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ASU grad combines passions for activism, videography to forge a path toward filmmaking

After discovering a passion for filmmaking, getting involved in activism and gaining a better understanding of their identity, Jude Schroder graduated in May with bachelor's degrees in global studies and political science.

"Being able to take courses outside of my major helped me figure out what I wanted to do," said Schroder. "The interdisciplinary aspect of ASU is what makes us super unique."

Read more about Schroder's path at the School of Politics and Global Studies and their short documentary-style film that examines the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) in Arizona and the fight to pass it at federal and state levels.

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Geopolitical stakes are high in North Macedonia's upcoming election

North Macedonia's parliamentary elections on July 15 will be critical for the country's European Union accession. It will also showcase the state of play in great power rivalries in the Western Balkans.

Keith Brown, School of Politics and Global Studies professor and director of Melikian Center: Russian, Eurasian & East European Studies, briefed the new U.S. ambassador in February 2020, ahead of the original election date. He also spoke to ASU Now about why this election matters for democracies elsewhere.

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ASU triathlete graduates, sets sights on Olympics

As a competitive triathlete, recent Arizona State University graduate Duncan Reid traveled everywhere from Ecuador to Kazakhstan while studying political science in the School of Politics and Global Studies at The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Although the COVID-19 pandemic put his traveling and competing on hold, Reid successfully completed his degree in spring 2020 and continues to train with the goal of one day competing in the Olympic games.

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Why the Kosovo-Serbia peace summit foundered

President Donald Trump's bid for a diplomatic win in Kosovo was recently thrown into disarray when a European Union-run criminal tribunal announced an indictment against Kosovo President Hashim Thaçi, who was set to travel to Washington, D.C., for a summit with his Serbian counterpart, Aleksandar Vučić.

Victor Peskin, an associate professor in the School of Politics and Global Studies and a faculty affiliate at the Melikian Center: Russian, Eurasian & East European Studies, breaks down the politics of the stalled Kosovo-Serbia peace process and why it has taken more than 2 decades to come to the table.

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ASU alumna intends to spend lifetime connecting people, countries

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences alumna Tiffany Schwartz's path began to change after her first global studies course.

"I fell in love with studying the world and its people," Schwartz said. "The connections between the world's past, present and future became extremely apparent. I switched to a history major, ramped up my global studies minor and took a barrage of history, philosophy, world studies and politics courses."

Schwartz graduated in spring 2019 with her bachelor's degree in history and minor in global studies. She says she never once doubted her decisions in her education because they were driving her toward a challenging and rewarding career path.

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Faculty News

- Interim Director and Associate Professor Magda Hinojosa and Professor Miki Kittilson have published a new book with *Oxford University Press*, [Seeing Women, Strengthening Democracy: How Women in Politics Foster Connected Citizens](#).
- Professor Miki Caul Kittilson and Associate Professor Valerie Hoekstra (with Maria Escobar-Lemmon and Alice Kang) published "[Diverse and Inclusive High Courts: A Global and Intersectional Perspective](#)" in *Politics, Groups, and Identities*.
- Associate Professor Mark D. Ramirez's research was featured in *The Washington Post* article, "[The Declining Violent Crime Rate has Been a Win for Criminal Justice Reform. A Reversal Would Be a Loss.](#)"
- Associate Professor Jennet Kirkpatrick, Professor Miki Caul Kittilson, and Associate Professor Valerie Hoekstra published "[Diversity in the Judiciary: How Diversity Matters for Democratic Inclusion, Representation, and Inequalities](#)," which introduces a Dialogues Section in *Politics, Groups, and Identities*. The introduction and the Dialogues Section grew out of the February 2019 workshop "Diversity in the Judiciary: How Diversity Matters for Democratic Inclusion, Representation, and Inequalities" funded by the Kopf Conference Fund.
- Associate Professor Mark D. Ramirez coauthored an article for *The Washington Post* blog, *Monkey Cage* titled "[Who thinks that Latinos shouldn't be able to vote?](#)"
- Associate Professor Jennet Kirkpatrick published "[Fairness has a Face: Neutrality and Descriptive Representation on Courts](#)" in *Politics, Groups, and Identities*.
- Peggy-Jean M. Allin, SPGS 4+1 student, and Ryan M. Deutsch, 4+1 alum, published a paper in the *PI SIGMA ALPHA Undergraduate Journal of Politics* (Volume 20, No. 1, 59-70). The article, titled "[Taking Action on Gun Control](#)," started as a paper they wrote in Dr. Fridkin's POS 503 class (Empirical Political Inquiry) when they were seniors.
- University Professor Craig Calhoun participated in a July 30 online forum with Pratap Bhanu Mehta on the [Pandemic and Populism](#).

- University Professor Craig Calhoun presented at the [American Sociological Association's annual meeting](#) in a panel on Field Theory and Comparative Historical Sociology on Monday, August 10, 2020.
- Professor of Practice Candace Rondeaux gave a virtual talk with ASU Center on the Future of War on July 30 titled "[Crisis Convergence in America & the Global Rise of Authoritarianism.](#)"
- Professor of Practice Ajit Mann gave a [webinar on disinformation and narrative warfare](#) as part of the US Army TRADOC series.

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