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Discipline impacts two ASU PhD graduates

For four years in a row, the Military Times group has ranked Arizona State University as one of its “Best for Vets” colleges. With the help of resources like the Pat Tillman Veterans Center, ASU serves more than 8,400 military, veterans and their dependents.

In the spring of 2019, three of the five graduates from the political science PhD program in the School of Politics and Global Studies were military veterans.

Two of them – Christopher Davis and Alicia Ellis – sat down with ASU Now to share their stories.

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ASU student finds community with global security degree

When Alison Rohrer graduated from Towson University Honors College in 2018 a semester early she realized she wanted to keep her momentum. Upon researching graduate programs, she found the perfect fit in the School of Politics and Global Studies' MA in global security - an online degree supported by the Center on the Future of War..

“(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.”

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Narrative strategist joins ASU as professor of practice

Ajit Maan, a new professor of practice in the School of Politics and Global Studies and an affiliated faculty member with the Center on the Future of War, was in Tempe this July to film a lecture for her first semester teaching online at Arizona State University.

In her first semester, Maan will be teaching a course in ASU's MA in global security program.

During her visit she took some time to share more about her research and what she hopes to accomplish while at ASU.

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ASU Online student and airman takes on Macedonia

“I thought to myself, ‘Welp, time to sell my motorcycle and go to Macedonia.’”

After traveling to 24 different countries on missions with the United States Air Force, ASU Online political science major Jon Mayuiers studies abroad in Macedonia with two School of Politics and Global Studies instructors.

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Faculty News

- The SPGS chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha, led by Associate Professor Mark D. Ramirez, has been selected by the National Political Science Honors Society to receive one of the *Best Chapter* awards for chapters in schools with undergraduate enrollment over 25,000 students.
- Assistant Professor Henry Thomson's book *Food and Power: Regime Type, Agricultural Policy and Political Stability* was published in hardcover by Cambridge University Press. The book is available from the Cambridge University Press website with a 20% discount through April 2020 with the code THOMSON19.

- Associate Professor Reed M. Wood's book [*Female Fighters: Why Rebel Groups Recruit Women for War*](#) was published this month by Columbia University Press.
- Assistant Professor Valerie Mueller received NIH R03 award to evaluate the social consequences of climate migration in Africa.
- Associate Professors Mark D. Ramirez and Reed M. Wood published their research "Public Attitudes toward Private Military Companies: Insights from Principal-agent Theory" in the *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 63(6): 1433-1459.
- Assistant Professors Valerie Mueller and Glenn Sheriff will be awarded the NSF EAGER Coastlines and People grant for work on Sea level Rise, Commuting, and Climate Gentrification in Miami.
- Tara Lennon received a Teaching Excellence and Student Success Grant from The College for her proposed Collaborative Online International Learning project. Tara will co-teach her "Do You Want To Build a Nation?" course online across state and national boundaries with Dr. Tim Casey (SPGS PhD alum'96) at Colorado Mesa State in the fall and with Dr. Lev Hodovskij (ASU SESE collaborator, now Fulbright Fellow) at Indonesia's University of Khairum next Spring.
- Associate Professor Lenka Bustikova recently had a co-authored article published in *The Washington Post* blog, Monkey Cage: [*"Czech protesters are trying to defend democracy. 30 years after the Velvet Revolution. Can they succeed?"*](#)
- Associate Professor Paul Lewis recently published an article, [*"Moral Foundations in the 2015-16 U.S. Presidential Primary Debates: The Positive and Negative Moral Vocabulary of Partisan Elites"*](#) in the journal *Social Sciences*.

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