ASU professors provide perspectives on the Capitol insurrection
Last month, the world watched as the U.S. Capitol was stormed by rioters seeking to block the certification of the 2020 presidential election.

On Feb. 11, a panel of faculty from the School of Politics and Global Studies met to discuss the causes and consequences of the Jan. 6 Capitol insurrection and the rise of antidemocratic violence in the U.S.

Watch the full roundtable event.

ASU global studies alum pursues career as a foreign service officer

Growing up in Albuquerque, New Mexico, within a community of people from all over the world, ASU global studies alumna Mariam Mead Yaqub felt drawn to cultural exchange from a young age.

In December 2020, four years after applying with the U.S. Department of
State, she received her first overseas posting as a foreign service officer in Canberra, Australia.

“It was incredibly exciting and also a little surreal, to have such a long-anticipated goal come to fruition.”

4 ASU students win prestigious U.S. Department of State fellowships

Three recent graduates and a senior at Arizona State University have won prestigious fellowships offered by the U.S. Department of State. A special congratulations to those from the School of Politics and Global Studies!

Global studies alum Tatum James has been awarded the Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Program Fellowship. Additionally, political science senior Cameron Vega and global studies alum Claudia Rivera Garcia have been awarded the Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowship.
ASU alumna awarded prestigious fellowships abroad

Alumna Tatum James has a busy year ahead of her, from an internship in Washington, D.C., to a teaching assistantship in North Macedonia. It’s all a part of her plan to become a foreign service officer working abroad as a diplomat representing the United States.

James credits her time at ASU for fostering her curiosity about the diverse cultures in the world around her.

“I learned so much about embracing other cultures and perspectives,” she said. “I came from what felt like a really small town, so being around such multiculturalism completely opened my mind and challenged my preexisting beliefs.”
Other News

Drs. Rodney Hero, Narayani Lasala-Blanco, Angie Bautista-Chavez, Angel Molina, and Ms. Celina Daniel organized PRIEC, the Politics of Race, Immigration, and Ethnicity Consortium Conference on January 22, 2021. The purpose of PRIEC is to showcase work-in-progress on racial/ethnic politics and the politics of immigration. The Center for Latina/os and American Politics Research (CLAPR) developed a PRIEC Conference with a special focus on institutions. The meeting included 33 presenters, and over 55 participants attended.

Assistant Professor Narayani Lasala-Blanco and Postdoctoral Research Scholar Angie Bautista-Chavez organized a panel at the PRIEC meeting, titled: "Bringing Latinx Politics and Institutions." The purpose of the panel was to discuss what the fields of American political institutions and Latinx politics can learn from each other and, thus, enrich scholarship in both fields and, at the same time, to encourage more collaboration between them. Speakers included Lasala-Blanco, Bautista-Chavez, Daniel Carpenter (Harvard University), Sharece Thrower (Vanderbilt University), and Angel Molina (ASU).

Professor of Practice Candace Rondeaux and New America’s Heather Hurlburt published the New York Times article “How Parler Reveals the Alarming Trajectory of Political Violence.”

On January 27, University Professor Craig Calhoun moderated the online discussion of the second episode of the Laid Bare: Vulnerabilities & Vitalities at the Nexus of Religion, Science & Technology series. Sponsored by ASU’s Center for the Study of Religion and Conflict, the series brings together unlikely pairings of guests from the worlds of science and religion, technology and public life.

Professor of Practice Peter Singer and Michael McConnel, former Director of National Intelligence and the NSA, published the article “Want to Stop the Next Crisis? Teaching Cyber Citizenship Must Become a National Priority” in Time.

On February 5, Professor Keith Brown presented "The 1903 Report:
Professor of Practice Ajit Maan was the guest on the video series "The Indigenous Approach", hosted by the US Army's 1st Special Force Command. The command is the military's premier partner engagement force and provides training and resources for influence operations across the spectrum of conflict. Dr. Maan spoke about the importance of narrative on influence.

Professor Miki Kittilson co-organized and moderated a panel at a meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science titled "COVID-19 Academic System Stress Test: Winners and Losers When Science Moves Home."

Rosa Brooks, one of the founding fellows of the Center on the Future of War and the Scott K. Ginsburg Professor of Law and Policy at the Georgetown Law Center, published Tangled Up in Blue: Policing the American City (Penguin). The book is based on her experiences over 5 years as a reserve police officer in Washington, DC and has received rave reviews from The Washington Post, the Financial Times, and a New Yorker Q&A.

On February 16, Professor Keith Brown was the moderator for a discussion with Gabriel Escobar, current Deputy Chief of Mission at the US Embassy in Belgrade, Serbia. The event was hosted by the Phoenix Committee on Foreign Relations.

Joshua Geltzer, former ASU Future Security Fellow at New America, and a key member of the Center on the Future of War team joined the National Security Council as Special Assistant to the President and Special Advisor to the Homeland Security Advisor on Countering Domestic Violent Extremism.

Professor of Practice Peter Singer published the article “The Need to Inoculate Military Servicemembers Against Information Threats: The Case For Digital Literacy Training for the Force” on War on the Rocks.

Professors Magda Hinojosa and Miki Kittilson were featured on KJZZ's The
Show during the segment 'Seeing Women, Strengthening Democracy': Why The U.S. Lags In Electing Female Officials. Drs. Hinojosa and Kittilson also spoke about their recent book in a Facebook live event by Feminist Democratic Representation.

Daniel Rothenberg, Professor of Practice and Co-Director of the Center on the Future of War, was a guest on the KTAR podcast The Think Tank to discuss “foreign policy in the Biden Era.”

Associate Professor Lenka Bustikova and Petra Guasti (Goethe University Frankfurt) were featured by Team Populism showcasing their research in the video “The illiberal turn or swerve in Central Europe?”

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**Black History Month Distinguished Lecture: Lewis Gordon, Freedom, Justice and Decolonization**

February 24, 2021, 2:00 PM

Arizona Time | Please join us for Black History Month’s Distinguished Speaker, Dr. Lewis Gordon, Professor and Department Head, Philosophy Department, University of Connecticut.

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Extremism, Anti-democratic Violence, and the Second Impeachment Trial: A Conversation with Senator Jeff Flake

Mar 15, 2021 12:00 PM Arizona Time | A conversation with former United States Senator Jeff Flake, who will speak on the recent rise in anti-democratic violence in the U.S., the Capitol insurrection, and the second impeachment trial of Donald Trump.
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