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ASU political economist awarded Mercatus Center fellowship to study roots of economic nationalism

Arizona State University Assistant Professor Henry Thomson has been chosen as a member of the first cohort of visiting fellows for the Program on Pluralism and Civil Exchange at George Mason University's Mercatus Center.

"I am grateful for the Mercatus Center's support as I look into the reasons for rising opposition to international trade and migration in the U.S. and abroad," he shared.

Read more about his fellowship and current research:

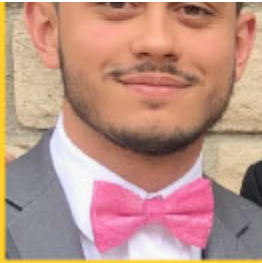
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3 ASU students awarded Killam Fellowships

Madisyn GoodBallet is one of three ASU undergraduates who have been chosen for the Killam Fellowships Program, an exchange program that gives students the opportunity to study in Canada for an academic year.

GoodBallet is a rising senior and quadruple major, studying political science and global studies in the School of Politics and Global Studies, and history and civic and economic thought and leadership. She is also majoring in French — a language that helped pave GoodBallet's academic path.

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ASU Model UN member delivers speech at annual conference

Avi K. Kapur has found a community in the Model United Nations at ASU, a club at Arizona State University that meets weekly.

“Everyone in there wants to have fun and learn together,” Kapur said. “It's very collaborative and provides a way for students to feel a part of something bigger than themselves, especially important during the pandemic.”

Every year, the ASU Model United Nations team attends the Model United Nations of Far West conference. This year, Kapur was invited to address the opening ceremony on sustainable development on behalf of the Western European group.

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College of Global Futures gains new leadership

School of Politics and Global Studies Professor Miki Kittilson has been named Associate Dean for Faculty Success and Strategic Partnerships at Arizona State University's College of Global Futures.

"I'm excited to be working with such a talented, innovative and dedicated group of faculty, staff and students as they address the urgent challenges for the future of our planet," Kittilson said.

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Dual graduate says her degrees prepared her for law school

Three-time Arizona State University graduate Amber Barto was recently crowned Miss Arizona 2021 and will go on to compete in the 100th anniversary celebration of the Miss America competition this December.

"I think specifically with my major of political science, The College of Liberal

Arts and Sciences really helped me in the interview portion of the competition. ... Some people know from watching our national competition that we have to be able to answer questions about policy, government and current events and talk about it in a way that is respectful and diplomatic,” she said. “Having an education from The College really helped me develop those communication skills and home in on both my opinions and then how to present them in a respectful way, as well as how to listen to other people's opinions.”

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Craig Calhoun joins Melikian Center as interim director

Craig Calhoun, senior sustainability scientist at the Global Institute of Sustainability and Innovation and a University Professor of Social Sciences, will be stepping in as interim director of the Melikian Center for Eurasian and East European Studies for the 2021–2022 academic year. The Melikian Center’s director, Keith Brown, will be on research leave as a visiting fellow at the University of Helsinki’s Collegium for Advanced Studies.

Ramona Melikian, president of the Melikian Center’s advisory board, praised Calhoun’s experience: “As the Melikian Center enters a new phase

of global engagement, Dr. Calhoun’s impressive background offers us the opportunity to increase our global visibility and enhance our partnerships with the international community — contributing significantly to the further growth of the university.”

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Other news

Read our 2021 [Capital Scholars cohort’s blog](#) to find out what they are learning in this very atypical, “remote” experience.

Foundation Professor Michael Hechter published “[Internal Colonialism, Alien Rule, and Famine in Ireland and Ukraine](#),” in *East/West: Journal of Ukrainian Studies* 8 (1): 2021. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.21226/ewjus642>.

Assistant Professor Henry Thomson published “[Group organization, elections and urban political mobilization in the developing world](#)” in *Democratization*.

Akshai Patel, alum and member of the SPGS Advisory Board, has been named a [Phoenix Business Journal 40 under 40 honoree for 2021](#).

Peter L. Bergen, Professor of Practice and Co-Director of the Center on the Future of War published [The Rise and Fall of Osama bin Laden](#), a book that coincides with the 20th anniversary of 9/11 [as covered on NPR’s Fresh Air](#).

New America hosted Professor of Practice Peter Bergen for a book talk on [The Rise and Fall of Osama bin Laden](#) in which Professor of Practice Candace Rondeaux served as moderator.

Professor Keith Brown has been awarded a fellowship at the Collegium for Advanced Studies at the University of Helsinki for 2021-22, to work on a

book project tentatively titled "Democratic Alternatives: Oral history, Civil Society and the Practices of Pluralism."

Professor Keith Brown is also the PI on a new grant from the US Russia Foundation, "Broadening Russian Studies in the Southwest: Indigenous Knowledge and Global Imagination."

Professor of Practice Ajit Maan co-authored [*The Narrative Campaign Field Guide*](#) which covers the topic of vaccine disinformation.

Political Science Ph.D. alumnus [Christopher Hale](#) has recently received tenure at University of Alabama.

Professor of Practice Candace Rondeaux co-published the report "[Soleimani's Shadow: The Fatemiyoun Division & Iran's Proxy Warfare Propaganda](#)" with New America.

University Professor Craig Calhoun continues to Chair the CLAS Ad Hoc Committee on upgrading international and area studies. With the departure of Cameron Thies, he also now leads the effort to develop a Title VI National Resource Center focused on undergraduate global studies.

Professor of Practice Candace Rondeaux published the article "[How Trump Ally Michael Flynn Nurtured – and Profited From – the QAnon Conspiracy Theory](#)" in *The Intercept*.

University Professor Craig Calhoun spoke at a plenary session on the State of the Discipline at the American Sociological Association annual meeting held virtually this year on Saturday, August 7, 2021.

Daniel Rothenberg Professor of Practice and Co-Director of the Center on the Future of War, presented a paper "'I Started Crying with Him': The Impact of Human Rights Field Research on Local Investigators in Iraq and the Need for Healing" at the 2021 Law and Society Annual Meeting.

Professor of Practice Ajit Maan as invited to give a presentation on "Narrative Strategies in the Critical Incident Tool Kit" at this year's [Conference of the International Association of Chiefs of Police](#).

Postdoctoral Research Scholar Angie Bautista-Chavez was a participant of

the Berkeley Latina Collective's Jr. Professor/Scholar Conference on June 4, 2021, hosted by the University of California, Berkeley. Bautista-Chavez presented a chapter from her book project, "Exporting Borders."

Political science Ph.D. alumnus David Muchlinski published the article "[Swords and Plowshares: Property Rights, Collective Action, and Nonstate Governance in the Jewish Community of Palestine 1920–1948](#)" in *American Political Science Review*.

Professor of Practice Candace Rondeaux co-published the article "[Iran's Tricky Balancing Act in Afghanistan](#)" with the War on Rocks.

Foundation Professor Michael Hechter presented the keynote address, "The Genesis of Rebellion" at the 13th Annual Meeting of the *International Network of Analytical Sociology*, held virtually in Tokyo, Japan on 29 May, 2021.

Professor of Practice Candace Rondeaux was featured in an interview in the BBC News documentary "[Haftar's Russian Mercenaries: Inside the Wagner Group](#)."

Postdoctoral Research Scholar Angie Bautista-Chavez was a Faculty Leader through the [Pardee RAND Graduate School's Faculty Leaders Program](#) (during July 2021).

Erik Thomas, who is completing his Global Security M.A. with a concentration in Cybersecurity, published the paper that he wrote during his GSC 561 course titled "[Ransomware in the Maritime Industry](#)" through the Military Cyber Professionals Association.



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