



**School of Politics  
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Arizona State University

Dear Friends,

Thank you for choosing to spend some of your valuable time engaging with SPGS. As we begin the new year, we invite you to slow down and reflect on the past year that we shared together.

We have been hard at work creating exceptional new opportunities for our students. This fall, we launched an online graduate certificate in [Global Security and Competitive Statecraft](#), which aims to help security-related professionals stay ahead of developing trends and have a stronger grasp on contemporary problems in the global strategic environment. Currently, we are developing an undergraduate degree in International Relations, which will pull from our faculty's expertise in both political science and global studies.

SPGS and its affiliated research centers, held over 30 public lectures this year ranging from the [war in Ukraine](#), the [future of democracy](#), midterms from a [political psychology perspective](#), and more. We also hosted conversations with the [Executive Director of the McCain Institute](#), the [Director of the National Security Agency's Cybersecurity Directorate](#), and the [Chief of Research at OH Predictive Insights](#) (OHPI). If you would like to go back and view these events, recordings are available on our [YouTube channel](#).

We had the privilege of hosting many in-person experiences as well, such as a [Washington D.C. reception](#) for our MA in Global Security community. For the first time since the pandemic, our students completed SPGS internship and study abroad programs in D.C. and [Ireland](#).

We also celebrated alum [Dr. Robert Bond](#) as this year's SPGS Distinguished Alumni Speaker. Alum [Jenna Lyon](#) was honored with a public service award from the Center for the Future of Arizona.

Over the past year, we have welcomed terrific new additions to our faculty including Drs. [Matthew Dempsey](#), [Anna Meyerrose](#), [Kenicia Wright](#), and Ambassador Roderick Moore. We are also looking forward to having Drs. Stella Rouse, Steve Smith, and two new tenure-track professors in global studies join us in the fall.

In addition to our wonderful new scholars, we are incredibly proud of the continued excellence of the faculty at SPGS, many of whom published new articles, received grants, hosted conferences, and gave presentations around the world.

[Azmat Khan](#) won a Pulitzer Prize for International Reporting for her work on the *New York Times* series "The Civilian Casualty Files." Drs. Valerie Hoekstra and Miki Caul Kittilson received an award from the American Political Science Association for their co-authored book [Reimagining the Judiciary: Women's Representation on High Courts Worldwide](#).

We also joined The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences in honoring two [Advisory Board](#) members, Herb and Laura Roskind, during the dedication of [Roskind Great Hall](#). We are so incredibly grateful to their continued support of our school, programs, and [students and alumni](#).

Most importantly, we are very proud of the successes of our students and alumni who earned globally recognized scholarships and fellowships in 2022. [Nathaniel Ross](#), our Dean's Medalist for this semester, is the first ASU student awarded an American Rhodes Scholarship in more than 20 years. [Brianna Stinsman](#) was the first ASU student to ever receive a USAID Payne Fellowship. [Armando Montero](#) received a Truman Scholarship. [Monica Orillo](#) and [Juan San Nicolas](#) both received Pickering Fellowships. Just this week, we learned that Collin Frank also received a Pickering Fellowship, and we look forward to profiling his successes in ASU News soon.

Our students are doing amazing things. This week we watched many of them graduate. Our new MA in International Affairs and Leadership celebrated their inaugural graduating class. We had seven graduates. In

this innovative program, students are able to participate in a week's worth of immersive training and activities as part of [Washington Week](#).

Lastly, I want to share the news that I was [recently named Dean of Social Sciences](#) for The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and will begin that position in March. We have already launched a national search to find the next Director of SPGS.

I encourage you to reach out and let us know how you are doing. [Please let us know](#) how your career is progressing, how we might assist you, and whether you have anything we can celebrate with you. If you would like to become more involved with the School, please email us about joining our [SPGS Council of Friends](#). If you are in a position to help financially, please consider [donating](#) to one of our programs or scholarships.

We are excited for what the next year will bring for SPGS! Thank you for your continued support of the School of Politics and Global Studies at ASU.

Best wishes for 2023!



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