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SBS SNAPSHOTS

NEWS AND EVENTS FROM
THE COLLEGE OF SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEB
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**Climate Conversations: Making Arizona Documentary Film
Screening & Panel Discussion**

Agnese Haury Auditorium, 7-8:30 PM

MAR
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**The 31st Annual Sabbagh Lecture: "The Sassoons: The
Great Global Merchants and the Making of an Empire"**

Arizona Historical Society, 7-8 PM

MAR
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Celebrating Aurelie Sheehan

Poetry Center, 7 PM



Data Connect Us – Spotlight on SBS Research

SBS researchers are merging big data and artificial intelligence to advance innovative, interdisciplinary solutions to social issues, including endangered Indigenous languages, political violence, AI in education, climate change, and decreases in scientific breakthroughs. [More](#)

SBS FEATURES



Lights, Camera, Action! Leah Britton Discusses her Role Reporting on the Arizona State Legislature

Leah Britton is a senior majoring in journalism and a minoring in American Sign Language. She was recently selected as the 2024 Don Bolles Fellow and will soon begin a job reporting on the Arizona State Legislature in Phoenix. In this Q&A, she talks about leaving her comfort zone and being inspired. [More](#)



Political Science Alum Carol Dorsey is SBS's 2024 Alumna of the Year

The College of SBS is pleased to name Carol Dorsey the 2023-2024 SBS Alumna of the Year. After earning a bachelor's in political science, Carol became involved in regional politics. In addition to supporting the Southwest Center and "In the Americas with David Yetman," Carol and her husband, Bob, established The North Mississippi Literacy Project and support various projects in our community. [More](#)



Poet Farid Matuk Named USA Fellow

Farid Matuk's literary journey began in high school when his cousin gave him an anthology of U.S. poets printed for the Bicentennial. Now Matuk, a poet and director of the MFA Program in Creative Writing, has been named a 2024 USA Fellow by United States Artists. The fellowship comes with an unrestricted \$50,000 stipend. [More](#)



Q&A with Corey Roberts on Language Revitalization: "It's in Those Things Where My Heart Is"

Polyglot Corey Roberts, a graduate student working toward his Ph.D. in linguistics with a minor in American Indian Studies, identifies with the Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation and is deeply involved personally and

academically in the revitalization of their language, Tutelo. [More](#)



The Importance of Strong Communication Skills: Q&A with Alumna Melinda Englert

Melinda Englert earned her B.A. in anthropology and journalism in 2010. Her post-graduate career has focused on nonprofit leadership in addition to strategic and creative communications. Here, she talks about how her education at SBS has helped her achieve meaningful success in her career. [More](#)

SBS NEWS BRIEFS



Thanks to all our presenters at the [SBSRI Research Showcase](#) for their innovative and impactful research. Congratulations to the winners for Best Poster: Pre-doctoral Research Grant: Wei Xu, English/SLAT; Dissertation Research Grant: Laryssa Shipley, Anthropology; Faculty Small Grant: Kirssa Ryckman, SGPP; and Research Professorship: Linda Green, Anthropology. Read the [Daily Wildcat story](#). You can also watch a [short video](#) of the event.

The College of SBS is partnering with the Agave Heritage Festival to offer a series of Masterclasses and an opening reception. [Learn more!](#)

An all-artist crew comprised of four University of Arizona professional artists, including Christopher Cokinos, non-fiction writer and professor emeritus of English, will undertake a [six-day simulated moon mission](#) on March 10-15.

Marsha McDowell recently completed both the MA in Human Rights Practice and the Graduate Certificate in Gender-Based Violence. During Marsha's time in the program, she worked on a [series of videos about the experiences of LGBTQ students](#).



In the above [video](#), Alison Futrell explains why, after so much success during the Third Servile War, Spartacus' forces didn't march on Rome. Futrell also was featured on a [podcast](#) on the Roman rebel.

SBS IN THE NEWS

["Children are expensive – not just for parents, but the environment – so how many is too many?"](#) *The Conversation*, 2/15/24 (Trevor Hedberg, Philosophy)

["Sinema keeps Democrats, GOP on edge in Arizona,"](#) *The Hill*, 2/13/24 (Samara Klar, Government and Public Policy)

"Hopi author inducted into Indigenous Athletics Hall of Fame," *Navajo-Hopi Observer*, 2/13/24 (Matthew Sakiestewa Gilbert, American Indian Studies; History)

"Pedagogy must get to grips with student disrespect of women," *Times Higher Education Supplement*, 2/12/24 (Hannah H. Kim, Philosophy)

"Graffiti artists tag 27 floors of abandoned skyscraper in Los Angeles," *Smithsonian Magazine*, 2/8/24 (Stefano Bloch, Geography, Development & Environment)

"Latinos among those disproportionately affected by extreme heat and wildfire smoke," *The Latin Times*, 2/6/24 (Laura Bakkensen, Government and Public Policy)

"Celebrating 'Good Times' at 50 and 9 other iconic black sitcoms," *AARP News*, 2/5/24 (Stephanie Troutman Robbins, Gender & Women's Studies)

"New discovery changes what we know about the early human family tree," *History Enhanced*, 2/3/24 (Mary Stiner, Anthropology)

"The Lake tape: A leaked recording shakes up the Republican Party in Arizona," *The Economist*, 2/1/24 (Samara Klar, Government and Public Policy)

"N. Scott Momaday built the foundations of Native American literature," *Smithsonian Magazine*, 1/31/24 (N. Scott Momaday, English)

"Rushing into a Hindu Rashtra," *Counter Currents*, 2/1/24 (Richard Easton, History)

"Biden says he's decided how to respond to deadly drone attack," *Telemundo*, 1/31/24 (Michael L. Burgoyne, Government and Public Policy)

"Lake Mead water levels update as reservoir 'on the mend,' says scientist," *Newsweek*, 1/31/24 (Andrea Gerlak, Geography, Development & Environment)

"Meteorologists pressured to improve forecasts amid more extreme weather events," NPR, 1/31/24 (Laura Bakkensen, Government and Public Policy)

"Updated federal law prompts Museums to remove Native American artwork, artifacts," KGUN-TV, 1/30/24 (James Watson, Anthropology)

"'From the River to the Sea:' Palestinians resist erasure. Why many insist on using the phrase," *In These Times*, 1/30/24 (Maha Nassar, Middle Eastern and North African Studies)

"Traditional Hopi farmer Michael Kotutwa Johnson receives Rockefeller grant," *Navajo-Hopi Observer*, 1/30/24 (Michael Rowe, Anthropology)

"Lencho: A discussion with Leo Ríos," *New Books Network Podcast*, 1/26/24 (Leo Rios, English)

"Planet Earth: These factors moved the doomsday clock to 90 seconds from the end of the world," *Telemundo*, 1/25/24 (Michael L. Burgoyne, Government and Public Policy)

"Buckmaster Show: Any end in sight to the Russia-Ukraine War?" KVOI-Radio, 1/22/24 (Pat Willerton, Government and Public Policy)

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

Andrew Curley, assistant professor in the School of Geography, Development & Environment, was named a **Fellow of the American Association of Geographers**.

Matthew Sakiestewa Gilbert, head of the Department of American Indian Studies and professor in the Department of History, was recently inducted into the **North American Indigenous Athletics Hall of Fame**.

The team directed by Anthropology Regents Professor **Takeshi Inomata** and Anthropology Professor **Daniela Triadan** received a Shanghai Archaeological Forum

Award for their research on the origins of Maya civilization. The research team includes graduate students **Xanti Ceballos** and **Hannah Zanotto**. The Shanghai Archaeological Forum selects 20 of the most significant archaeological research projects in the world in recent years.

Maurice Magaña, associate professor in the Department of Mexican American Studies, was named a **2024 Mellon-Fronteridades Faculty Fellow**. The College of SBS also had four **Mellon-Fronteridades Graduate Fellows**: **Natasha Cortinovis** (Bilingual Journalism); **Deyanira Ibarra** (Anthropology); **Dugan Meyer** (Geography, Development & Environment); and **Alexandra Mora Medina** (Bilingual Journalism).

Daniel Martinez, associate professor in the School of Sociology and co-director of the Binational Migration Institute, was named a **2024 Immigration Fellow** at FWD.us.

MORE EVENTS

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The Long Climate Crisis: Global Political Ecologies of Caste, Race, and Migration

ENR2, S107, 3:30-5 PM

FEB
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Charlas con Café: Mayan Organizing and Guatemala's "New Spring"

Marshall 280, 1-2:15 PM

FEB
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Justice, Law, and Capitalism Talk with Elizabeth Pollman

Social Sciences 224, 3:3 PM

MAR
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The Shaol & Louis Pozez Memorial Lectureship Series: Noa Yedlin: Writer and Screenwriter

Barnes & Noble, 1-3 PM

MAR
14

The Raphael Patai Memorial Lecture Series: "A Natural Act of Vengeance": The Threat of Jewish Fundamentalism

Jewish Community Center, 7 PM

MAR
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2024 Bazy Tankersley Southwest Laureate Lecture: "Preserving Place & Empowering Community: The Past,

Present, and Future of Camp Naco"

Center for Creative Photography, 6-7 PM

APR
18**Agave Culturescapes & Festival Opening Reception (with Luis Coronado)**

Hotel Congress, 6-9 PM

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