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## Faculty News

- SPGS professor Valerie Mueller was interviewed by USA Today on how climate change may affect Mexican immigration to the United States. [Read here](#).
- The Nation interviews SPGS professor Jennet Kirkpatrick, author of *The Virtues of Exit* on the topic of giving up. [Read here](#).
- SPGS professor Mark Von Hagen will be giving [The Annual Cambridge Stasuik Lecture in Contemporary Ukrainian Studies](#) on February 23rd at the University of Cambridge.
- Sheldon Simon, "US-Southeast Asian Relations: Abandoning Leadership" *Comparative Connections: A Triennial E-Journal of East Asian Bilateral Relations*, January 2018 (in press) 15 pages. (Pacific Forum/Center for Strategic and International Studies)



## ASU ranks 5th in political science research expenditures in consecutive years

Every year the National Science Foundation (NSF) conducts its Higher Education Research and Development Survey (HERD). For the second year in the row, ASU's political science research

expenditures ranked fifth out of 480 schools.

"The faculty within the school are doing a fantastic job of advancing research that links theory with real-world issues," SPGS Director Cameron Thies said, "I am glad to see the innovative work that they are doing is being recognized by a variety of funding agencies."

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## ASU School of Politics and Global Studies director elected ISA president

Cameron G. Thies, professor and director of ASU's School of Politics and Global Studies, has been elected president of the International Studies Association (ISA).

"This is a huge honor to serve an association that has shaped my academic career since the first meeting I attended as a graduate student in 1998," Thies said. "I hope to use the presidency to continue to give back as much as I have received from the association through the years."

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## ASU senior wins prestigious Marshall Scholarship

Marshall Scholar, Frank Smith III, is an ASU senior majoring in political science and public policy, finds his passion for working on behalf of foster children.

"I always knew the numbers were against me, but I also knew it could be different. I definitely don't think I would be here without the teachers and mentors who believed in me, and I'm grateful," he said. "I want to be a role model for foster children and show them they can hope for something better and achieve it."

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## ASU graduate combines his passions for policy and energy

A student of both political science and industrial engineering, Antonio Joan has been utilizing his studies and the many opportunities provided at ASU, such as the Capital Scholars program, to wed his two interest.

"I realized in my first week [at ASU] that this is the place. I'm on the right track."

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