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College news



Chinese university donates masks to ASU to aid COVID-19 fight

Thousands of surgical masks donated to Arizona State University are helping keep people from spreading the novel coronavirus, thanks to a generous gift by Hainan University in China. The gift is a result of a unique partnership between ASU's Watts College of Public Service and Community Solutions and Hainan University.



Watts College professors awarded \$1.3 million grant to study possible factors leading to intimate-partner homicide

School of Social Work Professor Jill Messing and Associate Professor Jesenia Pizarro in the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice will use a new \$1.3 million grant to study killings of one intimate partner by another to learn more about the factors that might increase the risk of these tragedies.



Expert in Christian ethics to teach course on pandemic, social change

Meet Colleen Wessel-McCoy, a specialist in Christian ethics who is joining the faculty at ASU's School of Public Affairs this month, where she will teach a fall course titled, "Responding to COVID-19: Religion, Policy and Social Change." Wessel-McCoy is the first Neely Visiting Professor of Religion and Public Policy at ASU.

Books by ASU authors that illuminate the African American experience

As awareness of racial injustice has broadened this spring and summer, reading lists have been shared to help increase people's understanding of our nation's past and present. One ASU professor helped create a list highlighting books by ASU's own faculty — including from the Watts College.



ASU professor studies how police officers manage heightened situations

The ongoing protests over racism in the United States have fueled conversations about the role of policing. In this Q & A with Associate Dean William Terrill, a professor in the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, he discusses the issue and his new research examining footage from police officers' body-worn cameras to identify how officers create positive outcomes, such as using less force and getting more cooperation.



New interim associate dean, colleagues examine ways Arizona's tourism industry can best respond to COVID-19 pandemic

A professor in the School of Community Resources and Development and a senior sustainability scientist at ASU's Julie Ann Wrigley Global Institute of Sustainability, Gyan Nyaupane is currently analyzing community resilience among Indigenous communities and examining ways the Arizona tourism industry can best respond to the effects of the pandemic.



ASU professor receives grant to study risks of contracting COVID-19 in correctional institutions

Associate Professor Danielle Wallace in the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice will use a \$200,000 National Science Foundation grant to assess risks of COVID-19 infection among incarcerated persons and those who work in correctional institutions. The findings generated should be useful to communities and allow facility officials to collaborate and develop policies to manage infections in these settings.

In the news

[Can Higher Ed Sell Students on Public Service | Chronicle of Higher Education](#)
Dean Jonathan Koppell spoke with the Chronicle of Higher Education's The Edge

[New Study Examines Children's Perceptions of Police | Arizona PBS](#)
A new study by Adam Fine, an associate professor in the School of Criminology and

newsletter about the Volcker Alliance's working with ASU to create versions of ASU's Public Service Academy (PSA) at other universities nationwide. Koppell told the Chronicle that PSA's main goal is for graduates to feel that "public service is going to be their life, not necessarily their job."

Criminal Justice, looks at how perceptions of law enforcement officers among children of different races and ethnicities change at different rates. Fine spoke about the study's conclusions and about a program that helps build relationships between children and law enforcement officers called Team Kids.

Announcements

► **Returning to campus**

Check **ASU's COVID-19 Guide** page frequently for return-to-work updates.

- 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.
- **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.

► **Student Accessibility and Inclusive Learning Services (SAILS) Trainings**

The Student Accessibility and Inclusive Learning Services (SAILS), formerly 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.**

► **The Information Security Awareness refresher course for fiscal year 2021 is now available!**

This 30-minute course is required for all ASU faculty, staff and student workers. **The deadline for completing the course is October 30, 2020.**

Following the training cycle, access to ASU's administrative systems may be suspended for individuals who have not completed the training successfully.

Each of us is responsible for helping to ensure the security of our community, including protecting each other by properly handling information resources, whether that data is accessed from an ASU enterprise data store, or, on a workstation, phone or tablet. This training provides an overview of effective best practices for protecting ASU data and resources. **Please ensure that you and each member of your team complete the training, including the short quiz, in a timely fashion.**

Events

Hacks for Humanity

Friday-Sunday, Oct. 9-11, 2020

This 3-day hacking event challenges designers, artists, humanists, futurists, musicians, entrepreneurs, scientists, engineers, generalists and others — not just coders — to create and to innovate solutions to local and global issues.

This year's participant team tracks are Safety, Justice and Aging. [Learn more](#)



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