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MA in Global Security Newsletter

Hello MAGS Community,

The goal of this newsletter is to create an opportunity for everyone to become better acquainted with some of the MAGS faculty, graduates and your classmates. We are continuing to expand the way we develop and grow our MAGS sense of community. With **125 students** in the program, **34 alumni**, and a growing faculty, the reach of our MAGS community continues to expand. Thank you for your engagement with this program. The educational value of the MAGS increases with all of your hard work.

Best,

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Co-Directors, MA in Global Security

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Remember! There is an updated 2019 handbook and IPOS instructions on the [School of Politics and Global Studies website](#).

What's happening in the MA in Global Security (MAGS) community?





ASU student finds community with global security degree

When Alison Rohrer graduated from Towson University Honors College in 2018 a semester early, she realized that she wanted to continue her studies. She found the perfect fit in the School of Politics and Global Studies' MA in global security.

“(It) is truly a community. The professors, advisers and peers are all committed to this program and want to see it and each other succeed.”

[Read more.](#)



Narrative strategist joins ASU as professor of practice

Ajit Maan has recently joined the School of Politics and Global Studies and the [Center on the Future of War](#) as a professor of practice.

Starting in Fall Session A, Maan will be teaching [GSC 598, Narrative Conflict](#), in ASU's MA in global security program.

[Maan](#) is an internationally recognized security and defense analyst and narrative strategist. In 1999, she developed a theory of "internarrative identity" which looks at how key conceptions of social placement are structured through narrative. In 2014, Maan published "Counter-Terrorism: Narrative Strategies," which focuses on deconstructing dominant and coercive narratives and demonstrates how certain narrative structures lend themselves to manipulation which can be exploited. In 2017, she coined the term "narrative warfare" to explain how narrative is essential to international security and represents a key domain of struggle between adversaries.

[Read the Q&A here.](#)



Jesse Dodson, a recent graduate of the MA in global security program, is a U.S. government official and licensed physician assistant who has assisted with multiple U.S. Army combat deployments. Looking for ways to improve his national security knowledge and expand career options, Jesse turned to ASU where he had heard of a "reputable online college with world class professors."

Jesse took time to share more about his time in the MAGS program at ASU.

Question: What are your biggest takeaways from the MAGS program?

Answer: My writing and ability to argue a position improved greatly through weekly papers with constructive feedback from the professors. An improved writing ability directly contributes to my current governmental career. My biggest academic take away from the program is understanding the complexity of international relations. The concepts in global security that I'm most passionate about are war prevention, counterterrorism and foreign law enforcement capacity building.

Question: What have you learned about global security through your involvement in the MA program?

Answer: When I started the program I was a member of a joint Terrorism Task Force and before I finished I was promoted to managing counterterrorism capacity building projects in the most dangerous city in the world, Mogadishu, Somalia. Being successful in my current position can be directly attributed to my course work and experience gained while a graduate student at ASU. In the MAGS program I learned the complexity of international relations, peace keeping theories, and capacity building examples that are directly contributing to my work as a U.S. government official in Mogadishu, Somalia. Since beginning these projects the U.S. Department of State has increased their cooperation in CT capacity building and are expanding projects into East Africa.

“I look forward to a long career in national security and now have a solid foundation to build upon as my career progresses with unlimited potential that can be directly contributed to the MAGS program.”

New cybersecurity concentration will launch fall 2019

The New MA in global security cybersecurity concentration provides students with an interdisciplinary understanding of the complex nature of digital threats and how to address them from a domestic and international perspective, allowing students to learn from expert faculty who are scholars, practitioners and thought leaders.

[Robert Schmidle](#) and [Peter Singer](#) are the founding faculty. You can learn more about Peter Singer in this [ASU Now article](#).

Events: save the date!



MAGS fall semester reception and graduate commencement

December 16

More information to come later in the fall!

About the Center on the Future of War

The center is a partnership between ASU and New America, a DC-based think tank, that explores the social, political, economic, and cultural implications of the changing nature of war and conflict. The center connects ASU faculty with policymakers and national media, organizes collaborative research projects, produces reports and publications, and designs and implements innovative educational programming.



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