

NYU Wagner In the Media: February 2009

Date	Media	Headline	Wagner Source	Discipline	Interview/Excerpt
February 26, 2009		Obama Taps Locke for Commerce post	Paul Light, Faculty	Presidential Politics	"This has been an absolutely terrible month for Obama's appointments machine. The whole thing has slowed to a subglacial speed."
February 24, 2009		NYU Professor honored by National Organization of Women	Irshad Manji, Visiting Scholar	Honors	"When I go to colleges around the world, not just in the United States, I'm surprised by how much self-censorship is inflicted on school ampuses. In our era of identity politics, it is especially important to speak truth to power."
February 20, 2009		To Op-Fed Page?	Paul Light & Rogan Kersh, Faculty	Politics	"Okay, so who? Well, the obvious candidate would be FedBlog's own Alyssa Rosenberg! (And that's how you make sure you get invited back.) But assuming she's unavailable, I think there are a few good candidates."
February 19, 2009		Light On Government	Paul Light, Faculty	Government	"I'm thinking that we are in an era of partisanship. And, you know what? I think it's okay. I'm not worried about it. I think that on big issues like we confront we have big fights. At the end of the day, elections are about who governs, and that is an issue of partisanship. If I were president Obama, I might back off on the rhetoric of post-partisanship."
February 18, 2009		Americans Hunker Down in Recession	Rogan Kersh, Associate Dean / Faculty	Recession	"In every economic downturn since the Great Depression, we see measurable increases in 'nesting' practices among Americans: eating at home more, buying more board games, renting more videos and so forth."
February 18, 2009		Obama Team Has Billions to Spend, but Few Ready to Do it	Paul Light, Faculty	Politics	"They were really fast in the first 100 meters, but this is a 10,000-meter process, and they've slowed down quite dramatically. I would have bet you the farm they'd break the recent record, but now they're on pace to become the slowest."
February 18, 2009		Recession ups U.S. demand for microloans	Jonathon Morduch, Faculty	Microfinance	"It's a lot easier to go to work for someone else, get health benefits and collect a salary. And starting a business can be especially hard in the United States because there's a lot of regulation you don't have in other places."

February 17, 2009		Report Predicts 'Significant Risks' to City's Climate	Rae Zimmerman, Faculty	New York City	"The task force to which the mayor referred comprises 38 city, state, and federal agencies, regional public authorities, and private companies that operate, maintain and regulate critical infrastructure in New York City."
February 17, 2009		Field General Obama (op-ed)	Robert M. Shrum, Senior Fellow	Presidential Politics	"Not since FDR has a new President achieved such far-reaching change as swiftly as Barack Obama. In office less than a month, he signs a \$787 billion emergency stimulus bill into law. And remarkably, almost everything he was criticized for during the battle contributed to his victory."
February 17, 2009		Good News for Fans of the Status Quo	NYU Wagner Presidential Transition Project	Presidential Transition	"By way of comparison on a few of these statistics, 39 of Bill Clinton's first 48 nominees (81 percent) were white and seven (15 percent) were African American; 75 percent were men. Of George W. Bush's 28 first nominees, 22 were white (79 percent) and only 14 percent were women."
February 14, 2009		Does nobody want to take money from the poor?	Jonathon Morduch, Faculty	Microfinance	"The trouble with living on two dollars a day is that you don't actually get two dollars a day. One day you might get five, then nothing for the next three days. Income is unpredictable. Outgoings, too, are irregular. Emergencies crop up. Under the circumstances, the most basic financial product, such as an easy-access savings account, would be invaluable."
February 11, 2009		Jobs, Jobs, Everywhere, but...	NYU Wagner Presidential Transition Project	Employment	"At its third week, the Bush team had 22 announced candidates, 16 of them officially nominated and all 16 confirmed. The Clinton administration had 44 announced candidates and 23 nominees, 22 of them confirmed."
February 10, 2009		Ford, Centex Would Win Under Senate's Stimulus Bill	Rogan Kersh, Associate Dean / Faculty	Stimulus Package	"In a bill this big, there are countless private-sector winners and losers."
February 9, 2009		Obama Campaigns Outside Washington to Win Insiders	Rogan Kersh, Associate Dean / Faculty	Presidential Politics	"Obama is hoping similarly to move inside-Beltway opinion by arousing constituents outside."

February 9, 2009		Obama Courts Public Support for Economic Stimulus Plan	Rogan Kersh, Associate Dean / Faculty	Stimulus Package	"These are elected officials. They listen to their constituents. And that helped Reagan get his tax cut through. It was known as the velvet steamroller plan after that, so successful was he."
February 6, 2009		President's Stimulus Plan Tests Power of Persuasion	Paul Light, Faculty	Stimulus Package	"Obama wants a different politics, but the system of a bill becoming a law hasn't changed. The House vote suggests he may not yet understand the institutional checks and balances that limit a president's salesmanship."
February 4, 2009		For Obama, nominee's exits take off some of the glow	Paul Light, Faculty	Presidential Politics	"At first, I thought this was a vetting problem, but now I think it's hubris — that they somehow think they're so powerful and so popular that the normal rules don't apply."
February 3, 2009		The Future of New York City	mitchell Moss, Faculty	New York City	"From Wall Street through Silicon Alley; from Times Square to Columbus Circle; the New York City economy is on shaky ground."
February 3, 2009		Brademas Center report proposes solutions for Congress	Rogan Kersh, Associate Dean / Faculty	Congress	"We know we face serious shortfalls in Medicare and Medicaid in the frighteningly near future. The fundamental mission of the Brademas Center is to diagnose and find ways to improve upon how Congress operates."
February 2, 2009		The Nomination Express, Stuck in First Gear	NYU Wagner Presidential Transition Project	Presidential Politics	"This process is very balky. It's not elastic. It only can tolerate so many people at a time."
February 2, 2009		New York legislature hires one of their big critics	Charles Brecher, Faculty	Politics	"The leaders play a dominant role. They set the agenda and they control the resources. In the end, there are three men in a room who decide."

<p>February 1, 2009</p>	 <p>DAILY NEWS NYDAILYNEWS.COM</p>	<p>A Foreclosure Freeze Would Ease Their Fears</p>	<p>Furman Center</p>	<p>Economics</p>	<p>"13 of the 15 city zip codes with the highest rates of foreclosures are in that borough. From January to September of last year, 5,482 Queens properties received foreclosure notices."</p>
<p>February 1, 2009</p>	 <p>The New York Times</p>	<p>Daschle Knew of Tax Issues Over Car Use Last June</p>	<p>Paul Light, Faculty</p>	<p>Politics</p>	<p>"Speed may have been the enemy of thoroughness in the Obama process. "</p>
<p>February 1, 2009</p>	 <p>USBanker Beyond Business as Usual</p>	<p>Microfinance: Ready for Its Big Leap?</p>	<p>jonathan Morduch, Faculty</p>	<p>Microfinance</p>	<p>"Strong microfinance companies in south India add one customer every 10 minutes. For most American MFIs, getting 100 new customers a year is really good. It will never be the big phenomenon here that it is elsewhere."</p>

