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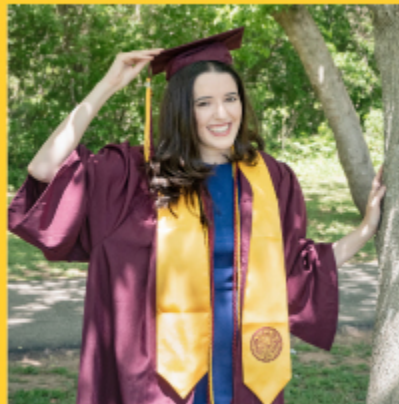
## **New ASU master's program focuses on international affairs, leadership**

ASU's Leadership, Diplomacy and National Security Lab has partnered in the creation of the School of Politics and Global Studies' unique [Master of Arts in International Affairs and Leadership](#) through ASU Online.

"Our Master of Arts in International Affairs and Leadership will develop leaders who commit to doing the right thing, for the right reasons, in the right way," said retired Lt. Gen. Benjamin Freakley, who is co-founder of the LDNS Lab.

Learn more about the new degree – which is now accepting applications for the fall – from program faculty Lt. Gen. Freakley, Ambassador Edward O'Donnell and Ambassador-in-Residence Michael C. Polt:

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## Political science and global studies major recognized as spring 2021 Dean's Medalist

Bianca Navia has been named The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

spring 2021 Dean's Medalist for the School of Politics and Global Studies and will graduate this May with degrees in political science and global studies.

"I immediately leaped up from my chair and started jumping all around my bedroom," shared Navia. "I was completely in shock and incredibly excited and honored to have been selected as a Dean's Medalist!"

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## Political science PhD student receives annual Stephen G. Walker fellowship

Congrats to political science PhD candidate Weining Ai on being awarded the annual [Stephen G. Walker Graduate Support Fellowship](#) from the School of Politics and Global Studies for the 2020–21 academic year.

"I want to extend my sincere appreciation to the donors who made this fantastic funding possible," Ai said. "With their gracious support and exemplary work, I will be more confident in pursuing more possibilities in an academic career. In particular, I am considerably grateful for the supportive

and brilliant mentorship from my adviser, Professor Cameron G. Thies.”

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## SPGS celebrates students, faculty, and staff at annual awards ceremony

On April 12th, the School of Politics and Global Studies virtually hosted their annual Awards Ceremony to celebrate this year’s scholarship recipients, Dean’s Medalists, graduate students, faculty, and staff.

Please join us in congratulating the faculty and staff who received awards from SPGS this year:

### **Michael Mitchell Outstanding Teaching Award**

[Dr. James Strickland](#)

Assistant Professor

### **Instructional Faculty Member Teaching Award**

[Dr. Charles Ripley](#)

Instructor

## Staff Member of the Year Award

[Matthew Oxford](#)

Manager of Marketing and Communications

## Other News

Foundation Professor Kim Fridkin, Dean Patrick Kenney, Ph.D. candidate Manuel Gutiérrez, and 4+1 MA grad Ryan Deutsch co-published the article [“The Impact of Emotional Responses to Public Service Announcements: The Case of Gun Violence in Schools”](#) in *American Politics Review*. The data for the article was collected in the [SPGS Experimental Lab](#).

Associate Professor Mark D. Ramirez’s new book, [Ignored Racism](#), was the subject of an “Author Meets Critic” Roundtable at the annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association on April 14, 2021.

Senior Lecturer Gina Woodall has been selected as a fellow for [ASU ADVANCE](#). Vice Provost and Dean Elizabeth Wentz and Executive Director Erin Carr-Jordan are the Co-PIs for the program.

Associate Professor Mark D. Ramirez [gave a talk](#) on “Values and Racism in American Immigration Views” as part of the Niskanen Center’s *Science of Politics* series.

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## SPGS Lecture Series

Did you know that you can watch previous virtual lectures from the past year from the School of Politics and Global Studies, the Center on the Future of War, and the Center for Latina/os and American Politics Research (CLAPR) on our YouTube channel?

View a calendar of past and upcoming events [here](#).

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