













NYU Wagner In the Media: September - December 2008













Date	Media	Headline	Wagner Source	Discipline	Interview/Excerpt
December 30, 2008	Bloomberg.com	Gaza Warfare Pushes Israel-Arab Conflict to Top of Obama Agenda	Rogan Kersh, Associate Dean/ Faculty	The Presidency	"The president-elect's foreign-policy brain trust very much hoped for a quiet backdrop against which to re-inaugurate the Middle East peace process. That backdrop instead now looks jagged, chaotic and loud."
December 22, 2008	CHICAGO BUSINESS	Political Heavy Weights Head to Edelman	Robert Shrum, Senior Fellow	Federal Transition	"Mr. Shrum, a longtime Washington insider, ran Mr. Kerry's unsuccessful 2004 presidential campaign..."
December 21, 2008	The Boston Globe	Trust was undoing for many charities	Dall Forsythe, Faculty	Organizational Performance	"The harder thing was believing in the stability of the returns" that Madoff reported. "To have some sort of investment that somehow managed to return such a remarkably stable portfolio is too good to be true."
December 22, 2008	CITY LIMITS.ORG	One Idealist's Progress	Jonathan Morduch, Faculty	Microfinance	"What I like about PDO is its emphasis on needs like paying the bills. Not everyone can use a loan to launch a small business."
December 19, 2008	The New York Times	Wonderful? Sorry, George, It's a Pitiful, Dreadful Life	Mitchell Moss, Faculty	Urban Policy	"The reason is that it [Pottersville] is a resort, and it has built an economy around that. Meanwhile, the great industrial cities have declined terrifically. Look at Connecticut: where is the growth? It's in casinos; they are constantly expanding."
December 19, 2008	THE HUFFINGTON POST	Men Behaving Badly: The Need for Ethics Reform (op-ed)	C. Nicole Mason, Director of Women of Color Policy Network	Leadership	"Are they drunk with power? At one point or another they probably believed they were above the law. They probably believed that money or influence would buy them unlimited access to women or a free pass out of a sticky situation."
December 18, 2008	THE WALL STREET JOURNAL	'Czars' Ascend at White House	Paul Light, Faculty	Federal Reform	"There've been so many czars over the last 50 years, and they've all been failures. Nobody takes them seriously any more."
December 18, 2008	The New York Times	Police Union Criticizes Effort to Reduce a Pension Benefit	Charles Brecher, Faculty	Government Finance	"It's an expensive system [city government pensions], and generous, compared to other public employees."
December 17, 2008	washingtonpost.com	Obama's List Doesn't Quite Match Emily's	NYU Wagner Presidential Transition Project	Federal Transition	"At the start of his first term, President Bush nominated four women to his Cabinet. Bill Clinton had five women in his Cabinet at the start of his presidency and George H. W. Bush and Ronald Reagan each had two, according to research conducted by New York University's Wagner School of Public Service in partnership with The Washington Post."
December 17, 2008	The New York Times	From Albany, Move to Trim Pensions	Charles Brecher, Faculty	Government Finance	"Pension costs have been growing rapidly. Pension benefits are far more generous than what exists in the private sector, and it's a necessary step to get some structural balance in the state and city budget."


December 17, 2008		Everyone, it seems, wants something from Obama	Paul Light, Faculty	Federal Transition	"He's under extraordinary pressure to be all things to all people, and he's going to find that very difficult to manage during his first 100 days."
December 16, 2008		Caroline Kennedy launches Senate campaign	Mitchell Moss, Faculty	New York Politics	Caroline Kennedy "has a platinum name and enormous appeal to New Yorkers. She brings energy and charisma. She brings immediate access to President Obama."
December 14, 2008		Room to Rent. Bath Nearby.	Davin Sweeney Student	Housing	"Sometimes, like everywhere else, the dishes pile up. Everyone just has to pull their own weight, take the garbage out. We don't have any rules about that, so the best thing is to be respectful and just do it. And for the most part, people are."
December 13, 2008		As City Goes Broke, One Expense is Safe	Charles Brecher, Faculty	Government Finance	"In good times, when the returns on the pension system are good, the unions make the case, 'You've got more money, why should it go to reducing the city's contributions?' When times are bad, they're nowhere to be seen."
December 12, 2008		Goldman, AT&T 'Apologize' to Democrats with Post-Election Gifts	Rogan Kersh, Associate Dean/Faculty	Politics	"When an incumbent loses, donors naturally turn their attention to the new officeholder. It's the American version of, 'The King is dead. Long live the King!'"
December 12, 2008		Not So Elite After All (analysis)	Paul Light, Faculty	Politics and Education	"To the extent that trends in the White House staff predict future choices for the cabinet and subcabinet, the trend will move away from prestigious credentials toward less venerated degrees, from older appointees to younger, and from juris doctorates to master's degrees."
December 11, 2008		Working on the Self (letter to the editor)	Gaby Schoenfield, Staff	Higher Education	"Graduate students studying nonprofit management at [NYU Wagner] have the opportunity to undergo intense self-reflection on their own family roles and the connection to their roles at work through a course entitled: Reflective Practice: Learning from Work."
December 10, 2008		Closing the State Deficit Requires Prudence (op-ed)	Dall Forsythe & Shanna Rose, Faculty	Government Finance	"When the governor announces his new budget next week, it would be irresponsible for legislators to turn their backs a second time. New York is required by law to pass a balanced budget, but faces the largest deficit in its history: \$47 billion over the next four years."
December 9, 2008		Senate Confirms N.Y. Prosecutor as Inspector General for Bailout (op-ed)	Paul Light, Faculty	Federal Transition	"The Bush administration acted immediately to appoint the rest of the bailout team, but it waited six weeks to nominate Barofsky as special inspector general. Then, his confirmation was held up anonymously by one senator."
December 8, 2008		Your boss is not listening	Joe Magee, Faculty	Power	"They are not going to bring their ideas in line with yours. They don't need to care."
December 6, 2008		The battle for the soul of microfinance	Jonathan Morduch, Faculty	Microfinance	"Yunus is concerned that his legacy, even the language of microcredit, is being appropriated, but the rest of the world doesn't care and shouldn't care."












December 5, 2008		Desire for Order in the Court Creates Children's Oases	Ellen Schall, Dean	Courts, Juvenile Services	"The centers, which are financed by the court system and managed by Safe Horizon, a victim-services group, were the brainchild of Judith S. Kaye, the state's chief judge, and Ellen Schall, the dean of the Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service at New York University, who were seeking to shield children from disturbing legal proceedings, promote literacy and education and promote order in courtrooms."
December 4, 2008		Issues Pressing, Obama Fills Top Posts at a Sprint	Paul Light, Faculty	Federal Government	"It took a little more than two months after inauguration on average for John F. Kennedy's nominees to be confirmed by the Senate."
December 4, 2008		Richardson gets nod from Commerce; Obama moves quickly	Paul Light, Faculty	Federal Transition	"He's by far the fastest in modern history."
December 4, 2008		Most say city's safe	Dennis Smith, Faculty	Public Safety	"How effective the cops are is more important than the number out there. But you still have to have officers and resources to do anything."
December 4, 2008		His Rainbow Coalition	Paul Light, Faculty	Federal Transition	Of the 28 senior White House staffers named so far, roughly one-third are non-white and nearly half -- 43%--are women, according to a study by NYU Professor Paul Light, an expert on presidential transitions.
December 3, 2008		The Other Paul Volker (op-ed)	Paul Light, Faculty	Federal Transition	"Volker is not just an expert in economic turnarounds, however. He is also the acknowledged elder statesman of public service reform."
December 3, 2008		President-Elect's Picks Prove Diversity is More than Skin-Deep	Paul Light, Faculty	Federal Transition	"Almost all of them have political experience of one kind or another and have a very impressive range of skills."
December 2, 2008		Obama's team of stars: Can he manage it?	Paul Light, Faculty; NYU Wagner Presidential Transition Project	Federal Transition	"To a certain extent, it focuses on the issue, rather than the person. Rather than just announce Hillary Clinton, he announces the whole group. And it tends to focus us on national security policy, rather than on whether Hillary Clinton will be a good Secretary of State or not. And that's a good thing for him."
December 2, 2008		Obama unlikely to be corrupted by power: research	Joe Magee, Faculty	Power	Obama's newfound power "might enable the change he desires rather than that power changing him instead. This is contrary to what most people think: that the longer he works in Washington the more he will be influenced by the same old ways of doing things."
December 1, 2008		New York Pays Back \$800 Million in Business Tax	Charles Brecher, Faculty	Government Finance	"I don't remember this being a big issue before. It seems like a sign of people being in pretty serious trouble."-F25
December 1, 2008		Economy, President Race Left a Mark	Paul Light, Faculty	Presidential Politics	"Everyone's getting bailed out except for the [nonprofit] sector...One thing we're not talking about is what we're doing to help distressed nonprofits."












December 1, 2008		They could give area a big boost	Mitchell Moss, Faculty	Federal Transition	"New York is really the finishing school for people with financial expertise. What's striking, I think, is so many of the top people in the Obama administration have spent time in New York, including Obama going to college here."
Fall/Winter 2008	<i>NYU Stern Business Magazine</i>	The Effects of Hierarchy on Communication in the Disaster's Aftermath	Joe Magee, Faculty	Disaster Management	"We present a unique reason why the response to Hurricane Katrina was deficient. We argue that differences in power among the people responsible for coordinating and delivering relief, and between those people and the hurricane's victims contributed to differences in their interpretations of the event as it was unfolding, which, in turn, impeded effective communications and a coordinated response."
November 30, 2008		Stronger Unions are Coming	Paul Light, Faculty	Presidential Politics	"They didn't believe in the possibility that unions could be a positive force. But they exist. Even if you don't like them, you have to work with them. They could have had these partners that could have helped, if they gave them a stronger voice in the decisions."
November 30, 2008	<i>The Boston Globe</i>	For Obama, a chance to push big changes	Paul Light, Faculty	Presidential Politics	"Everything that he talked about during the campaign that can be seen as stimulus is going to be in that package. It will be one of the heaviest pieces of legislation passed by Congress in the last 20 years, and I mean heavy in terms of actual weight and page numbers."
November 30, 2008		Obama's picks mirror his multicultural background	Paul Light, Faculty	Federal Transition	"They come from very different destinations and they share one characteristic: They're damn smart, and they know how to make decisions."
November 30, 2008		Liberals to keep pressure on Obama for results	Paul Light, Faculty	Federal Transition	"I think he's moving center-left, rather than left-center. It's fair to call him pragmatic. I think labor is going to get a lot from him. I think his liberal supporters are going to get a lot from him. But they're going to be disappointed if they want all liberal all the time."
November 28, 2008		Obama Must Mobilize Supporters to Help Nonprofits (op-ed)	Paul Light, Faculty	The Presidency	"...mobilize Generation O to help the nation's struggling nonprofit sector. Unlike the automobile industry whose representatives were ferried to Washington on private jets, the nonprofit industry has yet to show up at all."
November 27, 2008		As administration changes, job-seekers flock to Washington	Paul Light, Faculty	Federal Transition	"I've compared the Plum Book to one of the fancy Christmas catalogs, like Neiman Marcus. You look through and you say, 'Oh my God. That's wonderful. I'd love to have that under my Christmas tree.' It's a wish book."
November 26, 2008	<i>The New York Times</i>	Free Holiday Turkeys, a Ritual in Decline	Mitchell Moss, Faculty	Employee Benefits at Thanksgiving	"The turkey was from a time when people got wages in an envelope paid on a weekly basis. Once employers took on the burden of benefits, it was no longer as important to give turkeys because they were providing other things."
November 26, 2008		As if Thanksgiving weren't stressful enough (op-ed)	Mitchell Moss, Faculty	Thanksgiving Traditions	"Since there are inevitably more consumers than cooks at the table, by the time seconds are offered, the conversation flows into the annual Thanksgiving Report. This is when the dysfunctional family comes alive."

November 25, 2008		Obama's Burden of Hope (op-ed)	Robert M. Shrum, Senior Fellow	Presidential Politics	"Obama carries with him not only power but the burden of hope, encompassing a range of aspiration and need..."
November 25, 2008		Obama seeks 'jolt' to economy	Paul Light, Faculty	Federal Transition	"There's this confidence gap in the market, and I think people are looking to him right now to provide a measure of certainty during a period of great anxiety. And George Bush no longer has credibility. So my view is if Obama doesn't use that power, he is going to inherit this crisis by himself."
November 25, 2008		Big Players Scale Back Charitable Donations	Paul Light, Faculty	Nonprofit Leadership	"I think we're going to see a substantial number go under. There's nobody on Capitol Hill who's been talking about rescuing the nonprofit sector."
November 24, 2008		Children Who Live in Public Housing Suffer in School, Study Says	Ingrid Gould Ellen, Faculty	Public Housing	"The report is the first large-scale study of the academic performance of children growing up in the city's 343 public housing complexes, researchers said."
November 21, 2008		Would-Be Appointees Quizzed on Guns	Paul Light, Faculty	Federal Transition	"It [questionnaire item on gun ownership] kind of sticks out there like a sore thumb."
November 20, 2008		Wagner student Kate Otto helps set up Alicia Keys speech at NYU to battle HIV/AIDS	Kate Otto, Student	Healthcare	"I do believe that people my age can make a difference. To see them doing that is great."
November 19, 2008		Obama Has a Chance to Reverse Long Erosion of the Federal Service (op-ed)	Paul Light, Faculty	Federal Transition	"Obama has a chance to reverse the long erosion of the federal service. His campaign letters are a start but must be expanded in three ways."
November 19, 2008		Unraveling Bill's web	Paul Light, Faculty	Federal Transition	"Because they are husband and wife...it's natural to assume that he may be speaking for the administration at any point in time. The world will say, well, is there an extra meaning to what the former president is saying?"
November 19, 2008		Obama picks tossed into the 'fishbowl'	Paul Light, Faculty	Federal Transition	"In this process you're guilty until proven innocent."
November 19, 2008		Financial crisis will kill nonprofits	Paul Light, Faculty	Organizational Performance	"At least 100,000 nonprofits nationwide will be forced to close their doors in the next two years as a result of the financial crisis, according to Paul Light, professor of public service at New York University."
November 19, 2008		Obama Cabinet Picks May Face Intense Vetting Process	Paul Light, Faculty	Federal Transition	"Well, we keep adding scandals to the list. So what happens is that we clear all the old scandals, and now we've got the Internet scandals. Next time around it may be avatars that we inspect. You never know."
November 19, 2008		Dept. of State offers Clinton pros and cons	Paul Light, Faculty	Federal Transition	"We always have to remember that we don't have a Cabinet government in this country. This is a White House centered system now."
November 18, 2008		Homeless pledge a real challenge	Ingrid Gould Ellen, Faculty	Housing	"Our findings do counter fears that supportive housing will lead to sustained neighbourhood decline and suggest that the city, state and providers of supportive housing have been doing a good job integrating supportive housing developments into the surrounding community."











November 16, 2008		Grameen America lending women a hand with small business loans	Jonathan Morduch, Faculty	Microfinance	"It doesn't have the power [here] that it has in Bangladesh. It's much harder to be an entrepreneur here. There's a lot more regulation and red tape and a lot more competition."
November 16, 2008		Jerusalem and Babylon / Courting the Jewish vote - in the open	Berman Jewish Policy Archive at NYU Wagner	Presidential Politics	The survey suggests that more than anything else, American Jews' long identification with the Democratic Party and its liberal values was what secured their vote."
November 13, 2008		'Plum Book' Is Obama's Big Help-Wanted Ad	Paul Light, Faculty	Federal Transition	"This isn't an open job search. If you don't have someone who's going to take your resume in on your behalf, don't sell your house."
November 12, 2008		Fast Track to Efficiency (op-ed)	Paul Light, Faculty	Presidential Politics	"With a new variation on the old authority, the administration would form a commission of management experts encouraged to address all things organizational, no matter who might be angered."
November 11, 2008		Less Room for Breakthrough Ideas (op-ed)	Paul Light, Faculty	Federal Transition	"...there is simply less room in government for the kind of breakthrough ideas that Obama has promised."
November 10, 2008		The Republican Party lots its big bet on Gov. Sarah Palin (op-ed)	C. Nicole Mason, Director of Women of Color Policy Network	Presidential Politics	"Palin's positions on important issues like the war, abortion, the economy and health care were also significant factors. She was also viewed by many women as divisive and unqualified for the second highest post in the free world. This was not about internalized sexism; it was the truth."
November 10, 2008		Cause Marketing: Make it Authentic (video)	Lucille Pilling, Adjunct Faculty	Corporate Social Responsibility	"McKinsey and IBM global business services both recently produced studies showing that although most CEOs understand why corporate social responsibility is important, 76% said they don't know what their customers want, which is a huge implication for business strategy."
November 10, 2008		Obama already holds bully pulpit	Paul Light, Faculty	Presidential Politics	"In general, presidents-elect need to be careful about not usurping the president's authority. Moreover, they need to worry about getting entangled in the outgoing president's policies.... [Obama] could get easily entrapped into policy choices and positions that will haunt him well into the following year."
November 9, 2008		Preparing for the Obama Era	Paul Light, Faculty	Presidential Politics	"Obama is going to want more access than Bush is willing to give."
November 8, 2008		Obama's Economic Circle Has a Clinton Presence	Jason Furman, Visiting Scholar	Federal Transition	"He has taught at Yale, Columbia and New York University's Wagner School."
November 6, 2008		Good Neighbors (editorial)	Furman Center	Housing	"The Furman study confirms what advocates have been saying for years: well run supportive housing can help both formerly homeless citizens and the neighborhoods in which they are built. Politicians and business leaders across the country should pay attention."
November 6, 2008		Bush Promises a Smooth Transition	Paul Light, Faculty	Federal Transition	"The Clinton administration transition was a mess."




November 6, 2008		The New Team	Jason Furman	Federal Transition	"He has taught at Yale, Columbia and New York University's Wagner School."
November 6, 2008		Campaign Pledge on Ethics Could Become Obstacle to Filling White House Jobs	Paul Light, Faculty	Federal Transition	"Much too burdensome."
November 6, 2008		Franks Says FDIC's Bair Should Have Role as Obama Builds Team	Paul Light, Faculty	Politics	"It heightens pressure on Obama's transition to make sure that the Obama economic team is above reproach, highly skilled and reassuring regarding their understanding of how the economy works and what needs to be done."
November 6, 2008		Obama has to touch many bases in picking 15 for cabinet	Paul Light, Faculty	Federal Transition	"[Obama's] got arguably the most complicated calculus of any president in recent memory. This is really a Rubik's Cube-type of operation. He'll have to figure out a way to cover all the bases."
November 6, 2008		Obama Assesses Tasks Ahead	Paul Light, Faculty	Federal Transition	"He's not president [yet] and he doesn't have the full powers of the presidency. Any engagement will be seen as meddling or, worse, as an effort to inject himself prematurely into the presidency."
November 6, 2008		Neighborhoods not hurt by housing for needy	Ingrid Gould Ellen, Faculty	Housing	"The study released Thursday by the Furman Center for Real Estate and Public Policy examined the impact of 123 supportive housing developments over an 18 year period."
November 5, 2008		Obama announces transition team	Paul Light, Faculty	Federal Transition	"Moving political people quickly into positions of significant influence is a good sign they're integrating rather than infighting. That the day-to-day activity people were all people involved with the campaign is a good sign for a smooth transition."
November 5, 2008		Exit Stage Right for Republican aides, lobbyists	Paul Light, Faculty	Federal Transition	"There will be a handful of people Obama will keep from the Bush administration ... but it will be a pretty clean house when it's all said and done."
November 5, 2008		Corporate Turnaround Tips for Obama	Paul Light, Faculty	Government Performance	"It's either a bad appointment or a remark made off the cuff. Something's going to go wrong. You move quickly and you move on."
November 5, 2008		Pass on the margarita for 'Obamarama'	Robyn Stein, Staff	Presidential Elections	"We wanted to give all of our students, alumni and faculty the opportunity to be together on this momentous evening because this is going to be the most important election of our lives," Robyn Stein said. "We all care so deeply about issues like housing, education and the economy, so to experience this together means a lot to us."











November 5, 2008		Analysis (op-ed)	Paul Light, Faculty	Federal Transition	"Obama's success depends in large measure on the transition infrastructure designed eight years ago by former White House chief of staff and current transition director John Podesta. He could not have known that Obama would be the first president-elect to use the tools he championed, but designed them so that even a former Illinois state senator with four years in national office would benefit."
November 5, 2008		Obama plans his Cabinet to make lightning transition in 'most important transfer of power since American Civil War'	Paul Light, Faculty	Congress	"I don't mean to be hysterical, but this is the toughest transition faced by any president since Abraham Lincoln."
November 4, 2008		Charities Urged to Move Quickly to Influence Next President	Paul Light, Faculty	Federal Transition	"One of the things we're not talking about very aggressively is how to help distressed nonprofits."
November 4, 2008		Obama is the 44th US President; Now what?	Paul Light, Faculty	Presidential Politics	"One would hope that Obama's first meeting would be with McCain. The larger the margin of victory, the more important it becomes to try to get McCain's support once McCain returns to the Senate."
November 4, 2008		Joe the Veep (op-ed)	Robert M. Shrum, Senior Fellow	Presidential Politics	"There's another difference. Palin delivers a base that has nowhere else to go. Biden widens the Democratic ticket's base. His popularity with Catholics, seniors and blue collars is likely to help deliver Pennsylvania. The state has been touted as McCain's last (far-fetched, in my view) hope."
November 4, 2008		Winner Faces Crucial Choice at Treasury	Paul Light, Faculty	Federal Transition	"This is likely to be one of the first nominees announced, and it's going to have a major effect on the stock market and markets in general. This is one where the market and all the economists out there who are watching will render judgment immediately. We'll know the quality of the appointment just by looking at the market that day."
November 3, 2008		Bush Praised by Both Parties for Transition Planning	Paul Light, Faculty	Presidential Politics	"Something's going to go wrong in this next transition, I guarantee you that. What we don't know is what it'll be or how the new administration's going to handle it."
November 3, 2008		The Cooties Effect	Robert M. Shrum, Senior Fellow	Presidential Politics	"Obama worked with terrorist William Ayers when it was convenient... it all but alleges that the candidate was there planting bombs."
November 2, 2008		Business groups prepare for tighter government regulation in 2009	Paul Light, Faculty	Federal Transition	The next president is likely to focus on regulation and other steps that do not "require new legislation or spending."
November 2, 2008		McCain, Obama: Next president's tasks	Paul Light, Faculty	Federal Transition	"He is going to have to be very careful about the priorities he sets. You can't just keep throwing priorities at Congress."
November 1, 2008		Bush Administration Alumni Find Job Climate Chilly	Paul Light, Faculty	Federal Transition	"Administration officials who stay until the Jan. 20 inauguration will be looking for work until the economy recovers."








October 31, 2008		The Primal Loft	Mitchell Moss, Faculty	Urban Planning	"According to Mitchell Moss, a professor of urban policy and planning at New York University, only about 100,000 manufacturing jobs remain in the city, a tenth of the total at the peak after World War II."
October 31, 2008		Businesses brace for more government regulation	Paul Light, Faculty	Federal Transition	"As a result, the next president will likely focus on regulation and other steps that don't require new legislation or spending."
October 31, 2008		Home for Halloween (op-ed)	Irshad Manji, Visiting Scholar	Moral Courage	"Some would reduce this immigration agent to a shrewd gatekeeper of cheap labor, carting us off to a city that would get rich from the Asian work ethic."
October 30, 2008		Strategists Shrum & Schoen Optimistic for Obama	Robert M. Shrum, Senior Fellow	Presidential Politics	"...Shrum insisted that McCain never had a clear strategy and depended on a 'collection of tactics,' the worst being the selection of Sarah Palin...."
October 30, 2008		Defying the 'dogma' of religion	Irshad Manji, Visiting Scholar	Moral Courage	"Doubt is seen as dirty in the Muslim world."
October 30, 2008		Biden seeks advisory role as U.S. vice president	Paul Light, Faculty	Federal Transition	"I think they will have to be careful about Biden's penchant for talking himself into trouble. It is not just long meetings but the press conferences and the off the cuff comments he makes. Obama will not want to find himself explaining (Biden's comments)."
October 29, 2008		Democrats seek historic gains, challenges	Paul Light, Faculty	Congress	"Democrats will have a brief moment to celebrate, and then will have to get to work fast."
October 29, 2008		Coming Home to their Roots	Steven Cohen, Director, Berman Jewish Policy Archive at NYU Wagner	Presidential Politics	"People who reported that Obama was the subject of excessive suspicion among American Jews...were indulging in speculation...None of them had scientific evidence."
October 28, 2008		Study Notes Fewer Loans to Hispanics and Blacks	Furman Center	Housing	"The number of new mortgages to blacks and Hispanics fell sharply in New York City in 2007...according an analsys of federal mortgage data released on Monday by the Furman Center for Real Estate and Urban Policy at New York University."
October 28, 2008		Minorities hit hard in mortgage crunch	Ingrid Gould Ellen, Faculty	Housing	"The data suggest that it's going to be increasingly difficult for blacks and Hispanic borrowers to get mortgages."
October 28, 2008		End Times for Reaganism (op-ed)	Robert M. Shrum, Senior Fellow	Politics	"Although the faithful chant, 'Obama, Pelosi, Reid' at McCain's sparsely attended rallies, voters overall now scorn the appeal to divided government. In addition to being politically misguided, this latest Republican argument is flatly ahistorical."
October 28, 2008		Looking for jobs with 'President' Obama	Paul Light, Faculty	Federal Transition	"It's really a political process in which your connections matter most."
October 28, 2008		From ELC: Public service seen as important in new administration	Paul Light, Faculty	Public Service	Light, author of the 2008 'A Government Ill-Executed,' told a breakfast audience at the Executive Leadership Conference that times will get better. "I feel comfortable about the future in part because I feel comfortable about you."
October 27, 2008		Case of the Vanishing Male Voter	Rogan Kersh, Associate Dean/ Faculty	Presidential Politics	"Unless there is an astonishing reversal of a 30-year trend, far fewer men than women will show up this year, both in real terms and a percentage of their gender."









October 27, 2008		Why Meltdown Won't Stop NYC (op-ed)	Mitchell Moss, Faculty	Urban Planning	"New York will thus become the preferred 'safe haven' for those seeking a highly regulated and safe place for their money."
October 27, 2008		Bloomberg not Wall Street Superman, experts say	Dall Forsythe, Faculty	Municipal Finance	"I think that's he's been quite a bold financial manager. He's got the city very well positioned, from the point of view of reserves."
October 26, 2008		Wall St. Looking More Like Main Street	Mitchell Moss, Faculty	Urban Planning	"Wall Street is the model for the new, 21st century central business district, where people live and work in the same place."
October 25, 2008		Democrats Have Money Lead in 15 Republican-Held House Districts	Rogan Kersh, Associate Dean/ Faculty	Congress	"A perfect storm of economic crisis, disapproval for Presidential Bush, and a weak presidential candidate will tend to elevate Democrats' vote totals..."
October 22, 2008		After-School Programs	Institute for Education and Social Policy	Education	"An initiative to build after-school programs in NYC expanded public funding of such programs from \$23 million to nearly \$300 million from 1998 to 2008, a study has found."
October 22, 2008		Why Jews are Voting Obama	Berman Jewish Policy Archive at NYU Wagner	Presidential Politics	"There is some reason to believe that this election may see a narrowing of the traditional gap between Jews and other Americans in their vote for president."
October 21, 2008		Fed Blog: Light Fare	Paul Light, Faculty	Congress	"I had the pleasure of listening to Paul Light of New York University deliver the Bernard and Irene Schwartz Lecture on Congress at the Library of Congress yesterday, As always, he had a series of choice observations."
October 21, 2008		Don't Go Wobbly, Dems	Robert M. Shrum, Senior Fellow	Presidential Politics	"Perhaps for Democrats, the dark night of doubt is inevitable before victory dawns. But a study of the election state by state reveals McCain has a virtually impossible tight rope walk to victory while Obama has five or six different avenues to win—some of which are veritable boulevards. Not a single one of the states won by John Kerry in 2004 is even close."
October 21, 2008		Don't Go Wobbly, Dems	Robert M. Shrum, Senior Fellow	Presidential Politics	"Two weeks to go - time enough for one last case of Democratic wobbles and one last resort fueled by Republican desperation."
October 20, 2008		Poll: Jews Back Party More than Obama	Berman Jewish Policy Archive at NYU Wagner	Presidential Politics	"The support has less to do with the the presidential candidates' positions on issues or other factors, according to the report released Monday by the Berman Jewish Policy Archive at New York University's Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service."
October 20, 2008		Male Malaise (video)	Rogan Kersh, Associate Dean/ Faculty	Presidential Politics	"Unless there is an astonishing reversal of a 30-year trend, far fewer men than women will show up this year, both in real terms and a percentage of their gender."
October 20, 2008		McCain and Obama get ready for the White House	Paul Light, Faculty	Federal Transition	"I don't mean to be hysterical, but this is the toughest transition faced by any president since Lincoln."

October 17, 2008		McCain May Stumble With Focus on 'Joe the Plumber' (Update 2)	Rogan Kersh, Associate Dean/Faculty	Presidential Politics	"Rather than a game-changing blow for the McCain campaign, 'Joe the plumber' is turning into a bad case of blowback."
October 16, 2008		Cost is no object for two candidates eager to help	Jason Furman, Visiting Scholar	Presidential Politics	"Jason Furman, Mr Obama's economics director, estimates the latest round of proposals will take that up to \$175 billion over the next two years."
October 15, 2008		Debating the Pros and Cons of Term Limits	Mitchell Moss, Faculty	Presidency	"Limiting the power and terms of elected officials does one thing: it favors lobbying, campaign consultants and career bureaucrats."
October 15, 2008		Staggering to-do list awaits '08 winner	Paul Light, Faculty	Federal Transition	"We tend to remember that first 100 days of FDR's presidency. But that transition went on for six or seven years -- trying new things, trying to get the economy restarted, all sorts of maneuvering, and then finally things started to turn around."
October 15, 2008		State of Civil Service No Cause for Celebration	Paul Light, Faculty	Federal Service	"This weeks marks the 30th anniversary of the Civil Service Reform Act of 1978, but don't expect any gala celebrations. The Coalition for Effective Change, an organization of current and retired federal managers and professionals, did hold a forum...[with]... featured speaker Paul Light."
October 14, 2008		McCain's Unraveling Began with Palin (op-ed)	Robert M. Shrum, Senior Fellow	Presidential Politics	"The calculation was wrong on every count. ... Palin's obvious lack of competence has pushed a rising tide of moderate women and independents toward Obama. Palin can't even get through a Sunday talk show or a non-Fox network interview. She can do a fraction of the job of a running mate—read a speech—but the rest is beyond her."
October 14, 2008		No-Consequences Government, by Susan Eisenhower	Mitchell Moss, Faculty	Congress	"The [no] vote [on the bailout] is a reflection of a lack of political capital, not financial capital," NYU professor Mitchell Moss told the Washington Post on September 20.
October 14, 2008		Kaine Agary's Yellow-Yellow wins NLNG Prize	Kaine Agary, alumna	Culture	Kaine Agary has won this year's Nigeria Prize for Literature.
October 8, 2008		Queen calls for compassion at N.Y.U. leaders talk	Reynolds Program	Speaker Series Event	"A queen, a Buddhist lama and a rabbi joined forces recently at New York University's Skirball Center for the Performing Arts to enlist support for a world based on tolerance and peace and against violence and fundamentalism."
October 8, 2008		Making Reform Stick (op-ed)	Paul Light, Faculty	Congress	"Congress will never give another president the authority to abolish whole departments and agencies. But a more restrictive initiative-by-initiative renewal might allow action against specific targets such as the redesign of antiquated rules and the process for replacing the 600,000 civil servants who will retire during the next decade."

October 8, 2008		Let the Record Speak: McCain and Obama on Energy	Rogan Kersh, Associate Dean/Faculty	Congress	"Congress very cleverly protects its members by scheduling multiple votes on the same issue. Congress is deliberately structured to spare members painful votes that will hurt them with constituents back home. The leadership of both parties colludes with each other to help the members report a position to the broadest possible audience."
October 4, 2008		Dion, Fey a duo for odd time	Mitchell Moss, Faculty	Urban Studies	"That [list of most influential people] seems to be a real reflection of the times we live in."
October 2, 2008		How They Can Win	Robert M. Shrum, Senior Fellow	Presidential Politics	"Palin has her marching orders: Don't answer the question that's asked but shift to attacks on Obama, Biden, the Washington elite and the "Bridge to Nowhere." After debate camp, she probably has 15 or 20 such deflections in the can, an easier task than filling in her chasm of substantive knowledge. And she has always her value-oriented homilies to fall back on."
September 30, 2008		For Many Americans, Fear and Distrust Run High	Mitchell Moss, Faculty	Congress	"Their vote [on bailout bill] is a reflection of a lack of political capital, not of financial capital."
September 30, 2008		How to Run a Rescue (op-ed)	Paul Light, Faculty	Congress	"Here are 10 ideas Congress should consider to start building toward a more accountable bureaucracy."
September 30, 2008		Crippled Financial Industry may crimp downtown NYC	Mitchell Moss, Faculty	Urban Planning	"Lower Manhattan's future could rest on residential development, which has seen its populatino double to about 57,000 since 2001... said Mitchel Moss..."
September 29, 2009		Knock Wood, Cross Your Fingers and Don't Let Shrum Pay You a Compliment	Robert M. Shrum, Senior Fellow	Politics	"Tonight I think we know who the next president will be," Mr. Shrum wrote in a post debate column for the Huffington Post."
September 29, 2008		Preparing for the Great New York Earthquake	Rae Zimmerman, Faculty	Disaster Management	"This stuff was laid years ago. A lot of our transit infrastructure and water pipes are not flexible and a lot of the city is on sandy soil."
September 25, 2008		Jordan's queen talks leadership	Reynolds Program	Speaker Series Event	"The dialogue, sponsored by the Aspen Institute, was the first of a series featuring notable figures from around the world who have distinguished themselves in both secular and non-secular fields."
September 24, 2008		Call it Gall Street	Citizens Union forum	Speaker Series Event	"The morning after the massive \$85 billion AIG bailout, [NYC Comptroller] Thompson spoke to a Citizens Union forum at NYU's Wagner School."

September 22, 2008		To Love, Honor, Obey -- And Study Nursing	Anthony R. Kovner, Faculty	Nursing Program	"I wanted to be a manager, and I thought this would be a good way of learning at the frontline level."
September 22, 2008		Friends Mourn 'Scholar Activist'	Walter W. Stafford, Faculty	Appreciation	"A rigorous social science researcher, an impassioned striver for justice, a generous mentor and friend, a gentle, intellectual and modest man -- that was the Walter Stafford universally recalled by friends and colleagues last week after the NYU professors' death on September 13."
September 22, 2008		NY Working Class to be Hit Hard by Financial Crisis	NYU Wagner	Urban Planning	"Addressing a breakfast hosted by Citizens Union and NYU's Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service, Comptroller William Thompson Jr said, "That is the spirit of New York City. With every downturn...our city has rebounded stronger than before."
September 21, 2008		Goodbye, Wall Street! Hello, Public Service! (letter to the editor)	Ellen Schall, Dean	Social Change	"Many of our country's best and brightest young people are making bolder choices. They flock to Teach for America. They aspire to leadership in nonprofit organizations. They become policy entrepreneurs in government agencies. We can see and feel their determination to make a difference, to align their values with their work."
September 19, 2008		Bullish for Bloomberg	Dall Forsythe, Faculty	Economy	"What seem like relatively modest changes in the revenue base of the city or the state, like 2 percent here or there, end up having a very big impact in terms of the management of these organizations."
September 18, 2008		Charities Unprepared for Major Disaster, GAO Says	Paul Light, Faculty	Nonprofit Leadership	"A stronger infrastructure, supported by federal dollars, would help the Red Cross reassure donors that it will spend their contributions entirely on the catastrophe at hand."
September 18, 2008		Comptroller: NYC will outlast crisis	Citizens Union forum	Speaker Series Event	"If you cut services beyond a point, people will leave New York," he said. "In the mid-'70s, we laid off almost 40,000 people, and this city became unliveable. We can't do that again, so everything has to be done in balance."
September 17, 2008		Wall St. crisis spreads to real estate projects	Mitchell Moss, Faculty	Urban Planning	"Downtown Brooklyn may be saved by the current downturn. ...The idea it has to look like Lower Manhattan with office towers may not be attractive for Brooklyn or the 21st century economy."
September 17, 2008		Fiscal Crisis Sharpens Debate on Wisdom of Term Limits	Mitchell Moss, Faculty	Economy	"Bloomberg is uniquely situated to understand this crisis and to cope with it."
September 17, 2008		NY economy may not suffer as badly as thought	Mitchell Moss, Faculty	Economy	"When one of these firms goes under, it isn't like when a factory closes."

September 17, 2008		Thompson Tries to Reassure Retirees	Citizens Union forum	Speaker Series Event	"With every downturn ... our city has rebounded," Mr. Thompson said at a breakfast this morning at NYU's sponsored by the university's Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service and Citizens Union.
September 17, 2008		NY economy may not suffer as badly as thought	Mitchell Moss, Faculty	Urban Planning	"Ridgewood, NJ, Garden City, on Long Island. Darien and Greenwich, Connecticut....these are the communities that are going to feel it."
September 16, 2008		McCain, Republicans Have Twice as Much Cash as Obama	Rogan Kersh, Associate Dean/Faculty	Presidential Politics	"Obama's team has insisted, since the Republicans' 'Palin Convention' and accompanying Democratic hand-wringing, that they're sticking with their game plan. This fundraising report affirms that approach, and should help tamp down Democrats' alarmist cries."
September 16, 2008		The Lamplighter: Walter Stafford, 1940-2008	Walter W. Stafford, Faculty	Appreciation	"Walter Stafford, who died September 13, was one of those rare people you encounter in life that makes you a better person simply by knowing him."
September 16, 2008		Wall Street Troubles: Are they Too More to Bear?	Mitchell Moss, Faculty	Urban Planning	"There will be a decline in sales of Cristal, and a lot of high-end restaurants in the suburbs will get hurt, because the suburbs are where a lot of these finance guys live now, but this isn't a one-industry town."
September 16, 2008		City and State Brace for Greater Demands on Diminishing Resources	Mitchell Moss, Faculty	Urban Planning	"[The laid off bankers] will continue work, just for different kinds of entities."
September 16, 2008		Red Cross Asks Congress for Millions in Storm Aid	Paul Light, Faculty	Congress	"I think it may be the only way to deal with the current crisis. It's a risky gamble. . . . It's a particularly difficult time to go to Congress for money because it sounds like a bailout. They don't want to become the Bear Stearns of national charities."
September 15, 2008		NYU urban expert Walter Stafford, 68	Walter W. Stafford, Faculty	Obituary	"Stafford, 68, was known as one of the city's foremost analysts of the impact of urban policies on the poor."
September 13, 2008		Obama's Fundraising Machine Still Rolling as Campaign Stays Coy	Rogan Kersh, Associate Dean/Faculty	Presidential Politics	"The story of the Democratic primary was a superior on-the-ground Obama organization. This fundraising differential may mean we see that movie sequel in November."
September 12, 2008		Comptroller says NYC can handle rough economic times ahead	NYU Wagner	Municipal Finance	"...Thompson said, addressing a breakfast hosted by the Citizens Union and NYU's Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service
September 12, 2008		The Kids Love Obama -- But Will They Vote for Him?	Rogan Kersh, Associate Dean/Faculty	Age & Voting	"You might say you're going to vote, but something will happen; you'll oversleep, you'll have a test, you'll forget to register."
September 12, 2008		Two Views of Sarah Palin and Women of Color (op-ed)	C. Nicole Mason, Director of Women of Color Policy Network	Gender & Politics	"So, when I turned on the television and saw Palin speak about herself as the average working mom and woman trying to juggle it all, I couldn't relate. In her, I didn't see myself, my mother, my sister or even my next-door neighbor."
September 11, 2008		Profs analyze disaster language	Joe Magee, Faculty	Disaster Management	"It's not surprising that they failed so badly. This disconnect led to broken communication between different government agencies."

September 10, 2008		Road Ending for fed highway funds	Allison L.C. de Cerreno, Faculty	Transportation	"Our highways are no longer where they need to be. More and more workers commute from their homes in suburbs to offices in other suburbs. In the greater New York Metro region, the roads lead into the city."
September 9, 2008		Differences emerge between McCain and Obama	Jason Furman, Visiting Scholar	Presidential Elections	"Jason Furman, economic policy director to the Democratic candidate, yesterday said a Barack Obama administration would privatise those elements of Fannie and Freddie that could be better carried out by the private sector..."
September 9, 2008		Nachiket Mor: Revolutionizing Financial Services in Rural India	Financial Access Initiative	Microfinance	"Thanks to the NYU Microfinance Initiative and the NYU Financial Access Initiative for organizing and hosting the event last night."
September 8, 2008		The Republican's Lipstick Populism	Robert Shrum, Senior Fellow (op-ed)	Presidential Politics	"However much the Republican base hoots and whistles, Palin may not become their Miss November..."
September 4, 2008		New York Shows Improvement in Infant Mortality Numbers	Victor Rodwin, Faculty	Health	"In their conclusion, the authors -- a professor at New York University, Victor Rodwin, and a professor at Boston University, Leland Neuberg -- wrote: In stark contrast to Tokyo, Paris, and London, the association of income and infant mortality rate was strikingly evident in Manhattan."
September 1, 2008		The Improvisational McCain	Robert Shrum, Senior Fellow (op-ed)	Presidential Politics	"So instead, we have the sudden apparition of Sarah Palin."
September 1, 2008		Microfunding: How it Works (video)	Jonathan Morduch, Faculty	Microfinance	"It's very hard to be a small-scale entrepreneur in America. you have to deal with things like regulation and competition."
September 1, 2008		More Kindred Spirits	Mitchell Moss, Faculty	Market Urbanism	"Indeed, had the commission landmarked what is today called 'Nolita' (North of Little Italy), this entire neighborhood just east of Soho, with its interesting shops, wide array of eateries and bars, and other unusual places, probably wouldn't have sprung up when we weren't looking - at least not in the way that delights so many today."