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## Faculty News

- Congrats to SPGS professors David Siroky and Michael Hechter for being awarded the 2018 Deil S. Wright Best Paper Award from the Federalism and Intergovernmental Relations section of the American Political Science Association for their paper, "The Limits of Indirect Rule: Containing Nationalism in Corsica" (co-authored with Sean Mueller of Berne and Andre Fazi of Corsica). The award will be presented at the APSA conference in Boston, August 31, 2018.
- SPGS professor Michael Hechter's article, "[Norms in the Evolution of Social Order](#)" was just published in SOCIAL RESEARCH: AN INTERNATIONAL QUARTERLY, 85, 1 (Spring 2018), 23-51.
- SPGS professors Reed Wood and Thorin Wright as well as ASU postdoctoral research associate Rebecca Cordell, UGA's K. Chad Clay and Michigan's Christopher J. Fariss released an article titled "[How Does the Trump Administration Think about Human Rights? Evidence from the State Department Country Reports](#)". All authors are working together as part of the Sub-National Analysis of Repression Project (SNARP), funded by the National Science Foundation.



## ASU alumna reflects on path to D.C.

Political science alumna Caroline Nielson Decker, who graduated in the class of 1992, felt that Arizona State University gave her a deep appreciation for our system of government, the legislative process and how business and public policy are interconnected.

“As a political science major, there were so many classes that piqued my interest in the political process and public policy and I am grateful to have had so many outstanding professors and dedicated faculty members that encouraged me and inspired me in my studies,” Decker said..

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## Student discovers redemption and freedom at ASU

After struggling during his college years in Iran, recent ASU graduate, Khashayar “Shay” Khatiri, found his passion in political science and made the move to the United States.

“There are kids like me who have failed way too many times to be trusted with another opportunity again, but ASU still would trust that nobody’s beyond redemption.

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## Clear conviction of a second kind

Candidates running for political office have typically been expected to keep their noses clean and offer voters a crime-free reputation. Those days seem to be behind us.

To better understand how and why these tainted office-seekers are running, ASU Now turned to Stefanie A. Lindquist, deputy provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, and Foundation Professor of law and political science at Arizona State University..

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## ASU alum uses background in politics, philosophy to drive creativity

ASU alumna Amanda Prah, utilized her diverse education in political science, literature and dramatic writing to create her original musical, "Til Death."

"As an undergrad, I was able to draw on my knowledge of politics and philosophy to enhance my creative pursuits, and my creative and literary knowledge made me better at understanding human nature, which is the core of politics, law and philosophy," Prah said.

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