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Faculty News

- The Center for Latina/os & American Politics Research [held an event with speaker Adrian Fontes, Maricopa County Recorder](#) on February 7th. Fontes discussed managing local elections in one of the largest voting jurisdictions in the country.
- SPGS Associate Professor Magda Hinojosa was featured by USAID in honor of International Women's Day in a piece titled [Celebrating Women in Science](#).
- Keith Brown has joined the Board of the Association for Slavic, Eurasian and East European Studies as representative of the Council of Institutional Members, for a three-year term through the close of December 2021.
- University Professor Craig Calhoun has been named to the jury for the A.Sk Prize in Social Science, administered by the WZB (Berlin Social Science Center). In alternate years the jury selects junior fellows and recipients of the A.SK Social Sciences Award 2019, for which the jury has just met, and which will be formally awarded in September.
- SPGS Associate Professor Victor Peskin had a co-authored article published in The Washington Post blog, The Monkey Cage: ["Guaidó backed an amnesty plan for Venezuela's military. How might that play out?"](#).
- On February 8th SPGS hosted a [Kopf Conference](#) titled ["Diversity in the Judiciary: Does it Matter for Democratic Inclusion, Representation or Inequalities"](#). This conference examined how diversity on courts may impact judicial processes, social and economic inequalities and public opinion in the U.S. and around the world.
- Multiple SPGS faculty members were listed in the *PS: Political Science & Politics* article ["The Political Science 400: With Citation Counts by Cohort, Gender, and Subfield"](#)

including: Michael Hechter, Sheldon Simon and Reed Wood.



ASU alumna returns to campus as distinguished guest

Sarah Allen Gershon, who graduated from Arizona State University with a PhD in political science in 2008, is this year's Distinguished Alumni Speaker for the School of Politics and Global Studies. Being back on campus last week to present her work was a surreal experience for Gershon.

"More than anything I'm grateful that I'm a part of this community and I'm grateful that I get to come back and see all of them. It's a wonderful thing to be here."

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Turning trauma into hope for Arizona's DACA recipients

Reyna Montoya, an SPGS and School of Transborder Studies alumna, moved to Arizona after violence forced her family to leave Tijuana, Mexico at the age of 10. Eager to join the fight to help undocumented people like her and she founded the advocacy network Aliento.

"Going to ASU and meeting other 'Dreamers,' it really made me feel less alone," she said. "There is so much hope and resilience in young people, I want this to be the place they're reminded they have the power to change the things they don't like."

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Harvard Professor explains to ASU crowd why Congress may do a better job of listening to voters than we realize

Faculty and students gathered in the Memorial Union for the annual Victor Kramer Lecture sponsored by Pi Sigma Alpha the National Political Science Honors Society. The Kramer Lecture featured Professor Stephen Ansolabehere, the Frank G. Thompson Professor of Government and Director of the American Politics Program at Harvard University.

Professor Ansolabehere's lecture "Representation and Accountability, the Constituent's Perspective" discussed his ongoing research showing a consistent link between what people want from government and what legislators do on key votes within the U.S. Congress. He also showed that more competitive legislative districts often result in poorer representation since members of Congress are forced to represent more heterogeneous constituencies.

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ASU student puts global studies major into action

Karina Alonso, a global studies senior at ASU, decided to study abroad in Thailand not only to immerse herself in a new culture but also to see how subjects taught in the classroom played out in real life.

“Having the ability to apply what we’re learning in class to real life was truly an extraordinary experience,” Alonso said.

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