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## College news



### ASU Law and Behavioral Science initiative wins 2020 President's Award for Innovation

In just three years' time, the group of faculty — including two faculty from Watts College — behind the Law and Behavioral Science initiative took Arizona State University from relative obscurity in the field to one of the most dominant players. In recognition of their dedication and hard work, the original team of eight who founded the initiative has been named the recipient of the 2020 President's Award for Innovation.



### Community-service partnership improves youths' perception of police, ASU research shows

An assistant professor in ASU's School of Criminology and Criminal Justice has shown in previous research that young peoples' perceptions of law enforcement officers have declined dramatically over the past few years. In his latest research, Adam Fine explores how those attitudes diverge by race at a young age, and how a specific community-service partnership program called Team Kids can change youths' views toward police.



### ASU alumnus to compete on TV's 'Titan Games'

High school sports were fun, but as far as Arizona State University alumnus Andrew Hanus is concerned, participating in track, wrestling and football did not make him an athletic titan. That actually came years later, when the 32-year-old, 2015 School of Public Affairs graduate's dedication to physical fitness earned him a spot on the prime-time network television athletic competition, NBC's "The Titan Games."

### School of Public Affairs' rankings for public administration research rise to No. 2 in nation, No. 4 in world

ASU's School of Public Affairs has climbed to No. 2 in the U.S. and No. 4 globally (up from

No. 3 and No. 7 in 2019) for research on public administration, according to the 2020 Shanghai University Academic Rankings announced this summer. ASU's national ranking places it in front of institutions such as Ohio State University, Harvard and the University of Southern California.



### **ASU researchers partner to help state end violence against Indigenous women, girls**

After Gov. Doug Ducey signed into law in 2019 a bill creating a study committee to examine ways that Arizona can battle violence against American Indian women and girls, state legislators tapped Associate Professor Kate Fox in the ASU School of Criminology and Criminal Justice and a team of ASU researchers to seek the data that could help the state win that fight.



### **New ASU mapping tool shows holistic view of water in Arizona**

Water is a critical issue in Arizona, and a new water-mapping tool created by the Kyl Center for Water Policy at Arizona State University has collected a vast array of maps and data sets to show a wide-ranging view of water in the state. The Arizona Water Blueprint is a first-of-its-kind map creating a holistic view of water in Arizona that was missing.

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## **In the news**

### **Teen Incarcerated Over Schoolwork Shows the 'Devaluation of Black Lives': University Professor | Yahoo! News**

OJ Mitchell, an associate professor in the ASU School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, joined a Penn State University professor on a video interview to weigh in on the 15-year-old girl who has been in jail since May because she violated the terms of her probation by not completing her online coursework.

### **Charlotte Helen Bacon Foundation Announces Research Study | The Newtown Bee**

Nearly eight years after the tragic events at Sandy Hook Elementary School, new research published in the Child Youth Services Review sheds light on the victim families' experiences after the mass shootings. The study was conducted by Joanne Cacciatore, associate professor in ASU's School of Social Work.

### **An epicenter of the digital divide: Native reservations | Cisco Techbeat**

In places with limited digital connectivity, the COVID-19 pandemic heightened existing challenges greatly. This was especially true in Native American communities across America. Cisco Techbeat host Kevin Delaney spoke with Traci Morris, director of the American Indian Policy Institute at ASU, about the digital divide in Indian country.

### **To Keep Bad Cops Off Streets, Cities Consider Police Licensing | Bloomberg**

### **What to Say When They Try to Justify Police Brutality by Asking, 'What About**

### **Local Leaders Used Same Playbook As Protests Continued | Portland Tribune**

ASU School of Criminology and Criminal Justice Professor Michael Scott was quoted in a story finding that government officials in at least six states are considering easing the process for firing and banning abusive police officers from further law enforcement service.

### Chicago?' | The Arizona Republic

To eliminate systemic racism in police departments and institutionalized racism in communities, "We've got to re-imagine systems across the board," said former Detroit police chief and ASU School of Public Affairs Professor of Practice Jerry Oliver.

Commenting on recent unrest in Portland, Ore., Professor Edward Maguire of the ASU School of Criminology and Criminal Justice told the Portland Tribune that police departments like Portland's need to consider looking past the immediate situation, rather than focus on large shows of force that can increase anger.

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## Announcements

### ► Returning to campus

- Check **ASU's COVID-19 Guide page** frequently for return-to-work updates.
- **Employee webinar:** ASU President Michael Crow and senior leadership fielded employee questions provided in advance during an hour-long, live-streamed **employee webinar** on June 29, 2020. The panel commented on ASU's continued strategy to ready our campuses for the fall 2020 semester.
- **As previously mentioned, face coverings are now required for all faculty, staff, students and visitors while in ASU buildings.** Face coverings are also required in outdoor areas where social distancing is not possible. Please remember to carry your ASU ID to access buildings as they are not currently open without badge access.
- **All staff need to complete the Community of Care training prior to returning to work on campus.**
- **COVID-19 testing:** Saliva-based COVID-19 testing is available at ASU campuses for employees who are NOT currently exhibiting symptoms. **You can learn more and find available dates here.** You must schedule an appointment in advance through the online portal. This is also how your results will be delivered to you within 24-28 hours on average.

### ► Disability Resource Center Lunch & Learn series

The Disability Resource Center (DRC) is offering a series of Lunch & Learn events to support faculty and staff who interface with students with disabilities.

**[Click here for a list of topics, dates, times and more information.](#)**



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