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Latino public policy expert joins ASU as associate professor

Join us in welcoming Francisco Pedraza! This is his first year at Arizona State University as an Associate Professor in the School of Politics and Global Studies. He will also serve as the Associate Director of the Center for Latina/os and American Politics Research.

“I’m delighted to be at ASU and the School of Politics and Global Studies,” said Pedraza. “There is a tremendous amount of energy here, and the opportunity to leave a lasting impact feels real and very promising.”

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Marine veteran finds passions while pursuing three degrees at ASU

Simon Anthony Lee originally choose to come to ASU because he fell in love with the campus. Now, a decade later, he is working on his third degree from the School of Politics and Global Studies.

“My experience at ASU has been amazing,” said Lee. “The faculty at the School of Politics and Global Studies are so supportive and undoubtedly are vying for your success. ASU will always hold a place in my heart.”

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Russian-Ukraine tensions could escalate in 2022

While the world celebrated and ushered in the new year, Ukraine braced for a potential Russian invasion in 2022.

ASU News asked Keith Brown, Professor in the School of Politics and Global Studies and Director of the Melikian Center: Russian, Eurasian & East European Studies, to break down for readers the two countries' complicated past and why it has led to a showdown three decades later.

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ASU professor addresses the mass unrest in Kazakhstan

When mass protests erupted in Kazakhstan this January, and the country's largest city and former capital, Almaty, suddenly turned violent, the uprising caught the government there – and the world – by surprise.

ASU News consulted Margaret Hanson, an Assistant Professor in the

School of Politics and Global Studies and an affiliate of the Melikian Center: Russian, Eurasian & East European Studies, for answers on what it was all about – and why did initially peaceful protests turn violent?

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First-generation college student's nonprofit helps heal undocumented immigrants

Reyna E. Montoya, founder and CEO of Aliento, was chosen to address graduates as the keynote speaker at ASU's Hispanic Convocation ceremony.

A political science and transborder studies alumna from The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Montoya shared words of encouragement with graduates.

“It has been a very difficult moment for society reflecting on the pandemic — there has been a lot of grief and pain,” she said. “We have seen both the best and worst in people. As you graduate and continue to celebrate this milestone, I hope you don't forget that everyone has a unique light to share. Our skills, experiences and relationships form who we are. We have the

choice to be a light in the darkness."

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Other news

On January 14th, The Center for Latina/os and American Politics Research (CLAPR) virtually hosted the [Politics of Race, Immigration and Ethnicity Consortium \(PRIEC\) Conference](#).

Former Ambassador [Roderick Moore](#) has joined the School of Politics and Global Studies as a Professor of Practice. Amb. Moore will serve as the program director for the school's [M.A. in International Affairs and Leadership](#) and [Policy Design Studio class and internship](#).

Associate Professor Mark D. Ramirez published an article "Unmasking the American death penalty debate: Race, context and citizens willingness to execute" in *Social Science Quarterly*, 102(4): 1931-1946.

Associate Professor Victor Peskin co-published the article "[Biden promises to fight transnational corruption. But will the U.S. target friends as well as foes?](#)" on *The Washington Post/The Monkey Cage*.

Professor of Practice Azmat Khan published "[The Civilian Casualty Files: Hidden Pentagon Records Reveal Patterns of Failure in Deadly Airstrikes](#)" in *The New York Times*. This is the first part of a series by Khan. [Part two is also available](#) and examines the air war's human toll.

Margaret Hanson, School of Politics and Global Studies Assistant Professor, published the article "[Kazakhstan's protesters weren't happy about government corruption. Will anything change?](#)" on *The Washington Post/The Monkey Cage*.

Professor of Practice Candace Rondeaux co-published the report "[Parler](#)

[and the Road to the Capitol Attack: Investigating Alt-Tech Ties to January 6](#)” with New America's Future Frontlines. The United States Library of Congress selected this project for inclusion in the Library's historic collection of Internet materials related to the January 6th Attack on the U.S. Capitol Web Archive.

Emeritus Professor David Berman’s book, [Socialist Mayors in the United States: Governing in an Era of Municipal Reform, 1900-1920](#), will be published by the *University of Kansas Press* this summer.

Pam DeLargy, Professor of Practice and Executive Director of Education for Humanity at ASU, [welcomed 61 Afghan refugee students](#) at a reception at the Memorial Union.

Professor of Practice David Kilcullen published “[Weak US emboldens China, Russia and Iran](#)” with *The Australian*.

Assistant Professor James Strickland presented his paper "The Contingent Value of Connections" at the "Interest Groups and Polarization in American Politics" conference at Trinity University in Texas.



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