



The experts at CALS were highly sought-after in August for their perspectives and research on the world's most urgent matters, like climate change, human health and both economic and natural ecosystems.

Food & Energy Systems



NPR: "Issues Threatening Seabirds Could Extend to the Lobster Industry"
08.07.2017

Jennifer Seavey, Shoals Marine Lab, monitors tern populations and explains how lobstermen rely on the same fish that these birds favor.

The Washington Post: "Why Our Schools Can't Get Kids to Eat Healthy"
08.24.2017

David Just, Dyson School, describes the extra fruits and vegetables children consume as having a positive benefit, even if the amount is small. Also in High Plains Public Radio.

The Hill: "Farm Bill Pays High Dividends for People and the Environment"
08.10.2017

Amanda Rodewald, natural resources, writes that the bill ensures the maintenance of critical ecosystem services that support human health.

Press & Sun Bulletin: "Growing Beer Industry Leads to Farming Boom"
08.23.2017

Gary Bergstrom, School of Integrative Plant Science (SIPS), and Steve Miller of Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) on how CALS is taking steps to help future farmers.

Social Sciences



Times Higher Education: "Is Self-Promotion Hurting Scholarship?"
08.17.2017

Brooke Duffy, communication, writes that we ought to be critical of the self-commodification that can come from self-promotion, and how scholars must be sure that being well-marketed is not a substitute for high-quality research.

Working Mother Magazine: "How to Get What You Want at Work Without Being Labeled 'Bossy'"
08.11.2017

Deborah Streeter, Dyson School, provides suggestions for women in the workplace and then reframes the discussion by asking what rungs of the ladder women may be missing as they climb in their career.

Growing Produce: "New York Growers' Input Needed on Apple Tree Decline"
08.01.2017

Dan Donahue and Tess Grasswitz of CCE describe the chronic decline of apple trees and suggest that it is citizen science—input from everyday growers—that can help them investigate the rapid collapse of apple trees in young, high-density plantings.

Life Sciences



The Washington Post: "This Part of Your Morning Routine Could Be Causing Your Afternoon Sugar Craving"
08.29.2017

Robin Dando, food science, has found that caffeine can affect the way we perceive sweetness and may make us crave sweets more strongly. Also in Gizmodo, HuffPost, Men's Fitness, New York Post and many others.

CNN: "Seven Filthy Food Habits and How Dirty They Really Are"
08.10.2017

Randy Worobo, food science, discusses the 5-second rule and how it really depends on the cleanliness of the surface.

Popular Mechanics: "The Zombie Starfish Detectives"
08.01.2017

Ian Hewson, microbiology, discusses his research on diseases that afflict starfish and how it can be applied to ones that affect humans.

San Francisco Chronicle: "Viticulturists and Scientists Battle Latest Vineyard Virus: Red Blotch"
08.09.2017

Marc Fuchs, SIPS, details how red blotch hurts grapes and how it alters flavors in wine, as well as how the virus might have infected vines over the last two decades.

Environmental Sciences



USA Today: "Hurricane Harvey and Climate Change: Is There a Connection?"
08.29.2017

Art DeGaetano and Charles Greene, earth and atmospheric sciences, provide expert analysis on Hurricane Harvey for various outlets, including the Albany Times Union, HuffPost and many others.

NPR: "The Sod of Music"
08.02.2017

Frank Rossi, SIPS, describes how grass, being a pioneer species, uses its energy to actually build the soil around it.

Discover Magazine: "Look Down, Look All Around During the Total Solar Eclipse"
08.07.2017

Mario Pesendorfer, Lab of Ornithology, explains how the solar eclipse could affect birds by causing them to return to their nests or take advantage of prey differently.

Albany Times Union: "Letter: Significant Findings About Health of Bees"
08.03.2017

Scott McArt, entomology, fact checks the Times Union on three significant findings related to honeybee health.