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New master's program trains students to understand motivations in politics

The ASU Department of Psychology and the School of Politics and Global Studies have joined forces to develop the NEW online master's degree in political psychology.

Political psychology focuses on decision-making and the psychological factors behind politics, such as group dynamics, conflict, leadership and understanding beliefs and motivation.

Learn more about the new master's degree through this ASU Now Q&A with program faculty: [Read more.](#)

Visit the Political Psychology M.A. degree page



ASU grad recognizes value in every opportunity

U.S. Army veteran Derek Duba will be graduating with a BA in political science from The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences this May. During his time as a transfer student at Arizona State University he participated in competitive programs like Junior Fellows and the Arizona Legislative and Government Internship Program.

“As graduation rapidly approaches, I count myself very fortunate to be surrounded by such capable and caring advisers and advocates,” Duba said.

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ASU professor awarded the Innovative Campaign to Further Mission

Homeland Security Today has awarded Ajit Maan, SPGS professor of practice, the award for Innovative Campaign to Further Mission in her work as the founder and CEO of the think-and-do-tank Narrative Strategies.

Maan, who joined ASU in fall 2019 as a faculty member for the MA in global security program, teaches courses on narrative and conflict.

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Saluting public service

April 7 was National Service Recognition Day, an effort to recognize the positive impact of public service and to thank those who have served.

Linked below, members of the Arizona State University community, including SPGS alumnus Akshai Patel, talk about their experience and how public service programs have influenced their own lives and trajectories.

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Faculty News

- Professor Mark D. Ramirez's new book, *[Ignored Racism: White Animus toward Latinos](#)*, is being published by Cambridge University Press and is available for pre-orders on [Amazon](#).
- Professor Okey Iheduru received the 2020 [Carnegie Corporation of New York African Diaspora Fellowship Program](#) (CADFP) award in April 2020. Dr. Iheduru will be working with Veritas University (Catholic University of Nigeria) in Abuja, Nigeria to co-develop the curriculum for their new master's degree programs in Strategic Leadership and Homeland Security Studies; and Conflict Resolution Studies. [Read the full release.](#)
- Foundation Professor Kim Fridkin and Dean Patrick Kenny co-authored an article with two SPGS PhD students (Manuel Gutierrez and Alexandra Williams) and two SPGS 4+1 students (Bartia Cooper and Ryan Deutsch). The article, "[Measuring Emotional Responses to Negative Commercials: A Comparison of Two Methods](#)", was published in the *Political Research Quarterly* online in April 2020.

- Associate Professor Victor Peskin co-authored an article published in *Foreign Policy* on the current political crisis in Kosovo titled "[Trump Is Stirring Chaos in Kosovo at the Worst Possible Time](#)".
- SPGS Associate Professor Thorin Wright and Reed Wood from the University of Essex gauge the impact of pandemics on political violence in this *Political Violence At A Glance* piece titled "[Pandemics and Political Violence](#)".
- Professor Calhoun virtually attended and gave the keynote speech *Are Digital Futures Choice or Fate?* at the [Social Justice and the Remaking of Technological Cultures](#) on April 3, 2020. This international symposium – the launch symposium for the [Center on Digital Culture and Society](#) - aimed to foster conversations around new ways of thinking about digital technology and society.
- Associate Professor Jennet Kirkpatrick and Professor of Practice Daniel Rothenberg were selected as a Faculty Fellows for the Luce-funded research project "[Recovering Truth: Religion, Journalism, and Democracy in a Post-Truth Era](#)". Anand Gopal, SPGS Assistant Research Professor is a co-PI on the project.
- On April 19th, Showtime aired "[The Longest War](#)," a documentary feature about the Afghan War with an emphasis on the CIA's role. It was produced by Peter Bergen, co-director of the Center on the Future of War, along with Tresha Mabile, and directed by Greg Barker, a former ASU Future Security Fellow at New America. It also features former New America president Steve Coll and ASU professor David Kilcullen, while highlighting New America's research on drones. The film's executive producers are Alex Gansa and Howard Gordon, the creators and producers of "Homeland."
- Working with New America, the Center on the Future of War prepares and publishes the [New America/ASU Coronavirus Daily Brief](#) which presents an overview of major news stories and information on the global coronavirus crisis. As of, April 20, they have over 16,500 subscribers.

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