Dean honors ASU alumnus with Social Science Distinguished Alumnus Award

ASU political science alumnus Mark Kerrigan was the recipient of the inaugural Social Science Distinguished Alumnus Award that will be given out annually by Dean Elizabeth Wentz. The award is given to an alumnus from the social sciences who personifies the ASU Charter by significant contributions to society, business and commerce and in their communities.

"Mark Kerrigan is an ASU political science alum who has been involved in advancing the interests of the social sciences broadly including alumni involvement, research and student support, and advancing proofs of concept for bold ideas," shared Dean Wentz. "He is more than deserving of distinguished alumni recognition."

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SPGS partners with McCain Institute to offer master’s degree in Washington

The School of Politics and Global Studies has partnered with the McCain Institute to offer the Master of Arts in international affairs and leadership degree in Washington D.C.

Ambassador Edward B. O'Donnell, professor of practice with SPGS and program director of the new MA, offered insight into ASU’s new degree:

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ASU student pursues interests with Washington, DC, internship

The Capital Scholars program provided ASU student Vi Ho the opportunity to intern for the National Endowment for the Arts in Washington D.C. which was the perfect intersection for her two areas of study: architecture and political science.

"I am eternally grateful," Ho said. "It was an experience I wouldn’t have traded for anything."
Former Air Force commander uses experience to impart wisdom to students

Jeff Kubiak, co-director of the ASU Online global security master's degree program with the School of Politics and Global Studies, shares his experience as an Air Force commander to impart wisdom to students.

Read the Q&A from ASU Now which is part of a series of articles focusing on military veterans who are part of ASU's faculty:

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ASU expert on Argentina presidential election

On October 27th 2019, Argentina held its presidential election. To the shock of many, the conservative incumbent Mauricio Macri (2015-2019) lost to center-left opposition candidate Alberto Fernández.

After spending part of the 2018 summer in Argentina, School of Politics and Global Studies instructor Charles G. Ripley, a Latin American specialist, observes that the surprising presidential loss should not have been that surprising.

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Faculty News


- Associate Professor Magda Hinojosa present her co-authored work (with Kendall Funk and Jennifer Piscopo) entitled Women to the Rescue: The Gendered Effects of Public Discontent on Legislative Nominations in Latin America at a conference organized by the Latin American Public Opinion Project. "The Public and Democracy in the Americas," was hosted by the Universidad de Los Andes in Bogotá, Colombia on October 25-26, 2019.

- On October 24, University Professor Craig Calhoun gave the keynote lecture, "Humanity, Social Transformation, and the Very Possibility of a Global Future" at the second symposium in the Planetary Management Symposium Series: Agents of Change: Futures of Hope, Futures of Concern hosted by ASU's Global Futures Laboratory.

- Professor Miki Kittilson was awarded the Dean's Fellowship in The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences for 2019-20.


- Professor of Practice Candace Rondeaux wrote an article in World Politics Review titled
“Trump’s Syria Exit Destroyed the Slim Chances of Brokering an End to the War” and released a report with New America titled "Decoding the Wagner Group: Analyzing the Role of Private Military Security Contractors in Russian Proxy Warfare."

- Working with Benjamin Fong of Barrett Honors College, Craig Calhoun co-organized the conference: The Green New Deal and the Future of Work in America on November 1 - 2. This was well-attended with excellent discussions.

- Professor Keith Brown wrote an article in Slate titled “What a 150-Year-Old Gun Tells Us About the End of Colt’s AR-15”.

- Ajit Maan, Professor of Practice with SPGS, will be speaking at the Nov 13 and 14 Cyber Beacon Conference "Preparing for Disruption" hosted by the National Defense University College of Information and Cyberspace on the NDU campus on Fort McNair.

- University Professor Craig Calhoun presented a keynote speech on “Saving Solidarity” at the Centre for the Study of Ethnicity and Citizenship - Twentieth Anniversary Conference at the University of Bristol, England on November 8 – 10.

- Professor of Practice Daniel Rothenberg was on Telemundo Arizona talking about the al-Baghdadi raid on October 27th and was a guest on Mike O'Neil’s KTAR Radio “Think Tank” talking about U.S. Syria and regional policy which also aired on October 27th.

- Craig Calhoun will present a paper entitled “Resonance and the Contradictions of Modernity” at a Northwestern University conference on the work of Hartmut Rosa, on November 13.