integration, about California's history of anti-immigrant sentiment and how the current political climate was foreshadowed more than 20 years before in California. "California has been through the anxious, mean-spirited and divisive rhetoric and policy-making now gripping Washington. We're here to say that there's no need to repeat our mistakes," Pastor wrote.

March 14, 2018

The Conversation published an analysis by Jeffrey Fields, associate professor of the practice of international relations, on how President Donald Trump can successfully negotiate with North Korean leaders on denuclearization. "Trump engaging directly with Kim Jong Un may be both an opportunity and a liability," Fields wrote. He argues the United States will need to adjust its expectations if they hope to reach a compromise.


March 13, 2018

The Conversation published commentary by Lisa Bitel, Dean’s Professor of Religion and professor of history and religion, about the patron saint of Ireland, St. Patrick. Bitel reveals that is unlikely the namesake of the March holiday ever saw a snake in his life and never saw a shamrock. "Most likely, the miracle was plagiarized from some other saint’s life and eventually added to Patrick’s repertoire," wrote Bitel about the myth that St. Patrick rid the island country of all snakes.
The New York Times quoted Manuel Pastor, director of USC Dornsife's Program for Environmental and Regional Equity, on how President Donald Trump is moving the nation in the opposite direct of where California wants to go policy-wise.

Wired quoted James Heft, Alton M. Brooks Professor of Religion, about the Vatican's embrace of technology.

Deadline Hollywood quoted Stanley Rosen, professor of political science, about the Chinese government's move to remove term limits for the country's president.

March 12, 2018


Fox News quoted David Kang, director of USC Dornsife's Korean Studies Institute, on why the North Korean regime acts in a predictable manner.

CBS News Los Angeles affiliate KCBS-TV noted Stanley Rosen, professor of political science, will be doing a book signing at the Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust on March 18.

New Scientist published a story about research by Antonio Damasio, director of USC Dornsife's Brain and Creativity Institute, and his new book, "The Strange Order of Things."

March 9, 2018

NPR Park City, UT, affiliate KPCW-FM interviewed Clifford Johnson, professor of physics and astronomy, about his new graphic novel, "The Dialogues: Conversations about the Nature of the Universe."

South China Morning Post quoted Stanley Rosen, professor of political science, on why "Operation Red Sea" is unlikely to appeal to audiences outside of China, despite its toned down nationalism.

Vox cited comments by David Kang, director of USC Dornsife's Korean Studies Institute, on how to best negotiate with North Korea.

The San Diego Union-Tribune published a tribute written by Carol Muske-Dukes, professor of English, about the late poet Lucie Brock-Broid.

March 8, 2018

Deadline Hollywood quoted Stanley Rosen, professor of political science, about the expected interest in "Black Panther" by Chinese audiences.

March 7, 2018

The Conversation published an analysis by Pamela Starr, associate professor (teaching) of international relations, on the future of the relationship between the United States and Mexico now that the U.S. ambassador to Mexico is stepping down. According to Starr, no other country in the world is as tightly
integrated with the U.S. economy, and the relationship must survive because both countries depend on it. "The complexity of the enduring but endangered U.S.-Mexico relationship demands that the U.S. put its best diplomatic foot forward," she wrote.

*Psychology Today* published an analysis produced by a USC graduate student under the direction of Darby Saxbe, assistant professor of psychology, on how perfectionism can prevent effective meditation.

**March 6, 2018**

*The Washington Post* highlighted an interview with Antonio Damasio, director of USC Dornsife's Brain and Creativity Institute, on how feeling and emotions determine human intelligence, consciousness and the capacity for cultural creation. "Unfortunately, conventional conceptions of mind are based on the idea that nervous systems make minds by themselves," he said.

*Vox* highlighted research by Ann Owens, associate professor of sociology, and colleagues about continued racial and economic segregation in America's schools. Owens' research notes that black-white segregation based on exposure – whether students attend schools with a high or low proportion of a given racial group – has grown since the 1970s. The consensus among most researchers is that poor black and Hispanic children are increasingly isolated in segregated schools, both public and charter.

*CNN* quoted Jody Agius Vallejo, associate professor of sociology, and Manuel Pastor, Turpanjian Chair in Civil Society and Social Change and professor of sociology and American Studies & ethnicity, on the changing demographics in Orange County and the political future of the area that will soon have a minority population in the majority.

*The Hollywood Reporter* quoted Stanley Rosen, professor of political science, on why "Black Panther" is a test case to see if Chinese audiences respond positively to a minority-majority cast in a blockbuster film.

*Daily Mail (UK)* mentioned Antonio Damasio, director of USC Dornsife's Brain and Creativity Institute.

**March 5, 2018**

*American Public Media's "Marketplace"* interviewed Richard Flory, research scientist of Religion and Civic Culture, on the rise of the evangelical church as a corporate entity. *ESPN's "FiveThirtyEight"* quoted Flory on why conservative evangelicals still largely support President Donald Trump.

*Morning Consult* quoted Steve Ross, Myron and Marian Casden Directorship of the Casden Institute for the Study of Jewish Role in American Life and professor of history, about the changing political leanings of the majority of Hollywood insiders over the past century.

*The Orange County Register* cited research by Manuel Pastor, Turpanjian Chair in Civil Society and Social Change and professor of sociology and American Studies & ethnicity, about the economic impact of undocumented workers in the United States.

**March 2, 2018**

*The Conversation* published an analysis by Leo Braudy, University Professor, Leo S. Bing Chair in English and American Literature and professor of English, art history and history, about the history of the Hollywood sign. From an advertisement to status as a public nuisance to an iconic fixture of the Los
Angeles skyline, the sign has stood the test of time and vandals. "In their own way, these vandals are trying to carve out their own slice of the Hollywood dream – a quest not for gold or for health, but for recognition and fame, whether by talent, ambition or selfie," Braudy wrote.

Bloomberg quoted Stanley Rosen, professor of political science, on how a win at the Oscars can improve Chinese production companies' profiles.

March 1, 2018

The Washington Post published a Q&A with Antonio Damasio, director of USC Dornsife's Brain and Creativity Institute, on his research and new book, "The Strange Order of Things." According to Damasio, feelings are the origins of cultures and are rooted in non-mental biological processes. "I defend the view that minds are not made by nervous systems alone but rather by nervous systems in cooperation with many other and far older living systems of our body, including metabolic, endocrine, immune and circulatory systems," he said.

Asian News International featured research by Peter Kuhn and Jim Hicks of The Bridge Institute at the USC Michelson Center that used metal-detection techniques to study cancer cells. The metal-tagged antibodies are identified in a patient's blood sample, allowing researchers to see how cancer cells circulate through the body. "We are trying to understand how cancer actually moves from the initial location to other places in the body and can settle there," Kuhn said.


February

February 28, 2018

The Washington Post published an analysis by David Kang, director of USC Dornsife's Korean Studies Institute, on why floating the idea of an military attack on North Korea is irresponsible and dangerous. "There are exactly zero examples of a time North Korea caved in to pressure. To think that this time it would not fight back is wishful thinking based on no evidence and weak logic," Kang wrote. He argues that continued deterrence is the best strategy to bring the North Korean government to the negotiating table.

Slate published an op-ed by Darby Saxbe, assistant professor of psychology, and a colleague on the improvements federal and state governments can make to mental health services. Saxbe argues that investing early in mental health resources for children and their families, focusing on treatment over punishment, making mental health treatment affordable and accessible, supporting and funding mental health research, and combating social stigma of mental illness are key to improving the well-being of citizens.

Los Angeles Times published an editorial by Mike Gatto, a legislator in residence at USC Dornsife's Jesse M. Unruh Institute of Politics, about what gun control questions constituents should ask their representatives.

CNN noted results from a USC Dornsife/Los Angeles Times Poll that measured President Donald Trump's disapproval rating among voters.
San Francisco Chronicle published commentary originally from The Conversation by Leo Braudy, University Professor and Leo S. Bing Chair in English and American Literature and professor of english, art history and history, and colleagues about the film industry's biggest innovation flops, like Smell-O-Vision.

Forbes cited research by Manuel Pastor, director of USC Dornsife's Center for the Study of Immigrant Integration, about the number of undocumented workers in California by industry.

Deadline Hollywood cited comments by Stanley Rosen, professor of political science, about Hollywood's self-censorship in order to access the Chinese market.

February 27, 2018

NPR featured Clifford Johnson, professor of physics and astronomy, and his new graphic novel, "The Dialogues: Conversations about the Nature of the Universe," which he wrote and illustrated. "Once I decided that it was important to me to present ideas in the form of an accessible series of conversations, I realized a bit later that it would be really great to see who was having the conversations: ordinary people of all kinds," Johnson said.

Vox quoted Gregory Treverton, professor of the practice of international relations, on the future of election meddling by foreign adversaries.

Los Angeles Times cited research by Manuel Pastor, director of USC Dornsife's Center for the Study of Immigrant Integration, about the number of undocumented workers in the United States.

The Huffington Post cited research from USC Dornsife that debunked the myth that eating disorders are more common among white women.

Psychology Today published an analysis by psychology graduate student Annemarie Kelleghan about social isolation despite the ubiquity of social media.

Taipei Times (Taiwan) mentioned USC Shoah Foundation in a story about collecting narratives from genocide survivors.

February 26, 2018

Los Angeles Times featured the story of philosophy, politics and law major Miriam Antonio, a politically engaged woman who comes from a low-income background. Antonio works at USC Dornsife's Jesse M. Unruh Institute of Politics and her tuition is subsidized by scholarships, work, financial aid and donations from Los Angeles Times readers after a profile was published about her life when she was in high school. "I think this whole younger generation is going to change America, and the big thing is, they're not listening to adults who are telling them what to do; they're deciding for themselves," said Robert Shrum, director of the institute.

NBC Los Angeles affiliate KNBC-TV featured a volunteer cleanup of Avalon's harbor at Catalina Island on Saturday, which raised money for USC Dornsife's Wrigley Institute of Environmental Studies. According to CW News Los Angeles affiliate KTLA-TV, approximately 500 volunteers participated in the event and brought up about two tons of trash.
Pasadena Star-News quoted Olu Orange, adjunct assistant professor of political science, on why it is rare for a law enforcement officer to remain on administrative leave and collect compensation for the duration of a federal investigation.

February 23, 2018

The New York Times quoted Matthew Kahn, professor of economics, spatial sciences and environmental studies, about the economic benefits of knowing how climate change will affect land values ahead of time.

Los Angeles Times quoted Daniel Walker of USC Dornsife's Center for Religion and Civic Culture about an exhibit at the California African American Museum on gospel music culture in Los Angeles. KPCC-FM also quoted Walker.

BuzzFeed News quoted Manuel Pastor, director of USC Dornsife's Program for Environmental and Regional Equity, on the disproportionate number of minorities impacted by air pollution.

February 22, 2018

CBC Radio (Canada) interviewed Steven Ross, professor of history, about his new book, "Hitler in Los Angeles: How Jews Foiled Nazi Plots Against Hollywood and America." Ross' story highlights efforts by Hollywood studios to surreptitiously fight against the rise of Nazism. "They were upset with a group of Nazis and fascists wielding hate against Jewish Americans, Catholic Americans, black Americans. ... What they understood is that in these hyphenated identities, everything that came before the hyphen was an adjective, and that the only thing that mattered was the noun. That they were Americans," Ross said.

February 21, 2018

Time published a Q&A with Kyung Moon Hwang, professor of history and East Asian languages and cultures, about the differences between North and South Korea, whether unification is a realistic goal for the future and how the 1988 and 2018 Olympics played a role in their diplomatic relationship. "Ethnic nationalism, in the way that we usually see it throughout the world, arose in Korea at the turn of the 20th century, just as it did in other places, with the international system cohering around this structure of nation-states," he said. Hwang also noted there is a generational gap among South Koreans who believe there is an imperative to reunify.

Yahoo quoted Michela Musto, sociology graduate student, on how society and media treat female athletes differently than male athletes.

CBC Radio (Canada) quoted Kimberly McNair, history postdoctoral scholar and teaching fellow, on "diasporic blackness" and how that translated into some "Black Panther" fans arriving to see the film in traditional and African-inspired clothing.

Los Angeles Times mentioned research from USC Dornsife's Program for Environmental and Regional Equity on the demographics of public transportation ridership and the Center for the Study of Immigrant Integration on how gentrification has pushed minorities out of neighborhoods.
Psychology Today published two analyses by USC graduate students working under Darby Saxbe, assistant professor of psychology, on how sleep deprivation can impact health and **how obesity may increase the risk for cognitive problems.**

February 20, 2018

Los Angeles Times featured a new class taught by Susan Kamei, associate dean for advanced and professional programs, about the internment of Japanese and Japanese-Americans by the U.S. government. During the 2016 presidential election, Kamei was shocked at the use of Japanese internment as a justification for a possible Muslim registry and other civil rights violations; she was part of the team that sought an apology and reparations from the U.S. government for those impacted during WWII. "I want students today to have an opportunity to appreciate the importance of the issues around the constitutional tension between national security and civil liberties," said Kamei. The story also quoted Philip Ethington, professor of history, political science, and spatial sciences, and mentioned Lon Kurashige, professor of history and spatial sciences.

The Daily Beast highlighted research by Darby Saxbe, assistant professor of psychology, on how Donald Trump is the counterfactual to her research that suggests fathers have a dip in hormone levels after the birth of a child. Saxbe found that men were also susceptible to postpartum depression as their testosterone levels fell. "When testosterone levels fall, [men] are not looking to mate with partners; that also helps for a man to be more nurturing and non-aggressive to their offspring," she said. Since Trump has stated he is not involved with the care of a newborn or supporting his wife, his testosterone levels likely remained normal and may point to why he sought out extramarital affairs soon after his fifth child was born.

The New York Times quoted Morris Levy, assistant professor of political science, on how traditional American values may prevent establishing a "permanent second-class" citizen in new immigration policies.


February 16, 2018

The Christian Science Monitor featured a new book by Alice Echols, Barbra Streisand Professor of Contemporary Gender Studies and professor of history and gender studies, about her grandfather who ripped off millions of dollars from bank customers during the Great Depression. "Shortfall: Family Secrets, Financial Collapse, and a Hidden History of American Banking," highlights society's intrinsic trust of "down-home" institutions that is often misplaced. "It's fascinating that we tend to forget these financial scandals. They don't get lodged in our memory, and we're much more apt to cling to fairy-tale versions of capitalism," Echols said.

Nautilus highlighted research by Antonio Damasio, director of USC Dornsife's Brain and Creativity Institute, on how nostalgia is an adaptation of the reality of the past and is a comforting tool for the mind. "There is no doubt that nostalgia is a valuable feeling or it would have long been dismissed from the human toolkit," he said.
KPCC-FM quoted Kyung Moon Hwang, professor of history and East Asian languages and cultures, about the history of Christianity in North Korea.

The Hollywood Reporter quoted Stanley Rosen, professor of political science, about a new partnership between Dalian Wanda Group and its former tech rivals in China.

RT America interviewed John Vidale, director of the USC Southern California Earthquake Center, about the major fault line that runs through the city of Los Angeles.

KPCC-FM cited results from a USC Dornsife/Los Angeles Times Poll on California's perceptions about the success of younger generations. The story also cited data from USC Dornsife's Program for Environmental and Regional Equity about the growing income gap between racial groups in California.

February 15, 2018

La Opinion highlighted USC Dornsife's Center for the Study of Immigrant Integration's California Bold Conference. The event, which invited attendees to discuss a variety of immigration issues, included a speech by Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti on the need to protect the security and rights of immigrants. The story also noted CSII's Manuel Pastor's involvement with the event.

The Conversation published commentary by Manuel Pastor, Turpanjian Chair in Civil Society and Social Change and professor of sociology, on why the rising anti-immigrant sentiment and profiting from political polarization in today's society is nothing new. Pastor attributes the current atmosphere not only to economic shocks, but also the "racial generation gap." "Would California have gone through the same turmoil had the generational gap been narrower? It's hard to know for sure, but it's also not prudent to wait around for elders to come to their political senses or for the younger generation to age into power," he wrote.

The New York Times quoted Christian Grose, associate professor of political science, about California's top-two primary system and how that may disadvantage Democratic challengers.

The Washington Post cited comments by Lisa Bitel, professor of history and religion, about the historical origins of Valentine's Day.

New York Observer cited comments by Stanley Rosen, professor of political science, on whether "Black Panther" will appeal to Chinese audiences.

February 14, 2018

Univision highlighted USC Dornsife's Center for the Study of Immigrant Integration's California Bold Conference. The event, which invited attendees to discuss a variety of immigration issues, included a speech by Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti on the need to protect the security and rights of immigrants. The segment also highlighted a panel moderated by Manuel Pastor, director of CSII.

The San Diego Union-Tribune quoted Ange-Marie Hancock Alfaro, professor of political science and gender studies, on the need to debate free speech and other issues face-to-face, not via social media.

Deadline Hollywood quoted Stanley Rosen, professor of political science, on whether "Black Panther" will appeal to Chinese audiences.
The Conversation cited research by Stephanie Canizales, sociology graduate student, about the labor and immigration issues undocumented children who arrived in the United States unaccompanied by an adult.

February 13, 2018

The Conversation published an analysis of the origins of Valentine's Day by Lisa Bitel, professor of history and religion. According to Bitel, there is no reliable information on the origins of Valentine's Day as a holiday to celebrate love and affection. Scholars have found little evidence linking St. Valentine to any of the traditions associated with the holidays. "And much like love itself, St. Valentine and his reputation as the patron saint of love are not matters of verifiable history, but of faith," she wrote.

Variety quoted Dana Gioia, California Poet Laureate and Judge Widney Professor of Poetry and Public Culture at USC, on whether federal funding for the arts is secure for the next fiscal year.

Deadline Hollywood quoted Stanley Rosen, professor of political science, on how China uses access to their entertainment markets as political leverage.

February 12, 2018

PBS published commentary (originally posted in The Conversation) by Clifford Johnson, professor of physics and astronomy, about the positive impact of "Black Panther" on entertainment's representation of minorities. "There simply are not enough images of black scientists – male or female – in our media and entertainment to help inspire. Many people from underrepresented groups end up genuinely believing that scientific investigation is not a career path open to them," Johnson wrote. He predicts increased engagement with science worldwide if the film is successful.


The Guardian (UK) quoted Robert Shrum, director of USC Dornsife's Jesse M. Unruh Institute of Politics on how General John Kelly's reputation will fare after serving in President Donald Trump's White House.

Inc. cited research by Antonio Damasio, director of USC Dornsife's Brain and Creativity Institute, on the impact emotions have on decision-making. Politico mentioned a review of Damasio's new book.

February 9, 2018

The Washington Post highlighted work by USC Shoah Foundation and USC Institute for Creative Technologies' "New Dimensions in Testimony" (NDT) project, which allows people to have conversations with Holocaust and other genocide survivors. The project includes testimony by Eva Schloss, stepsister to Anne Frank, who continues to travel and speak about the lessons societies can learn from the Holocaust and other acts of horror occurring today.

The Washington Post quoted David Kang, director of USC Dornsife's Korean Studies Institute, on the evolving diplomatic relations between South Korea and President Donald Trump's administration.

Los Angeles Times quoted Clifford Johnson, professor of physics and astronomy, about the flight path of SpaceX's heavy lift rocket.
KPCC-FM’s "Take Two" interviewed Manuel Pastor of USC Dornsife's Center for the Study of Immigrant Integration about the Democratic Party's leverage in Congress to pass a clean Dream Act.

February 8, 2018

*The Washington Post* featured USC Shoah Foundation and USC Institute for Creative Technologies' "New Dimensions in Testimony" (NDT) project, which allows people to have conversations with Holocaust and other genocide survivors. According to Stephen Smith, director of USC Shoah Foundation, the project allows interactive learning about the Holocaust and a way to preserve survivors' experiences for posterity.

*ABC News Los Angeles affiliate KABC-TV* interviewed Manuel Pastor of USC Dornsife's Center for the Study of Immigrant Integration about the California Bold conference, hosted by USC, which focused on immigration issues.

*Bustle* noted research by Michael Messner, professor of sociology and gender studies, about the unequal coverage men's sporting events receive compared to women's sports.

February 7, 2018

*Slate* quoted Megan Carroll, sociology doctoral student, about the diversity of gay couples raising children.

February 6, 2018

*Scientific American* featured research by G.K. Surya Prakash and Thomas Mathew of USC Dornsife's Loker Hydrocarbon Research Institute to transform methane into ethylene and propylene, or olefin, in a single step. Olefin can then be used to manufacture plastics, agrochemicals and pharmaceuticals. Methane is largely responsible for trapping heat and warming the planet, at a much faster rate than carbon dioxide, and methane emissions have risen over the past decade.

*Dallas Morning News* quoted Alfredo Huante, sociology graduate student, about Latinos and Chicanos leading the way for investing in "working class barrios."

*The Guardian (UK)* published a review of a new book by Antonio Damasio, director of USC Dornsife's Brain and Creativity Institute.

*Los Angeles Magazine* mentioned USC Dornsife's Huntington-USC Institute on California & the West.

February 5, 2018

*The New York Times* featured research by Emily Liman, professor of biological sciences, that may have identified a protein that is the sour taste sensor. The protein, previously shown to aid in balance in the inner ear, also may make cells sensitive to acids. "Because this gene was already known to be involved in the formation of the vestibular system, we thought it was very unlikely to play a role in taste. It was really just a shot in the dark. We had all but given up, and we thought, 'Let's test this last one,'" Liman said.

*Men's Health* highlighted research by Ashlesha Datar of USC Dornsife's Center for Economic and Social Research on why a family is more likely to be overweight if it lives in a community where there are
obese people. "Living in a community where obesity is more common can make sedentary lifestyles, unhealthy eating, and overweight or obesity more socially acceptable," Datar said.

CNN quoted Darby Saxbe, assistant professor of psychology, about the lack of mental health resources for expecting or new mothers.

Foreign Policy quoted David Kang, director of USC Dornsife's Korean Studies Institute, about the White House's former nominee for South Korean ambassador.

The Wall Street Journal cited research by Michael Magill, professor of economics, on how the shift in America's demographics would impact the stock market.

City News Service mentioned research by Manuel Pastor of USC Dornsife's Center for the Study of Immigrant Integration about the economic impact immigrants have on San Diego and Imperial counties.

Forward and Arizona Daily Star mentioned work by USC Shoah Foundation to preserve Holocaust survivor testimonies.

February 2, 2018

The Nation quoted Brie Loskota, executive director of USC Dornsife’s Center for Religion and Civic Culture, on how questioning the political engagement of groups of women also questions their value and agency.

February 1, 2018

Reuters highlighted research by Ashlesha Datar of USC Dornsife's Center for Economic and Social Research on why a family is more likely to be overweight if it lives in a community where there are obese people. "Where you live can influence your family’s health in important ways," said Datar. In the study group, military families were more likely to be obese or overweight if they did not live on base. ScienceAlert and L’Express (France) also covered the study's results.

The New York Times quoted Morris Levy, assistant professor of political science, about Americans' views on immigration and how changes to federal immigration policies are unlikely to significantly impact elections.

January

January 31, 2018

The Conversation published commentary by Stephen Smith, director of USC Dornsife’s Shoah Foundation, on how President Donald Trump’s “America First” rhetoric is at odds with the rest of the world. Smith recounts his presentation of the “New Dimensions in Testimony,” a project of USC Shoah Foundation, at the World Economic Forum and how these testimonies can help teach universal human values. Smith referred to the gathering as “a menagerie of power, money, brains and innovative thinking mainly, though not exclusively, being channeled toward social good.” The Conversation mentioned Smith’s piece in another story.
The New York Times quoted William Deverell, professor of history, on how the sprawl of Los Angeles County has contributed to the city's identity crisis.

The New York Times quoted Steven Ross, professor of history, about the rise of political statements from entertainers. The Hill also quoted Ross about the increased scrutiny of the president from the entertainment industry.

Politifact quoted Manuel Pastor of USC Dornsife's Center for the Study of Immigrant Integration on what government benefits undocumented immigrants are eligible for.

The Conversation published analysis by Stephanie Canizales, sociology graduate student, about President Donald Trump's proposed immigration pillars he outlined in the State of the Union.

Nature published a review about a new book by Antonio Damasio, director of USC Dornsife's Brain and Creativity Institute, on the formation of cultures.

January 30, 2018

HowStuffWorks cited research by graduate student Michela Musto and Michael Messner, professor of sociology and gender studies, about the declining amount of broadcast time devoted to women's sports.

January 29, 2018

China Daily quoted Stanley Rosen, professor of political science, about the increasing collaboration between Hollywood and Chinese studios to create blockbuster films for Chinese audiences.

The Washington Post noted research by Manuel Pastor of USC Dornsife's Center for the Study of Immigrant Integration about the number of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients in a Wisconsin congressional district.

Politico cited comments by Jacob Soll, professor of history and accounting, about the spread of fake news 500 years ago.

Inquisitr noted results from the USC Dornsife/Los Angeles Times Poll on changing approval ratings for President Donald Trump.

Sputnik International News reported on research by Ashlesha Datar of USC Dornsife's Center for Economic and Social Research on why a family is more likely to be overweight if it lives in a community where there are obese people.

January 26, 2018

Slate published an editorial by Darby Saxbe, assistant professor of psychology, on the lack of mental-physical health care integration and how that impacts support for new parents suffering from postpartum depression. "As custodians of the next generation, parents are our society's most precious natural resource. It's our duty to support them with parental leave policies that allow for adequate rest and recovery, and easy-to-access mental health care in the early perinatal period," Saxbe wrote. Saxbe also noted there are increased barriers for treatment access for low-income, nonwhite women.

January 25, 2018
The New York Times published commentary by Angus Deaton, Presidential Professor of Economics, about the level of extreme poverty in the United States and how others can better assist the poor through personal giving. According to Deaton, there are 5.3 million Americans living in absolute poverty, on par with the number in Senegal. "It is precisely the cost and difficulty of housing that makes for so much misery for so many Americans, and it is precisely these costs that are missed in the World Bank’s global counts," Deaton wrote.

Science Friday featured Clifford Johnson, professor of physics and astronomy, and his new book, "The Dialogues: Conversations about the Nature of the Universe," on why he believes it is important for everyone to understand the basic tenets of science. Times Higher Education reviewed Johnson's book and noted his ability to break down scientific concepts by presenting them as a dialogue between two or more individuals. "Given the chance, I bet that many of us would love the chance to quiz an Einstein down the pub. Since that is rarely, if at all, possible, The Dialogues is the next best thing," the reviewer wrote.

United Press International (in a HealthDay story) highlighted research by Ashlesha Datar USC Dornsife's Center for Economic and Social Research on why a family is more likely to be overweight if it lives in a community where there are obese people. "Living in a community where obesity is more of the norm than not can influence what is socially acceptable in terms of eating and exercise behaviors and body size," said Datar. Newsweek, Fortune, Yahoo (UK) and New Atlas also reported on the study's results.

KPCC-FM's "Take Two" interviewed Manuel Pastor of USC Dornsife's Center for the Study of Immigrant Integration about the possible hurdles for immigration legislation that addresses the needs of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program participants.

January 24, 2018

The New York Times highlighted research by Ashlesha Datar of USC Dornsife's Center for Economic and Social Research on why a family is more likely to be overweight if it lives in a community where there are obese people. "When I travel to the Bay Area, for example, everyone is riding bicycles. You get there, and it seems like you have to buy a bicycle. If you move to a community where a sedentary lifestyle is the norm, you join that. There is this social influence," said Datar. Los Angeles Times, Cosmos, Daily Mail (UK), Metro (UK) and Sydney Morning Herald (Australia) featured the study's results.

San Francisco Chronicle published an analysis (originally in The Conversation) by A. Joshua West, Wilford and Daris Zinsmeyer Early Career Chair in Marine Studies and associate professor of earth sciences and environmental studies, about the economic impact of mud- and landslides in low-income communities. West argues that the developed world should work more diligently to understand the causes of landslides and debris flows to help communities better communicate the possible risks. "Building better predictive models and using these to improve warnings of landslide risks could save hundreds or even thousands of lives in the future," he wrote.

Seeker noted a study produced by researchers at The Bridge Institute at the USC Michelson Center on a new opioid drug that can provide pain relief without the risk of addiction.

The Bulletin cited comments by John Vidale, director of USC Dornsife’s Southern California Earthquake Center, on why the likelihood of an earthquake does not increase during a full moon.
ArtDaily noted a new book by Suzanne Hudson, associate professor of art history and fine arts, about artist Tara Donovan.

January 23, 2018

Los Angeles Times featured the latest results from the USC Dornsife/Los Angeles Times Poll in a Facebook Live video. The segment included Robert Shrum, director of the Jesse M. Unruh Institute of Politics, Jill Darling of USC Dornsife's Center for Economic and Social Research and partners from the Los Angeles Times. The panelists noted that last year, the same polling group that thought it was too early to judge President Donald Trump's job performance has now made up its mind.

KPCC-FM's "AirTalk" interviewed Ange-Marie Hancock-Alfaro, professor of political science and gender studies, about the end of the government shutdown and other political topics.

Quartz noted Brie Loskota, executive director of USC Dornsife’s Center for Religion and Civic Culture, is presenting at the World Economic Forum.

U.S. News & World Report cited research by Richard Easterlin, University Professor and professor of economics, on the happiness-income paradox.

Pacific Standard noted research by Jonas Kaplan of USC Dornsife's Brain and Creativity Institute on why people strongly defend deeply held beliefs.

January 22, 2018

Los Angeles Times highlighted results from the recent USC Dornsife/Los Angeles Times Poll that measured Democratic and Republican voters' preferences for the 2020 presidential election. "Democrats have moved on from Clinton; those numbers actually indicate an appetite for something new," said Robert Shrum, director of the Jesse M. Unruh Institute of Politics. The poll also found President Donald Trump's approval rating has suffered with certain demographics (second story here). KPCC-FM's "AirTalk," The Hill, Newsweek, The Huffington Post, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, South China Morning Post and Inquisitr featured the poll's results.

The Chronicle of Higher Education quoted Mary Helen Immordino-Yang of USC Dornsife's Brain and Creativity Institute about the importance of meaningful, emotional learning.

Dallas Morning News cited research by Manuel Pastor of USC Dornsife's Center for the Study of Immigrant Integration about the number of Dallas-Fort Worth residents waiting to apply for naturalization.

January 19, 2018

Los Angeles Times highlighted results from a recent USC Dornsife/Los Angeles Times Poll on national approval ratings for President Donald Trump. The pollsters found that opposition to Trump has intensified and disapproval of his job performance is seen across Democratic-leaning and swing states. According to Robert Shrum, director of the Jesse M. Unruh Institute of Politics, "Republicans could be in real trouble" for the midterm elections.

Nautilus profiled Antonio Damasio, director of USC Dornsife's Brain and Creativity Institute, and his research on how feelings and emotions impact the brain and decision-making. Damasio claims that the
brain's role is more egalitarian than the body's central computer. "The importance of feeling is that it makes you critically aware of what you are doing in moral terms," Damasio said.

The New York Times quoted John Vidale, director of the USC Southern California Earthquake Center, about the myth that earthquakes are more likely during full moons.

USA Today quoted Richard Flory of USC Dornsife’s Center for Religion and Civic Culture on whether supporting Donald Trump has damaged the reputations of Christian conservative leaders.

The Chronicle of Philanthropy quoted Manuel Pastor of USC Dornsife's Center for the Study of Immigrant Integration about the collaborative effort to document the economic contributions of undocumented and documented immigrants.

Healthline quoted Charles McKenna, professor of chemistry and pharmacology and pharmaceutical sciences, on if science has made any progress on reducing antibiotic resistance.

Los Angeles Magazine mentioned Safiya Sinclair, creative writing and literature doctoral student, as a Los Angeles poet that people should be reading.

January 18, 2018

KPCC-FM featured research by Seth John, associate professor (research) of earth sciences, on how the Thomas Fire may have contaminated the Pacific Ocean. John and his team are measuring the levels of trace metals deposited by the smoke that was absorbed by algal populations. "[We'll] have a much better understanding of whether any of those toxic metals could move up the food chain into the fish that we eat or the other animals that are living in the Santa Barbara Basin," he said. The researchers will also consider how future fires may impact the local ecosystem and fisheries.

Nature quoted Raymond Stevens of the USC Michelson Center for Convergent Bioscience’s Bridge Institute about research opportunities in China.

Pacific Standard quoted Jody Agius Vallejo, associate professor of sociology and American studies and ethnicity, on the growing trend of undocumented immigrants forgoing medical care and refusing to report crimes for fear of deportation.

Global News (Canada) quoted Stephen Smith, director of the USC Shoah Foundation, on why it is important to teach students how to manage hateful speech and content they see online.

Refinery 29 (UK) quoted Ange-Marie Hancock Alfaro, professor of political science and gender studies, on how electoral victories are a powerful incentive for the Women's March in emphasizing turnout among its supporters.

NPR San Francisco affiliate KQED-FM cited research by Manuel Pastor of USC Dornsife's Center for the Study of Immigrant Integration and colleagues on the number of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival participants by congressional district.

January 17, 2018

NPR Phoenix affiliate KJZZ-FM interviewed Robert Shrum, director of the Jesse M. Unruh Institute of Politics, on the long-term impacts California Gov. Jerry Brown's criticism of the Trump administration will have on the state.
Chicago Tribune cited research by Manuel Pastor of USC Dornsife's Center for the Study of Immigrant Integration and colleagues on the number of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) participants by congressional district.

Fox & Hounds Daily mentioned a debate for California gubernatorial candidates hosted by the Jesse M. Unruh Institute of Politics.

HostingAdvice.com featured the USC Women in Science and Engineering (WiSE) program, which supports women in STEM-related studies and career paths, and includes an interview with Hanna Reisle, Lloyd Armstrong, Jr. Chair for Science and Engineering and professor of chemistry, and WiSE founder.

January 16, 2018

The Wall Street Journal highlighted research by Arthur Stone, professor of psychology, economics and public policy, about why the age of 70 is good for "psychological well-being and life satisfaction." Stone found that by age 70, individuals did not want to be young again because of the anxieties and worries experienced between the ages of 20 and 50. "People settle into who they are and accept and make the best of it," he said.

Los Angeles Times reported on USC Dornsife's Jesse M. Unruh Institute of Politics-hosted California governor's debate held at the USC Bovard Auditorium. The story also mentioned results from the USC Dornsife/Los Angeles Times Poll about the race. Los Angeles Times mentioned the Empowerment Congress Summit in additional stories. KPCC-FM noted more than 1,000 people attended the event (second story here). Associated Press, ABC News Los Angeles affiliate KABC-TV, CBS News Los Angeles affiliate KCAL-TV, CBS News Los Angeles affiliate KFI-AM, Los Angeles Daily News, NPR San Francisco affiliate KQED-FM, San Francisco Chronicle, La Opinion, City News Service and Courthouse News Service mentioned the debate. Los Angeles Times also mentioned a public gathering before the debate calling for gubernatorial candidates to shut down the Aliso Canyon gas facility.

The San Diego Union-Tribune quoted Tok Thompson, associate professor (teaching) of anthropology and communication, on how language can perpetuate old stereotypes and the process of disrupting existing beliefs by changing language.

ESPN's "FiveThirtyEight" quoted David Kang, director of USC Dornsife's Korean Studies Institute, about threat escalation between the United States and North Korea.

Inc. cited research by Julie Albright, lecturer of psychology, on how gestures are largely cultural and can impact understanding and translation issues.

The Guardian (UK) cited research by Antonio Damasio, director of USC Dornsife's Brain and Creativity Institute, on how music education helps brain development.

Business Insider cited comments by Wendy Wood, Provost Professor of Psychology and Business, on how to successfully develop a healthy habit.

January 12, 2018
The New York Times highlighted "Sometimes," a poem by Mark Irwin, professor of English. "'Sometimes' makes even the process that leads to writing a mystifying act of poetry: part ritual, part gamble, part caper, wherein even the paper is part of the poem," according to the introduction.

The Huffington Post highlighted work by John Vidale, director of the USC Southern California Earthquake Center, and colleagues to develop an earthquake early warning system for the West Coast. The researchers hope to release a public version of the warning system, initially called ShakeAlert, by the end of 2018. "Things seem to be on track, but it wouldn’t be hard to go off track if budget negotiations go the wrong way," said Vidale, who is cautiously optimistic about the project's timeline.

Los Angeles Times quoted Josh West, Wilford and Daris Zinsmeyer Early Career Chair in Marine Studies and associate professor of earth sciences and environmental studies, on how heavy rains are likely to trigger debris flows and mudslides in California based on the state’s geography.

Atlas Obscura cited comments by Vanessa Schwartz, professor of art history and history, about the morgue as a public attraction in Paris during the 1800s.

January 11, 2018

Los Angeles Times quoted Robert Shrum, director of the Jesse M. Unruh Institute of Politics, about an upcoming town hall at USC for some of California’s gubernatorial candidates. Los Angeles Daily News also mentioned the upcoming forum.

January 10, 2018

San Francisco Chronicle published an analysis (originally in The Conversation) by Richard Flory of USC Dornsife’s Center for Religion and Civic Culture on how megachurches in California have changed Christian culture and how the world understands Christianity. Flory examines Crystal Cathedral and Calvary Chapel's founders embrace of California culture as a way to welcome new audiences to Christianity. "In my view, the most important characteristic of megachurches is their ability to “appropriate” elements from the larger culture, be it popular music, performances or even dress styles," he wrote. According to Flory, this strategy has been implemented at megachurches across the country.

The Atlantic quoted Jacob Soll, professor of history and accounting, on whether fake news is a new phenomenon in the United States.

Freakonomics Radio interviewed Wendy Wood, Provost Professor of Psychology and Business, on how an individual can successfully change their habits.

January 9, 2018

Los Angeles Times published a profile on Clifford Johnson, professor of physics and astronomy, about his new graphic novel that encourages conversations about science. The graphic novel, "The Dialogues: Conversations about the Nature of the Universe," was written and illustrated by Johnson. “Science is for everybody - you don’t have to have a billion-dollar experiment discovering some new particle to see the joy of science," he said.

The Washington Post quoted Robert Shrum, director of the Jesse M. Unruh Institute of Politics, about media fascination with the possibility of Oprah Winfrey running for president in 2020.
Los Angeles Times quoted Robert Ellwood, emeritus professor of religion, about religious traditions in the Ojai area.

January 8, 2018

Los Angeles Times quoted David Kang, director of USC Dornsife's Korean Studies Institute, about the potential outcomes of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un attempting diplomatic relations with South Korea.

The Wrap quoted Stanley Rosen, professor of political science, on why the original Star Wars trilogy did not reach Chinese audiences when it was initially released.

Los Angeles Times noted results from a recent USC Dornsife/Los Angeles Times Poll that found former Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa polls better in the Inland Empire than other gubernatorial candidates.

The Philadelphia Inquirer noted research by Manuel Pastor of USC Dornsife's Center for the Study of Immigrant Integration and colleagues on the distribution of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals participants across California's congressional districts.


January 5, 2018

Scientific American quoted Henrike Moll, assistant professor of psychology, about a new study on bonobos.

Daily Mail (UK) noted collaborative research by Ray Stevens, Vadim Cherezov and Vsevolod Katritch of the USC Michelson Center and USC Dornsife and colleagues to develop an opioid without addictive properties.

CBS News San Diego affiliate KFMB-TV cited comments by Steve Ross, professor of history, on whether people will address the #MeToo campaign in speeches at entertainment award shows.

January 4, 2018

Los Angeles Times published commentary by William Deverell, professor of history, about events that led up to the initial paving of the Los Angeles River and plans for its revitalization. "Concrete once bent the L.A. River to metropolitan ambitions and needs. A century later, our era is remaking the river once again. We ought to allow the river to remake us too — into a more equitable city," he wrote.

Engadget featured work by USC Shoah Foundation to capture the stories of Nanjing Massacre survivors digitally and allow visitors to interact with the digital rendition. The testimony of Xia Shuqin is the first time USC Shoah Foundation has permanently installed one of New Dimensions in Testimony exhibits outside of the United States and the first time the language processing has been done in Mandarin. Engadget interviewed Samuel Gustman of USC Shoah Foundation about the collaboration with the USC Institute for Creative Technologies to record Xia's testimony using IBM's Watson. The story also quoted Karen Jungblut and Cheng Fang of USC Shoah Foundation.

U.S. News & World Report featured research by Pablo Barberá-Aranguena, assistant professor of international relations, and colleagues on how social media is capable of spreading pro-democracy
Barberá-Aranguena and his colleagues explored the ways authoritarian or illiberal regimes use digital tools to censor information and spread propaganda, as well as long-term commitment to movements born on social media.

Deadline Hollywood cited comments by Stanley Rosen, professor of political science, about the push by the Chinese government for media companies to self-censor.

**January 3, 2018**

KCRW-FM's "Press Play" interviewed Clifford Johnson, professor of physics and astronomy, about his new graphic novel, "The Dialogues: Conversations about the Nature of the Universe," which explains scientific concepts in an approachable way.


**January 2, 2018**

Los Angeles Times quoted Stanley Rosen, professor of political science, about the future of online films in China.

The Guardian (UK) quoted Wendy Wood, Provost Professor of Psychology and Business, on why attributing New Year resolution success to willpower is not helpful in changing behavior (second story here).

KPCC-FM's "Take Two" interviewed Manuel Pastor, Turpanjian Chair in Civil Society and Social Change and professor of sociology and American studies and ethnicity, about what public gatherings and protests accomplished in 2017.

Financial Times quoted Stanley Rosen, professor of political science, about Hollywood's history of self-censoring in order to access the Chinese market.

The Beach Reporter quoted Douglas Capone, William and Julie Wrigley Chair in Environmental Studies and professor of biological sciences, and Jed Fuhrman, McCulloch-Crosby Chair in Marine Biology and professor of biological sciences, about what caused a sulfur smell before Christmas throughout the South Bay.

Los Angeles Times mentioned results from the USC Dornsife/Los Angeles Times Poll on the California gubernatorial race. In a second story, Los Angeles Times noted an earlier poll that measured potential recreational pot use after legalization among California voters.

Los Angeles Downtown News noted an event co-hosted by USC Dornsife's Jesse M. Unruh Institute of Politics that will bring California's leading gubernatorial candidates to campus for a town hall-style meeting with Los Angeles County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas.

Psychology Today cited research by Morteza Dehghani and Jonas Kaplan of USC Dornsife's Brain and Creativity Institute and colleagues on what regions of the brain assign meaning to life stories.

The Diplomat published commentary by Yukari Easton of USC Dornsife's East Asian Studies Center on why Japan should not renegotiate its comfort women agreement.
Hindustan Times' "LiveMint" (India) published commentary by Angus Deaton, Presidential Professor of Economics, on why inequality is different than unfairness.