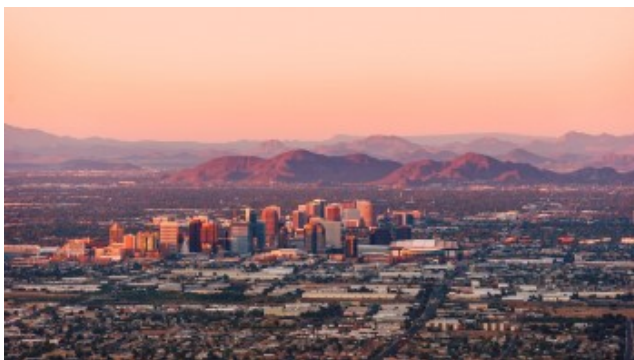


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College news



Building community resilience across Arizona in the face of the coronavirus

How does adapting as individuals affect the community as a whole? Social distancing has forced many to make critical choices for themselves and their families. During this pandemic, those decisions carry a heightened impact on overall community resilience. Melanie Gall, co-director for the ASU Center for Emergency Management and Knowledge Exchange for Resilience fellow shares her insights.

ASU transitions in-person classes to online instruction

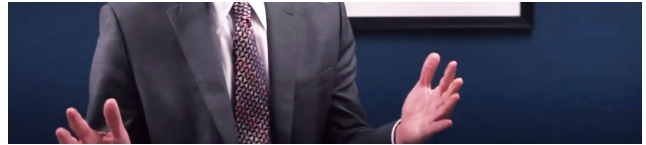
ASU's [COVID-19 webpage](#) will continue to be the primary source of information and updates related to university operations. ASU will communicate changes across as many channels as possible and has have teams of individuals across the university ready to assist faculty and students with the transition to online instruction.

By staying connected, we will #BeTheSolution

In challenging times, Watts College is doing what we do best. In this brief video message, Watts College Dean Jonathan Koppell addresses faculty, staff and students with a message of appreciation and encouragement as well as a reminder about the importance of connection even in times of social



isolation.



Social connections can ease 'toxic parenting' behaviors, experts say

Parents need strong social support because poor parenting not only damages children, but also leads to negative consequences for the larger community, according to a panel of experts who spoke at a recent ASU event. The main definition of “toxic” parenting is behavior that’s repetitious, not occasional, according to Elisa Kawam, a lecturer in the ASU School of Social Work and moderator of the panel.

At a time of social distancing, ASU continues to promote social embeddedness — virtually

For the first time, ASU's Social Embeddedness Network Conference was hosted virtually, via Zoom on March 24, due to social distancing recommendations because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Although the conference looked different than in years past, the mission remained the same: to build connections and share strategies for advancing ASU as a socially embedded institution.



ASU's School of Public Affairs secures 6 top 10 spots in U.S. News and World Report rankings

Four ASU School of Public Affairs graduate programs rose in U.S. News and World Report's 2021 rankings. The school's public management and leadership, environmental policy, public finance, and public policy analysis programs all climbed above their respective 2020 rankings. The rankings employ a wide variety of criteria to compare 282 graduate programs.





Watts College faculty, staff members receive 2020 College Awards for their dedication to outstanding service

The Watts College recognized five faculty and four staff members for outstanding service to the college during the 2019-2020 academic year. As Vice Dean Cynthia Lietz described the honorees, Dean Jonathan Koppell presented a crystal statuette to each one during a meeting of the entire college faculty and staff.



Vera Institute of Justice names book co-written by ASU CCJ professor as one of 'Best of 2019'

A book co-written by Criminology and Criminal Justice Professor Henry F. Fradella about how inequalities in the criminal justice system have roots in bail and pretrial detention issues has been recognized by the Vera Institute of Justice as one of its best books of 2019.

School announces 2020 Social Work Month award winners

The ASU School of Social Work has announced its list of 2020 Social Work Month award winners. March is Social Work Month, the annual celebration of the social work profession's positive impact on society. This year's theme is "Generations Strong" and recognizes the contributions social workers make throughout their careers.



Giving aid to African human trafficking victims sharpens student's career focus toward helping others to be heard

Karla Chicuate was intellectually acquainted with human trafficking when she traveled in January to



ASU wins grant to establish interdisciplinary training program to fight the opioid epidemic

Each day, 130 Americans die from opioid or prescription drug abuse. In Arizona, nearly 15% of adults know someone who died from a prescription

west Africa. But, upon arriving, the Criminology and Criminal Justice junior and AmeriCorps member discovered just how much she had to learn about the realities of human trafficking and how deeply ingrained it is in the region's culture.

painkiller overdose, according to the Morrison Institute at Arizona State University. The opioid epidemic has been a national public health crisis since 2017, yet most providers are not equipped to handle the scope of the problem.



School of Community Resources and Development celebrates 15 years

In the 15 years since ASU's School of Community Resources and Development was created, it has blossomed from its origins as a recreation program into a fully sustainable community that equips students with the tools necessary to create meaningful community partnerships. In 2004, a new school was approved to combine several disciplines including parks and recreation, tourism, and nonprofit leadership and management.



Crime analysts join faculty, students at CCJ to learn about new tools and ideas at quarterly meeting

Crime analysts from across the state joined faculty and students at ASU's School of Criminology and Criminal Justice Feb. 26 at the quarterly meeting of the Arizona Association of Crime Analysts. The half-day event, which included faculty research on intimate partner homicide, problem-oriented policing, youth substance abuse and using drones to assess neighborhood disorder, also touched on ways academics and analysts can work together to optimize outcomes.

Tourism students, industry pros 'speed network' their way to new career connections

Ten minutes at a time, ASU tourism students learned how to start and build a relationship — with their professional careers — through fast-paced networking with educators and industry professionals. More than 30 members of ASU's Tourism Student Association (TSA) met with 20 education and hospitality industry pros Feb. 11 in the TSA's first-ever "Speed Networking" Fireside event, held at the Hilton Garden Inn in downtown Phoenix.

In the news

[Rethinking sustainable cities in a world of social distancing | Medium](#)

ASU Professor Mark Roseland in the School of Community Resources and Development co-wrote an article published to Medium regarding COVID-19's effects on how we think about urban sustainability and how present circumstances require academics and society to reconsider their normal recommendations for compact urban development.

[Arizona's still hiking: How state and national parks are handling coronavirus | KJZZ-FM's "The Show"](#)

Arizona has kept its state parks open during the coronavirus crisis, providing a recreational option to Arizonans who found other choices – spectator sports, festivals, concerts or movies in theaters – unavailable. Professor Christine Vogt, director of the Center for Sustainable Tourism, talked to KJZZ-FM's "The Show" about the importance of the outdoors and ways to recreate safely.

[Phoenix police are professionals. They can handle the challenge of a civilian review board | The Arizona Republic](#)

In an opinion piece Kevin Robinson, former asst. police chief for the City of Phoenix and faculty in the ASU school of Criminology and Criminal Justice, argues that segments of our community have lost confidence in the police due to significant concerns about the behavior of some officers and those concerns should not be ignored.

[Arizona graduate business programs rank on latest U.S. News list | Phoenix Business Journal](#)

The School of Public Affairs is No. 19 and SPA's graduate program in Emergency Management/Homeland Security is No. 3 in the nation in the latest U.S. News & World Report Best Graduate Schools rankings.

Announcements

► [ASU for You](#)

ASU recently launched ASU for You, a website featuring a wide array of learning resources, much of it free, for learners of all ages and teachers. [Learn more here.](#)

► [Tele-Town Halls](#)

Our first tele-town halls held in three sessions on March 26 with staff, graduate students and undergraduate students were a great success. [Read a summary of key takeaways from the meetings here.](#)

Thank you to all who have participated so far. The next tele-town hall will be held with [faculty on March 31](#). We hope to make these recurring events.

► [Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at ASU offering virtual classes for ages 50+](#)

OLLI at ASU members now have the chance to participate in dozens of high-quality classes via Zoom. Members also receive access to the "Party Line" discussion forums and bi-weekly Community Care Letters, which include resources and activities.

OLLI at ASU offers Zoom training information and instructions, as well as “tips and tricks.”

[Click here to view](#) their new Zoom class schedule, or visit their website, lifelonglearning.asu.edu/covid-19. Registration opened March 30.

► [Census](#)

2020 is a census year, and ASU staff have been involved in multiple ways to [make sure Arizona is well counted](#) by the **April 1, 2020 deadline**. We encourage the Watts College community to:

- urge students to [participate](#);
- and share information about the importance of the Census with your community groups.

Events

[Faculty Tele-Town Hall](#)

Tuesday, March 31
9:30–10:15 a.m.

[Virtual Book Talk: Experimental Evaluation Design for Program Improvement](#)

Tuesday, April 7
12:00–1:00 p.m.

[School of Community Resources and Development Graduate and Alumni Virtual Celebration](#)

Thursday, April 30
10:30–11:45 a.m.



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