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New ideas to reform American policing significantly based on recent research can be found in the 13 chapters of a new book edited and partially written by professors **Edward Maguire**, left, and **Charles Katz**, center, of the **School of Criminology and Criminal Justice**, shown here talking with **Dean Jonathan Koppell** at a recent reception honoring former School Director **Cassia Spohn**.

[*Transforming the Police: Thirteen Key Reforms*](#), published in February by Waveland Press, introduces strategies supported by research for establishing new standards in community policing. The authors' fresh perspectives are designed for law-enforcement officials to make better-informed decisions about running their agencies and how to best apply strategies and tactics.

Each chapter's recommendations are followed by a response from an active or recently retired police chief or other law enforcement executive.

- Feb. 17, 2020: ["ASU Professors' Book Recommends Changes in Police Departments,"](#) by Stacy Brinson, *State Press*
 - Feb. 6, 2020: ["New Book Provides Research-Based Strategies for Law Enforcement,"](#) by Mark J. Scarp, *ASU Now*
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Two women with strong ties to the Maryvale community in northwest Phoenix will serve as "community champions," working with Watts College faculty, staff and students on improving the lives of those residing there.

The college's appointment of **Rosie Espinoza**, right, and **Karolina Arredondo**, below right, as liaisons to and from Maryvale is part of a long-range plan to enhance the area's quality of life, managed by a partnership of the college and local residents and institutions. The effort is funded by a portion of the \$30 million gift to the college in 2018 from **Mike and Cindy Watts**, who grew up in Maryvale and for whom the college is named.



- ["Watts College Names Two 'Community Champions' As Liaisons to Maryvale Neighborhoods,"](#) by Mark J. Scarp, *ASU Now*



Migrant women and girls who experienced violent crime are more likely than nonvictims to have health problems and face barriers to vital health care here in Arizona, a new Arizona State University study has found. The study, written by **School of Criminology and Criminal Justice** Associate Professor **Kathleen Fox** and physician **Dr. Crista Johnson-Agbakwu**, seated left, an associate professor in the **School of Social Work** and the

Southwest Interdisciplinary Research Center, was published in December in the *American Journal of Public Health*. It is a first-of-its-kind, large-scale survey of Somali women and girls in Arizona that shows the health effects of victimization, defined by researchers as homicide, violence, sexual assault, arson and kidnapping.

- Jan. 31, 2020: ["ASU Study; Exposure to Violence Means Less Access to Health Care for Somali Women in Arizona,"](#) by Mark J. Scarp, *ASU Now*

Police departments nationwide, including Phoenix, are dealing with many challenges, and whenever occasional abhorrent behavior takes place, the law enforcement profession is negatively affected, argues

Kevin Robinson, faculty associate in the **School of Criminology and Criminal Justice** and a retired Phoenix assistant police chief in

The Arizona Republic. "If it takes civilian oversight for the Phoenix Police Department to demonstrate its desire and ability to be one of the top and most well-respected police agencies in the country, so be it."



- Feb. 28, 2020: ["Phoenix Police Are Professionals. They Can Handle the Challenge of a Civilian Review Board,"](#) by Kevin Robinson, *The Arizona Republic*



Important respite care for family members and friends caring for veterans has been provided since 2018 by the Watts College's **Center for Urban Innovation**, which that year took over administering the **Legacy Corps for Veterans and Military Families**. Center director and **School of Public Affairs (SPA)** Associate Professor **David Swindell** tells KJZZ-FM's "The Show" about how the program helps pay society's debt to the men and women who honorably served in our nation's armed forces by giving time off to those who care for them full time.

- Feb. 13, 2020: ["Legacy Corps Program Focuses on Providing Respite Care for Veterans, Families,"](#) Steve Goldstein, KJZZ-FM "The Show"
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In an essay produced in cooperation with the Watts College's **American Indian Policy Institute**, the Gila River Indian Community's recently retired governor, **Stephen Roe Lewis**, recommended tribes forge mutually beneficial relationships – especially with universities – to strengthen efforts to provide opportunities for American Indians to thrive as self-sustaining people. Lewis spoke of partnerships with ASU, the Watts College and AIPI that have helped his community by connecting indigenous and Western ways of looking at the world, and creating innovative programs in education, environment and emerging technologies.



- Feb. 11, 2020: ["By Working Together, Tribes and Universities Are Building Relationships of Mutual Value,"](#) by Stephen Roe Lewis for *Indian Country Today*
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become engaged."

A major change in law enforcement such as Senate Bill 1070 can encourage young people to become politically active, **Adam Fine**, an assistant professor in the **School of Criminal Justice (CCJ)**, told *The Arizona Republic*. SB 1070 is the 2010 state law that required police to question someone about his or her immigration status if an officer has reasonable suspicion that person is in this country illegally. Fine told the *Republic* the law received large amounts of national and local media attention, which "I'm sure pushed a lot of youth to

- Feb. 18, 2020: ["Arizona's SB 1070 Births New Generation of Immigrant Activists,"](#) by Uriel J. Garcia, *The Arizona Republic*
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In the 15 years since the **School of Community Resources and Development** was created, it has blossomed from its origins as a recreation program into a fully sustainable school that equips students with the tools necessary to create meaningful community partnerships. Interim School Director **Christine Buzinde**, left, greets a guest at a Feb. 5 faculty

luncheon celebrating SCRD's 15th anniversary this year.

- Feb. 25, 2020: ["School of Community Resources and Development Celebrates 15 Years."](#) by Mark J. Scarp, *ASU Now*

One of the Watts College's best-known scholarship programs is the Cantelme Scholars. It's named for retired Phoenix Fire Capt. **Pat Cantelme**, pictured at right with members of this year's cohort. Cantelme is co-founder, president and chairman of the board of the CDH



Charitable Foundation, an Arizona-based private foundation that focuses largely on scholarship funding for Arizona residents attending the state's public universities with a demonstrated passion for public service. The Cantelme Scholars program resides within the **Public Service Academy**, which is administered by the Watts College. This year, the CDH Foundation provided generous tuition funding for 10 ASU students who graduated from Arizona high schools and provided stipends allowing students to take part in ASU Study Abroad programs.

- Feb. 18, 2020: ["Cantelme Scholars Demonstrate a Passion for Public Service."](#) by Mark J. Scarp, *ASU Now*