ASU professor helps students make their own mark

Congrats to Richard Herrera – an associate professor with the School of Politics and Global Studies - who is being honored with the Faculty Teaching Achievement Award at this year's Founders' Day! This accomplishment has given him a chance to reflect on his time at ASU and the impact he's made on his students and colleagues within SPGS.

"As someone who had Rick as a professor, mentor, administrator, co-director and colleague, I can say with 100% certainty that he left an indelible mark on our school, on thousands of students' lives, and in the lives of his colleagues and, thus, is very deserving of such an award," said SPGS senior lecturer Gina Woodall.

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ASU alumna lets people be a part of the solution

Congratulations to School of Politics and Global Studies alumna Karrin Taylor Robson who is being honored with the Alumni Achievement Award at Founders’ Day on Feb. 25th!

“The people who have received this award in the past I hold in the highest esteem,” shared Taylor Robson. “The professional accomplishments and personal stories are phenomenal, so to be in that group of people is humbling.”

Learn more about Taylor Robson’s time at Arizona State University, her career in law and her experience with being on the Arizona Board of Regents:

Read more.

Legislative duo reflects on ASU experience, path to state politics

For husband-and-wife legislative duo Arizona Sen. Juan Mendez and Rep. Athena Salman, Arizona State University was more than just an academic incubator: It was where the couple first met, and it marked the beginning of their political careers.

The two first met in college when Salman gave a presentation to the ASU Young Democrats, of
which Mendez was a member.

"Afterwards, I had the happenstance of sitting next to him, and was really impressed by all the cool questions he was asking me about the projects I was working on," said Salman.

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ASU student pursues her passion for global politics in DC

After Professor Okechukwu Iheduru’s “African Politics and Society” class sparked a desire to learn more about the country, School of Politics and Global Studies student Maya Perez went on to pursue an internship with the Corporate Council on Africa (CCA) in Washington, D.C while participating in the Policy Design Studio and Internship Program through the McCain Institute.

"I am so grateful to be doing something I love," said Perez, “There is so much to gain from being exposed to an environment like D.C.”

Read more.

Faculty News

- SPGS Senior Lecturers Tara Lennon and Gina Woodall represented the school at ASU’s Day at the Capitol. They are featured on our Facebook page along with SPGS alumna Jenna Lyon with a group of interns and Senate Pages.

- On January 22, 2020, University Professor Craig Calhoun gave the keynote address Global Economic Transformation and the Future of Higher Education at the Association of American Colleges and Universities’ (AACU) Annual Pre-meeting Forum for the 2020 Annual Meeting Shaping the Future of Higher Education: An Invitation to Lead that took place in Washington DC. The Forum was presented by Lingnan (University) College of Sun Yat-sen University.
On January 24 Keith Brown presented to the Phoenix Wiseguise on "The Global in the Local: what Macedonian villagers can teach us about geopolitics."

Narrative Strategies, the think-and-do-tank founded by SPGS Professor of Practice Ajit Maan, won an award from Homeland Security Today titled: "Most Innovative Campaign to Forward Mission".

SPGS Professor of Practice Peter Bergen wrote the following for CNN:

- "Trump faces revolt of the generals"
- "Exclusive: More drawings allege CIA’s horrific treatment of Abu Zubaydah"
- "What Trump’s reality show speech revealed"

February 13 Keith Brown was interviewed on KJZZ's The Show on the continued spread of conspiracy theories and increasing concerns about violent extremism.

On February 13, SPGS Professor of Practice Daniel Rothenberg spoke about “Drones and War” to the AZ chapter of the Association of Former Intelligence Officers in Scottsdale, AZ, a group of former officers from the CIA, NSA, military intelligence, etc. as part of a general Center on the Future of War/SPGS community outreach.

University Professor Craig Calhoun participated in the first meeting of the International Science Council’s (ISC) Committee for Science Planning (CSP) in Paris, France on January 29, 2020.

On February 28, Keith Brown will participate in An Executive Analytic Exchange on the Republic of North Macedonia for US Ambassador Kate Marie Byrnes.

On February 10, New America published a white paper by Douglas Ollivant, Future of War Fellow at New America, and Erica Gaston on proxy competition in Iraq, which is part of the joint ASU/New America Proxy War Project.