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Political science PhD student receives inaugural Stephen G. Walker fellowship

Congrats to Arizona State University political science PhD student Cagla Demirduzen on being awarded the inaugural Stephen G. Walker Graduate Support Fellowship from the School of Politics and Global Studies for the 2019-20 academic year.

“This funding will help me a lot to complete this article especially during the summer period where I was not able to return back to my country due to recent circumstances,” Demirduzen said. “Appreciation of my work has also created an immense motivation to me for my future studies.”

Demirduzen shared with ASU Now more about her recent research and the impact of the Stephen G. Walker Graduate Support Fellowship:

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ASU expert discusses converging crises

in America

Amidst a global pandemic, the death of George Floyd and the Black Lives Matter movement has increased the awareness of issues surrounding police brutality and systemic racism in America. As these crises converge, questions about the fragility of the United States have arisen.

After a recent The New Humanitarian sponsored webinar, School of Politics and Global Studies Professor of Practice Candace Rondeaux followed up with ASU Now to discuss some of the topics covered:

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ASU student shares experience interning with consulate general in Frankfurt

With aspirations of becoming a foreign service officer, Matthew Snow, a junior studying political science at Arizona State University, thought it paramount to get experience and knowledge of different countries and cultures.

With the assistance of the SPGS Travel Grant, Snow traveled to Frankfurt, Germany, as part of the State Department's spring 2020 internship program.

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AI may present a different kind of revolution

During a virtual talk with ASU Center on the Future of War, Professor of Practice Peter Singer sheds insight into a maybe not-so-bright future in his new novel on artificial intelligence titled "Burn-In: A Novel of the Real Robotic Revolution".

In addition to his work with the center, Singer is also a program faculty member for the ASU Online [MA in global security](#), through the School of Politics and Global Studies.

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ASU professor filmed lectures from Colombia in midst of COVID-19 outbreak

At the beginning of the COVID-19 outbreak, Arizona State University Instructor Charles G. Ripley was in Bogotá, Colombia.

Learning that classes were going to be transitioned online, the School of Politics and Global Studies instructor jumped into action to ensure that he had the most interesting lectures to engage students in the virtual class.

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Faculty News

- Professor Cameron Thies ended his seven year tenure as Director of the School of Politics and Global Studies on June 30. We thank Professor Thies for his many years of service to SPGS! Associate Professor Magda Hinojosa now serves as Interim Director of SPGS.
- Foundation Professor Kim Fridkin has co-authored an article with Sarah Gershon (Associate Professor of Political Science at Georgia State University, SPGS alumna and Distinguished Alumni Award recipient) titled “Nothing More than Feelings? How Emotions Affect Attitude Change During the 2016 General Election Debates”, forthcoming at *Political Communication*.
- Associate Professor Valerie Mueller has won a Gates Foundation subaward to work on “COVID-19 Gendered Risks, Impact & Response: Research and Policy Guidance.” She will be involved in 3 of the 5 case studies in the Global South, performing quantitative survey analysis with colleagues in Bangladesh, Kenya, and Nigeria.
- Assistant Professor Fabian Neuner published an article in *Political Behavior* entitled [The Populist Marketplace: Unpacking the Role of "Thin" and "Thick" Ideology](#).
- Associate Professor Magda Hinojosa co-authored the article [“What the U.S. Can Learn from Mexico on Women’s Issues”](#) in *Ms. Magazine*.
- Associate Professor Mark D. Ramirez published an article entitled, [“Structural Racism against Latinos is Part of American History”](#) for 3 Streams on Medium.
- Professor of Practice Candace Rondeaux published a report on the New America website titled [“Inquiry into the Murder of Hamdi Bouta and Wagner Group Operations at the Al-Shaer Gas Plant, Homs, Syria 2017”](#).
- Professor of Practice David Kilcullen was interviewed by *Small Wars Journal* on his latest book in an article titled [“Liminal and conceptual envelopment: warfare in the age of dragons”](#).
- Assistant Professor Fabian Neuner published a co-authored article on *The Washington Post* blog, *Monkey Cage* titled [“Black Americans support the Floyd protests. Whites are divided. Here’s why.”](#)
- On May 26 – 29, 2020 University Professor Craig Calhoun participated online in the [ResetDoc Venice Seminars](#) speaking on *Physical Distance and Social Connection*.
- University Professor Craig Calhoun spoke at the webinar [Citizenship and the Nation under Quarantine](#) on June 4, 2020. Produced by the Centre for the Study of Ethnicity and Citizenship, Bristol University and the CERC Migration, Ryerson University, Calhoun was on an international panel of experts addressing questions such as what membership of a social or political community means during a pandemic emergency.

- Professor Keith Brown gave a digital presentation on "Russian Geopolitics and the New World Order" to the Spirit of the Senses Salon on June 12th 2020.
- As part of his work as a Faculty Fellow in the Recovering Truth project in the Center for the Study of Religion and Conflict, Professor of Practice Daniel Rothenberg presented a talk to over 230 community members on June 18, 2020. The talk was part of a series run by the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at ASU and was entitled, "Why People Believe Things That are Not True? The Importance of Narratives in a Context of Distrust".

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