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News



Christopher Berry on Women in Congress

An article in *The State* on female representation in state government cites findings from a working paper by Assistant Professor Christopher Berry that show how women in Congress generally outperform their male counterparts. [more >>](#)



Tomas Philipson on Evaluating Cancer R&D

A recent post on *The New York Times* Freakonomics blog features a new working paper co-authored by Levin Professor Tomas Philipson that discusses the degree to which

spending on cancer research and development has been worthwhile. [more >>](#)



James Heckman on GED Tests

A recent *Chronicle of Higher Education* article that questions the GED tests as a reasonable path to a college education cites Professor James Heckman as the most prominent of

several scholars who criticize them for not preparing students for the future. [more >>](#)



Frank Schell on Personal Responsibility

In a recent *Chicago Tribune* op-ed, Dean's International Council member Frank Schell challenges President Obama to stop blaming Wall Street alone for causing the financial crisis

and discuss Americans' lack of personal financial responsibility as well. [more >>](#)

Raja Kamal on the Pending Execution of Ali Hussein Sibat

In a recent op-ed, Senior Associate Dean Raja

Spotlight

Guity Nashat on Women in Islamic Societies

The Islam and Public Policy Discussion Group will host Guity Nashat, a Hoover Institute research fellow and professor of Islamic and Middle Eastern history at UIC, on January 12 to examine the historical role of women in Islamic societies and share policy considerations for today. [more >>](#)



Bueno de Mesquita Awarded Three-Year Grant to Study Terrorist Groups

Associate Professor Ethan Bueno de Mesquita has received a grant from the Office of Naval Research to study how the internal dynamics of

terrorist and insurgent organizations affect their use of violence. [more >>](#)

Martin Sinnott to Teach Nonprofit Mini-Course

Kittleman & Associates Principal Martin Sinnott delves into the world of nonprofits in a February mini-course. During the three weekly sessions, the class will explore governance and compliance issues, and models for achieving the greatest organizational impact.



Crime Lab Announces Youth Violence Prevention Program

The University of Chicago's Crime Lab recently announced a new school-based initiative to reduce youth gun violence. Co-director and Harris School

faculty member Jens Ludwig notes that gun violence is the leading cause of death for young people in Chicago. [more >>](#)



Student Attends UN Conference

Harris Fellow and Environmental Science and Policy student Kyle Gracey was at the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen, Denmark, in December. [more >>](#)



Kamal discusses the case of Ali Hussein Sibat, a Lebanese broadcaster who was arrested in Saudi Arabia and now faces execution. [more >>](#)