

news from

ASU Watts College
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Arizona State University



College news



Desire to make a difference by merging scholarship, practice led Jon Gould to ASU

Our new director of the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, Jon Gould, is an internationally recognized criminal justice policy and reform expert whose talent for merging scholarship and practice is aimed squarely at making a difference in the world. Foundation Professor Gould took over as the school's director on Jan. 1. He assumes the position from newly named Regents Professor Cassia Spohn.



Students mark MLK Day of Service by obtaining nearly 1K books for children at domestic violence shelters

ASU School of Social Work students marked the 25th MLK Day of Service by giving the gifts of words, pictures and ideas to children staying at Valley domestic-violence shelters and other nonprofits that work with women and children. Student members of Survivor Link collected nearly 1,000 donated books, which they distributed on the MLK holiday.

ASU's special event management students take part in the 'Greatest show on grass'

When Arizona State University's special event management students were offered an opportunity to get involved in the largest golf tournament in the world, they didn't waste any time. On Jan. 23, about 60 students were treated to a behind-the-scenes tour of the TPC Scottsdale golf course and auxiliary venues just days before it would open to the public — an estimated attendance of 750,000 patrons.

ASU student team engages nearly 900 voters with software reminding people to cast ballots

A team of Arizona State University students engaged nearly 900 fellow students in the voting process with an online tool, placing ASU in the top 15 among 131 U.S. colleges and universities, the nonpartisan organization Democracy Works announced. The tool, called TurboVote, employs easier ways to register and to get an early ballot, and sends students online reminders that elections are near to help them remember to cast ballots.



The Top 20 Online Master's in Public Policy Programs



Master's thesis of student in ASU joint program with Spanish university named best of its kind in all of Spain

A tourism graduate student's master's thesis was recently named the best of its kind in all of Spain through ASU's successful joint effort with a prestigious university abroad. ASU hosts graduate students from the University of Girona, Spain-based Erasmus Mundus European Master's of Tourism Management program, with faculty from the School of

Intelligent.com ranks ASU online Master of Public Policy program 7th best in U.S.

Citing it as the best in the Southwest, Intelligent.com has ranked ASU's online Master's in Public Policy (MPP) degree program seventh best in the nation, based on its excellence in reputation, outcomes, flexibility, cost and faculty. The ASU program, taught in the School of Public Affairs, is one of Intelligent.com's Top 20 Online MPP programs for 2020. ASU received an Intelligent Score of 90.36 on

Community Resources and Development advising students from around the world on their master's theses and guest lecturing at the campus.

a 100 scale, ranking it higher than similar degree programs at Northwestern University and Indiana University.



[ASU emeritus professor exhibits paintings to encourage climate-change awareness](#)

Fifty years ago, Mark Reader joined protests at ASU and in the Valley demanding clean air and water as part of the original Earth Day. Today, the emeritus professor of political science continues advocating on behalf of the environment — although these days, he's taking a slightly different approach. Reader, a talented painter, is promoting a healthier world through his art, something he has recently returned to creating after many years.

[Public Affairs Professor provides transnational perspective in Sonora, Mexico](#)

Professor Daniel Schugurensky, co-director of the Participatory Governance Initiative in the School of Public Affairs, was invited to address the Center for Studies in Government and Public Affairs of the Colegio de Sonora (Mexico) in coordination with the citizen initiative "Hermosillo How are we Doing?" in January. There, he engaged in dialogue on the construction of local decisions with numerous organizations, citizen groups, academics and students.

In the news

[Lawmaker tries to stop Arizona students from voting where they attend school](#)

Ayesha Ahsan, an ASU student and Andrew Goodman Foundation Ambassador — a group dedicated to increasing electoral participation among college-age voters — discussed why students should be allowed to vote where they attend college on KJZZ-FM's "The Show." The radio program discussed House Bill 2461, which would require anyone living in a dormitory

[Waste Management Open scores for environment | Scottsdale Progress](#)

To promote zero-waste efforts, Waste Management used tens of thousands of recycled golf balls to fill a hollow logo-shaped container placed in the middle of a lake at the Waste Management Open golf tournament. The promotion earned the praise of Erin Schneiderman, clinical assistant professor in the School of Community Resources & Development (CRD) at Watts

[Criminal is a label: 'Just Us' hopes instead for humanity with stories told by former prisoners | Colorado Public Radio](#)

Whether arts programs for former inmates can affect recidivism shouldn't be the question to ask, otherwise it reduces individuals to "just numbers and statistics" when the objective is often to do the opposite, Associate Professor Kevin Wright (CCJ), director of ASU's Center for Correctional Solutions, told Colorado Public Radio. What

or “other temporary college or university address” would be barred from voting in that area.

College, in a Jan. 26 article in the Scottsdale Progress.

former inmates in the arts can do is to educate society, which can learn much about prison life from those who lived it.

[In rural Cochise County, residents with serious mental illness often end up in jail | KJZZ](#)

Law enforcement officers in small rural counties are often not equipped to handle seriously mentally ill persons in their custody the way psychiatric hospitals are, Professor Jose Ashford (SSW) told KJZZ-FM's “The Show.” Ashford is director of the Office of Offender Diversion and Sentencing Solutions and the Office of Forensic Social Work Research and Training.

[How violence in Mexico could affect tourism | KJZZ](#)

Despite some decline in tourism due to safety concerns in the wake of recent violence in its northern region, Mexico remains a popular destination for American tourists, who need to be proactive in protecting themselves, tourism Professor Dallen Timothy (CRD) told KJZZ-FM's “The Show.” Tourists should listen to news reports and travel advisories.

[How cities and police departments can talk about creating citizen review boards | KJZZ](#)

Associate Dean William Terrill (CCJ) spoke to KJZZ News radio about how cities, police departments and residents can discuss what goes into creating a citizens' review board of police activities and decisions. Every city is different, Terrill said, and it is important to remember that not every stakeholder will be happy with every aspect of any resulting plan.

[Valley experts weigh in on flavored vaping ban | KTAR](#)

Associate Professor Dustin Pardini (CCJ) told KTAR News radio the Trump administration's ban on flavored e-cigarettes doesn't go far enough. He said he would like to see flavored liquids often sold in vape shops be forbidden as well. Pardini is primary administrator for the Arizona Youth Survey, which biannually asks eighth, 10th and 12th graders statewide several questions, including about e-cigarette use.

[Arizona educators make progress with ‘Opportunity Youth’ | KJZZ](#)

Professor Kristin Ferguson-Colvin (SSW) told KJZZ News radio that Arizona needs to continue recent progress in assisting young people ages 16-24 return to school or find jobs. Appearing on “The Show,” Ferguson cited Public Allies and AmeriCorps volunteers, many of whom are Watts College students, in helping lower the number of those of that age group needing jobs or to return to school.

Announcements

► [Security training renewal](#)

Proper security for Arizona State University information resources is critically important, and the university requires annual training. The University Technology Office encourages you to [complete this training](#) each fall to remind you of best practices.

Watts College needs a 100% completion rate for all employees. If you are familiar with information security best practices, it only takes a short time and a brief 15-question quiz to complete the training. [Renew your annual required training here.](#)

► [Host a YSEALI Fellow on March 27-29](#)

For the 5th consecutive year, the Watts College of Public Service and Community Solutions will be hosting a Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative (YSEALI) Academic Fellowship from March 14-April 10, 2020. Again this year, we are seeking volunteers to host one or more of the YSEALI Fellows in their homes on Friday-Sunday, March 27-29.

About YSEALI and hosting Fellows:

The YSEALI Academic Fellowship is a U.S. Department of State program designed to strengthen leadership development across the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), deepen engagement with young leaders on key regional and global challenges, and strengthen people-to-people ties between the U.S. and Southeast Asia. YSEALI Fellows are highly motivated undergraduates or recent graduates, between the ages of 18 and 25, who have demonstrated leadership in their communities. Their experiences with hosts are intended to provide opportunities for Fellows to engage on a more personal and in-depth level with Americans and for them to experience contemporary American life from the host's perspective. Previous hosts who have actively engaged with their Fellows in conversations and leisurely activities have experienced the weekend as a rewarding cultural exchange.

To apply to host a Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative (YSEALI) Academic Fellow in your home, [please submit this form](#) by February 28.

► [CenturyLink Conferencing transition to Zoom starting Dec. 31, 2019](#)

In 2019, ASU teamed up with [Zoom](#) to deliver video conferencing. Many staff, faculty, and students are already using Zoom accounts for video conferences and conference calls.

As of December 31, 2019, CenturyLink Conferencing is no longer be available, and all users need to transition to Zoom for all conferencing needs.

Your Zoom account has already been created and is ready for you to set up at the [ASU Zoom website](#). Please [see this Zoom article](#) for guidance on setting up your account with your ASURITE ID. Additional training resources are available on ASU Career EDGE and My ASU.

For Zoom questions or assistance, contact the ASU Experience Center at 1-855-278-5080.

Events

[Transforming the Police](#)

Wednesday, Feb. 5
8 a.m.–5:30 p.m.
Beus Center for Law and Society

[Community solutions through travel and customers' commitment to a better planet](#)

Wednesday, Feb. 5
12 p.m.
UCENT 822A

[ASU Open Door - Downtown Phoenix campus](#)

Saturday, Feb. 8
1–5 p.m.

[Tourism and Hospitality Career Fair](#)

Tuesday, Feb. 11
1–3 p.m.
AE England Bldg

[Winter Institute for Public Safety and Behavioral Health](#)

February 18–20
ASU West campus

[4th Annual SPARC Conference](#)

Friday, Feb. 28
8 a.m.–3 p.m.
ASU Downtown campus

Roatch/Haskell Lecture

Friday, Feb. 28
8:15 a.m.–2:30 p.m.
University Club of Phoenix
[See the program](#)

Social Workers: Generations Strong

March 2020
Social Work Month celebration
Visit socialwork.asu.edu for more information.

Doctoral Research Symposium

Friday, March 6
9:30 a.m.–5 p.m.
Student Center @ The Post Office

National Children of Incarcerated Parents Conference

April 20-22, 2020
Wigwam Resort
Litchfield Park, AZ

"Notice, Nurture, Nature...and Each Other" art exhibit

Jan. 6–May 1
UCENT Lobby



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