News Updates

There's a New Scholarly Take on Mizzou's Race Crisis, and Its Leaders Don't Fare Well
The Chronicle of Higher Education - July 24, 2018
A "perfect constellation of dangerous conditions" at the University of Missouri, particularly the flat-footed response of its leaders, allowed racial unrest to boil over on the flagship campus in 2015, a forthcoming journal article argues.

'Much of what you know is probably wrong': A Mizzou professor explains the racial protests that toppled a presidency
The Washington Post - July 25, 2018
If you follow American higher education, you probably know a lot about the 2015 protests at the University of Missouri, and much of what you know is probably wrong.

Administration: How the University of Missouri has learned from racial strife on campus, and what other schools could learn from it
The Washington Post - July 25, 2018
Professor Ben Trachtenberg is a respected faculty member of the University of Missouri's School of Law, and his analysis is a thought-provoking portrayal of what happened at Mizzou in 2015. As Professor Trachtenberg states in his report, the issues that administrators faced at Mizzou are not unique in higher education.

Three Years After Protests, Educators Plant Seeds For 'Black History Renaissance' At MU
Bonner County Daily Bee (AP wire) – July 24, 2018
When Ashley Woodson, associate director of the MU Carter Center for K-12 Black History Education, shared facts of this kind with history teachers, many were astounded. Some were hearing them for the first time. Most were uncertain how to approach such topics in the classroom. The Columbia Missourian story has been published by multiple AP outlets.

Markets Punish Behavior That Reflects A CEO's Lack Of Integrity*
NPR – July 24, 2018
Cline and his co-author Adam Yore of the University of Missouri wanted to know if the stock market punished people for personal lapses, and they looked for data. They tracked down more than 300 cases of personal indiscretions committed by CEOs of companies between 1978 and 2012 and examined whether these had market consequences for companies.

MU partners with national defense center to share technology, ideas*
Columbia Missourian – July 20, 2018
Mizzou will participate in an exchange of ideas, research and equipment with the defense center that not only helps to improve the nation’s defense efforts, but also provides leadership experience and future career opportunities for MU students. "Our students will have the opportunity to work on the next generation of defense research, building upon their educational foundation as they work with world-class researchers and the brilliant men and women of NAVAIR,” Elizabeth Loboa, dean of the College of Engineering, wrote in an email.
'Where giants walk:' Sanborn Field marks 130 years of breakthroughs*
Columbia Missourian – July 24, 2018
On Tuesday, the MU College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources celebrated Sanborn Field’s 130th anniversary with an event at Eckles Hall.

Report shows fewer dicamba-injured soybean acres
Brownfield Ag News - July 24, 2018
The latest update on dicamba injury to soybeans indicates that, as of July 15th, 1.1 million soybean acres were damaged nationwide. The report is based on estimates from university weed scientists and is compiled by University of Missouri weed scientist Kevin Bradley.

All Americans have a constitutional right to criticize President Donald Trump
Detroit Free Press - July 25, 2018
Opinion editorial by Kathy Kiely, a longtime reporter, the Lee Hills Chair in Free Press Studies at the Missouri School of Journalism.

McCaskill and Hawley both get tough on opioids — and one asks the other for help
The Kansas City Star - July 25, 2018
But both are also making opioids a campaign issue, and Peverill Squire, a political science professor from the University of Missouri, said politics makes it unlikely they will combine forces in their investigations, even if they’re scrutinizing the same companies on behalf of residents of the same state.

University of Missouri System
4 GOP candidates vie to oust Democratic Missouri auditor
KSMU - July 24, 2018
Wasinger practices business law, and is a former member of Board of Curators for the University of Missouri System.

Missouri University of Science and Technology
S&T Sports Information Director John Kean Elected to CoSIDA Board of Directors
Rolla Daily News – July 24
In recognition for his leadership and dedication, Missouri S&T Sports Information Director John Kean was recently elected to a three-year term on the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) Board of Directors.

Acton, Boxborough education achievers
Wicked Local Boxborough – July 23
Andreas Apostolopoulos, of Boxborough, earned a Master of Science in civil engineering from Missouri University of Science and Technology in Rolla.
Still No Debates Ahead of Local August Primary
KMOX - July 24, 2018
“[In this case, Hawley is] by far the best known of the candidates. His challengers in the primary are not very well known, and engaging in a debate with them would elevate them to a position where they would get more attention and increase the risk a little bit for the front runner,” says UMSL political science professor Dave Robertson.

WSICE 2018: The International Dimension And Gains By Haneefat Ikharo
Sahara Reporters - July 24, 2018
The first edition in 2010, WSICE76, featured two theatrical productions that were presented. One was Preemptive, written by the US-based Professor Niyi Coker (Jnr) of the University of Missouri St. Louis; and "Seven", by Racheal Hastings, written by then an graduate student of SIU, Carbondale, USA. Featuring in the cast are: Christopher Collins, Rachel Hastings, Tania Dawn Coambs, Basha Sharone Evans, Cortez Johnson, Racquel McKenzie.

The Chronicle of Higher Education
Workers in the Spotlight, Higher Ed on the Sidelines
The Chronicle of Higher Education - July 24, 2018
Did you notice what — and who — was missing from all the hullabaloo last week around the White House’s national work-force strategy? The executive order creating a National Council for the American Worker aims “to ensure that America’s students and workers have access to affordable, relevant, and innovative education and job training.” Even though education is a central pillar of the plan, no college leaders were present at its unveiling. Nor, from what I can tell, were higher-ed leaders asked to provide any input.

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