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E-NEWSLETTER



The College honors outstanding academic achievement with 2019 Dean’s Medals

Congrats to Ryan Tenty for receiving the Dean’s Medal for the School of Politics and Global Studies for fall 2019!

“Ryan was identified by Professor Gina Woodall for this special program, and worked with her on coding and data analysis on a project examining the use of Twitter in the classroom, which she has co-authored with Professor Tara Lennon,” said Magda Hinojosa, an associate director of undergraduate studies and associate professor in the School of Politics and Global Studies.

[Learn more about Tenty and the other Dean’s Medalists from The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.](#)



Death of Iranian general is a key moment in history, says ASU professor

For answers about what could happen to the U.S. and Iran after the killing of Qasem Soleimani by U.S. forces, ASU Now turned to SPGS Professor of Practice Daniel Rothenberg, who co-directs the ASU Center on the Future of War.

Here are 5 things to know: [Read more.](#)



How the rise in youth populations is affecting rural Africa

Record population growth is causing concerns among African governments for widespread youth unemployment in the coming years. However, is this issue really a youth problem?

The recent book titled "Youth and jobs in rural Africa: Beyond stylized facts" by The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Assistant Professor Valerie Mueller and development economist James Thurlow takes a deeper look.

Mueller, who is part of the School of Politics and Global Studies, spoke with ASU Now about a few takeaways from their research: [Read more.](#)



Alumnus uses political science degree as springboard to multifaceted career

For School of Politics and Global Studies alumnus Alex Witherill, a break from school to spend six months in Europe offered the long view he needed to jump-start his studies in political science and forge a career.

“I remember thinking that I had to do it right then — I wanted to have that experience so I could come back to school more engaged and with more perspective.”

[Read more.](#)



ASU student awarded fellowship to study abroad at University of Ottawa

Congrats to Bianca Navia, a junior with The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences pursuing a double major in political science and global studies, for being awarded a Killam Fellowship to the University of Ottawa for 2019-20.

“As a Killam Fellow, I want to gain a more in-depth look at Canada’s Private Sponsorship of Refugees program, as well as volunteer in my local Ottawa community to aid in Canadian

refugee resettlement efforts," Navia said.

[Read more.](#)

Faculty News

- The School of Politics and Global Studies is pleased to announced the official approval of our new online M.A. in Political Psychology. We will enroll our first class in Fall of 2020. More information to come.
- Foundation Professor Michael Hechter's latest book, [Rational Choice Sociology: Essays on Theory, Collective Action and Social Order](#) has recently been published by Edward Elgar.
- SPGS Assistant Professors Valerie Mueller and Glenn Sheriff co-authored "[Temporary migration and climate variation in eastern Africa](#)" in *World Development*, Volume 126, February 2020, 104704.
- SPGS Assistant Professor James Strickland recently published an article in the *American Journal of Political Science* titled "[The Declining Value of Revolving-Door Lobbyists: Evidence from the American States.](#)"
- Professor of Practice Candace Rondeaux wrote an article with *Business Insider* titled "[How Putin benefits from rising tensions between the US and Iran](#)".
- Check out the recent opinion article from School of Politics and Global Studies political science MA alumna, Jacquelyn Schneider in the New York Times titled "[It's Time to Calibrate Fears of a Cyberwar With Iran](#)". Schneider is currently a Hoover Fellow at The Hoover Institution.
- Professor of Practice David Kilcullen wrote an article with *The Australian* titled "[New Rules for an Old War](#)".
- Professor of Practice Jeffrey Kubiak is speaking at a lunch event hosted by the Phoenix Committee on Foreign Relations on January 22nd at 11:30am. Register for the event titled "[US-Iran Conflict: Multi-level, Multi-player Game of Chess \(and Other Games\)](#)".
- Professor of Practice Daniel Rothenberg's recent media appearances related to the U.S. killing by drone of Maj. Gen. Qassim Soleimani and the related national security implications:
 - [Iranian American in Glendale says Soleimani's death brings conflicting emotions](#)
 - [PBS Arizona Horizon show 1-06-2020 Iran, legislature, Native American Health Care](#)
 - [AZ expert says America's next steps against Iran are crucial](#)
 - [What to know about escalating tensions with Iran, and the potential for cyberattacks](#)

- University Professor Craig Calhoun presented in the session *A Quarter Century with Public Religions in the Modern World* on November 21, 2019 at the Social Science History Association’s annual meeting held in Chicago, IL.
- University Professor Craig Calhoun attended the Mastercard Foundation conference, Strengthening Higher Education in Africa in Kigali, Rwanda November 25 – 26, 2019.
- University Professor Craig Calhoun spoke at the celebration of 10th Anniversary of the Einstein Foundation in Berlin, Germany, December 2, 2019.

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