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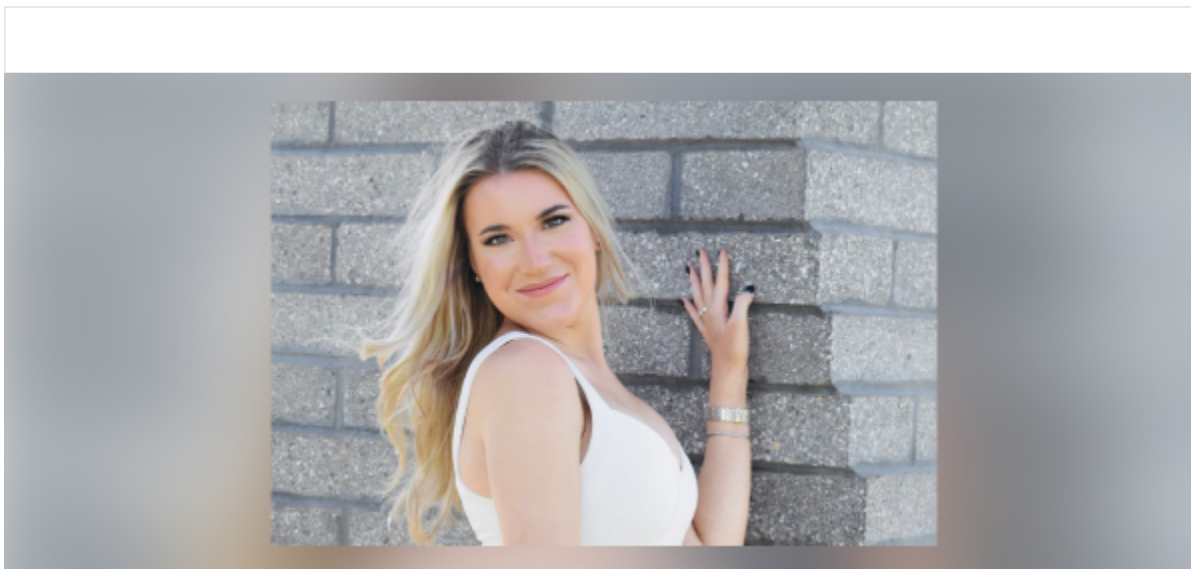
ASU alumna excels as a champion for diversity, inclusion

Even as a child, Malissia Clinton knew that she wanted to be a lawyer. The Arizona State University political science alumna was inspired by the work of her grandparents, who founded the Arizona chapter of the NAACP.

In her high school senior year book, Clinton wrote that she wanted to be a corporate attorney. Now as senior vice president, general counsel and secretary for the Aerospace Corporation, Clinton knows this was the job she was meant to do.

“Everything I am is because of the start that ASU gave me,” Clinton said. “I get choked up just thinking about it.”

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The College honors academic excellence with fall 2020 Dean's

Medalists

Congrats to Madison Andrade for receiving the Dean's Medal for the School of Politics and Global Studies for fall 2020! While at ASU, Andrade explored her passion for politics through independent research and impactful extracurricular endeavors.

Senior Lecturer Gina Woodall nominated Andrade for the Dean's Medal and described her work in a 400-level class on women and politics as "impeccable" and "thought-provoking" and saluted her work ethic and pursuit of excellence throughout her time at ASU.

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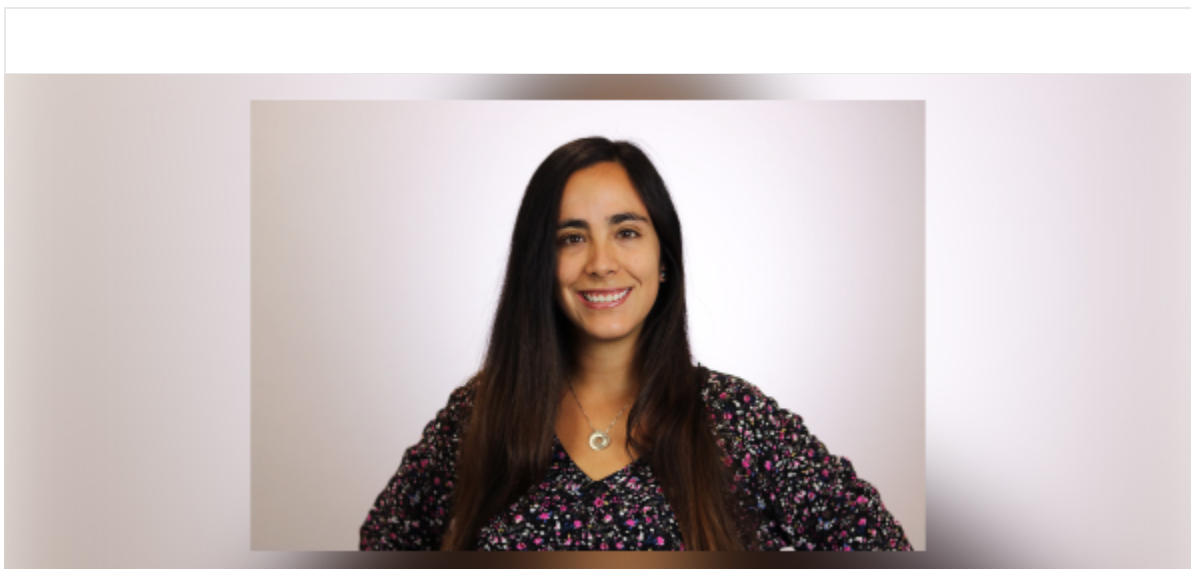
ASU grad wins prestigious Marshall Scholarship on path to public service

Congratulations to Arizona State University political science alum Alexander Sojourney on winning the prestigious Marshall Scholarship to

pursue a graduate degree in the United Kingdom in 2021!

“When I first came to ASU, I did not see myself applying for a scholarship of this magnitude,” he said. “I didn’t think I was competitive enough, but with the programs at ASU, and with Barrett being the top honors college in the nation, it gave me the confidence to know that we can compete with people from the Ivy League and Stanford, and we can do quite well.”

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ASU students recognized in Institute for Social Science Research poster contest

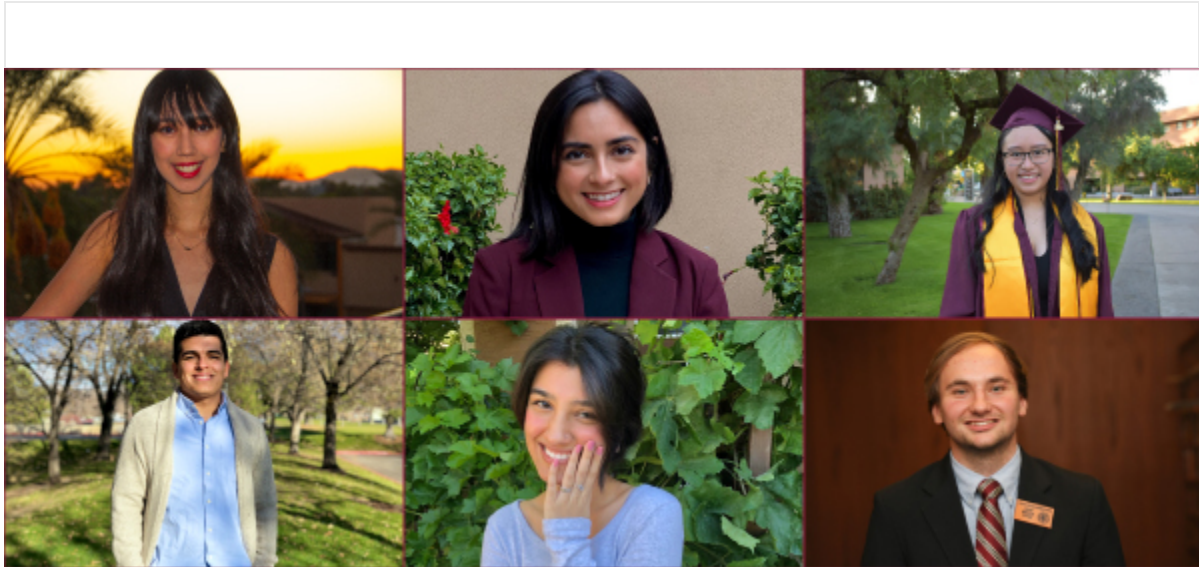
Every year the Institute for Social Science Research holds a poster contest highlighting the social science research from Arizona State University graduate students in any field. Congrats to the two political science PhD students who were recognized out of 99 submissions during this year’s virtual event.

Camila Páez Bernal was awarded third place for the Proposed Research category for her poster on “Homicides Rates and Claims Over Land:

Colombian Case (2005–2019).”

Netty Herawaty was recognized with an honorable mention in the Proposed Research category for her poster on “The Role of Familial Ties in Electing Women: Evidence From Indonesia’s National Parliament.”

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Celebrating recent graduates of the School of Politics and Global Studies

Congratulations to all of the students graduating from the School of Politics and Global Studies this December 2020! Read more about a few of our recent graduates highlighted by ASU Now:

[Myra Francisco](#), political science grad pursues career in policy

[Sukhmani Singh](#), transforming energy policy through a passion for sustainability

[Monica Orillo](#), double major is ready to continue traveling the world

[Aaron E. Garcia](#), Active-duty military student and religious studies grad named a fall 2020 Dean's Medalist

[Anjali Mistry](#), ASU Dean's Medalist to attend law school, become a public defender

[Dino Hadziahmetovic](#), Undergraduate double major celebrates his time as a research assistant, legislative intern

[Carlos Yanez Navarro](#), Sun Devil DACA recipient siblings celebrate graduation together

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Faculty News

Associate Professor Jennet Kirkpatrick published "[Grey Zones of Resistance and Contemporary Political Theory](#)" in *Theoria* with co-author Maša Mrovlje. The article introduces a special issue edited by Professors Kirkpatrick and Mrovlje.

Assistant Professor Fabian Neuner and co-authors published "[Seeing Blue in Black and White: Race and Perceptions of Officer-Involved Shootings](#)" in *Perspectives on Politics*.

On October 20, 2020, University Professor Craig Calhoun and Lisa Anderson, Professor Emerita of International Relations at Columbia University Professor formed a panel discussing current global instabilities and shifting patterns of political, economic, and social cooperation.

Professor Miki Kittilson was a contributor in designing the Global Governance Forum's Gender Equality & Governance Index, which was led by Amanda Ellis (Global Futures Lab, ASU) and Augusto Lopez-Claros

(Global Governance Forum). The report features [Professor Magda Hinojosa and Professor Kittilson's new co-authored book](#), and the index includes data from the [Women's Representation on High Courts Database](#), built by Valerie Hoekstra (ASU), Miki Kittilson (ASU), Alice Kang (University of Nebraska) and Maria Escobar-Lemmon (Texas A&M University).

Professor of Practice Candace Rondeaux was a featured speaker for a [Nov. 16 webinar](#) jointly hosted by the Center for Military Studies at University of Copenhagen and the UN Working Group on the Use of Mercenaries.

University Professor Craig Calhoun taught a short course on "Karl Polani, *The Great Transformation*, and Transformations Today" for the ISCTE University Institute of Lisbon and Erasmus online program from November 9-11, 2020.

Assistant Professor Narayani Lasala-Blanco and co-authors published "[The Nature of Partisan Conflict in Public Opinion: Asymmetric or Symmetric?](#)" in *American Politics Research*.

Professor Cameron Thies spent part of the Fall Semester at Ruprecht-Karls-Universität in Heidelberg, Germany, as the Max Kade Foundation Visiting Professor. He gave a series of talks and seminars, and engaged in collaborative research with faculty and students in the Institutes of Political Science and Economics.

On November 23, 2020, University Professor Craig Calhoun spoke on the future of Atlantic relations at Reset DIALOGUE'S online conference, [The Divided Society After November 3rd](#).

Professor Keith Brown presented a research paper entitled "Calibrating candor: Oral history, genre-suspicion and power plays after Socialism" at the 7th international symposium of the Finnish Oral History Network, on the theme "[Power, Authority, and Voice: Critical Reflections in/on Oral History](#)" on November 26-27.

Assistant Professor Narayani Lasala-Blanco participated in the Dec. 10 "[Americanizing Latino Politics, Latinoizing American Politics](#)" webinar sponsored by Columbia University and the Academy of Political Science.

University Professor Craig Calhoun presented a Workshop Keynote on “Social Theory and the Covid Crisis” for The Sociological Association of Australia on November 27, 2020.

Professor of Practice Candace Rondeaux was a guest on a Dec.4 podcast on "[Russia's Wagner Group and the Rise of Mercenary Warfare](#)," on the Irregular Warfare podcast series sponsored by the Modern War Institute at West Point and the Empirical Studies of Conflict program at Princeton University.

Professor of Practice Daniel Rothenberg was a guest on [Thought Huddle](#), an ASU Now podcast, to discuss reasons why people mistrust the government — and how to build back trust in a deeply flawed system.

On November 25, 2020, University Professor Craig Calhoun chaired an online seminar for the International Science Council on [Rethinking Economics in Light of Covid and Future Pandemics](#) featuring Sam Bowles, Wendy Carlin, Danielle Allen, Luc Soete and Jayati Ghosh.

Professor of Practice Candace Rondeaux’s recent [Dec.4 World Politics Review column](#) on the need for the US to develop a strategy for dealing with Russian PMSCs and the rise of mercenary operations has reenergized the conversation at the Pentagon and Congress about current and future US policy responses to the expansion of mercenary operations around the world.

On December 3, 2020, University Professor Craig Calhoun presented a talk on “Degenerations of Democracy: Double Movements Again & Again” to the University of Wisconsin [Havens Wright Center](#).

Assistant Research Professor Anand Gopal was awarded a Fall 2020 Institute for Social Science Research Seed Grant for the project, “Understanding Rebel Appeal: Ideology and Governance in Northeastern Syria” with Professor of Practice Daniel Rothenberg as a co-PI. The project builds on several years of field research in Syria with a team of local investigators and seeks to understand why some Syrians joined secular insurgent groups, and others joined Islamist factions as well as how rebel governance—in particular, judicial services such as courts—influences individual’s decisions to join and identify with particular organizations. The research builds on a unique collection of so-called martyr records, which

are lists of rebels killed in the Syrian conflict, along with attributional and relational data about each individual (educational attainment, socioeconomic status, social networks, etc.) and extensive interviews and oral histories. The goal of the grant is to help Anand and Daniel develop one or more proposals for major external funding.



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