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College of Social
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SBS SNAPSHOTS

NEWS AND EVENTS FROM
THE COLLEGE OF SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAR
21

[Celebrating Aurelie Sheehan](#)

Poetry Center, 7 PM

MAR
22

[2024 Bazy Tankersley Southwest Laureate Lecture - Preserving Place & Empowering Community: The Past, Present, and Future of Camp Naco](#)

Center for Creative Photography, 6 PM

APR
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[The Evolution of Warfare: A Conversation with General David H. Petraeus](#)

Online Event, 5 PM

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

Hotel Congress, 6-9 PM

**SIROW Will Help Expand Resources for LGBTQ+ Youth with Nearly \$4M in Federal Grants**

The Southwest Institute for Research on Women received nearly \$4 million in federal grants to bolster support for LGBTQ+ youth in Southern Arizona. A \$2.5 million grant will expand offerings for sexual health education, HIV testing, and connections to mental health services. Additionally, a \$1.2 million grant will support the Family Pride Initiative, providing mental health services to LGBTQ+ youth and training for caregivers. [More](#)

SBS FEATURES



Fighting for Surplus Water: Q&A with Amelia Flores

Amelia Flores, alumna and tribal chair of Colorado River Indian Tribes, graduated with a master's degree in linguistics and was recently named to the Governor's Water Policy Council. Now she wants to ensure tribes have a voice in the conversation about water rights. [More](#)



Preparing for Graduate Research as an Undergraduate: Q&A with David Owens

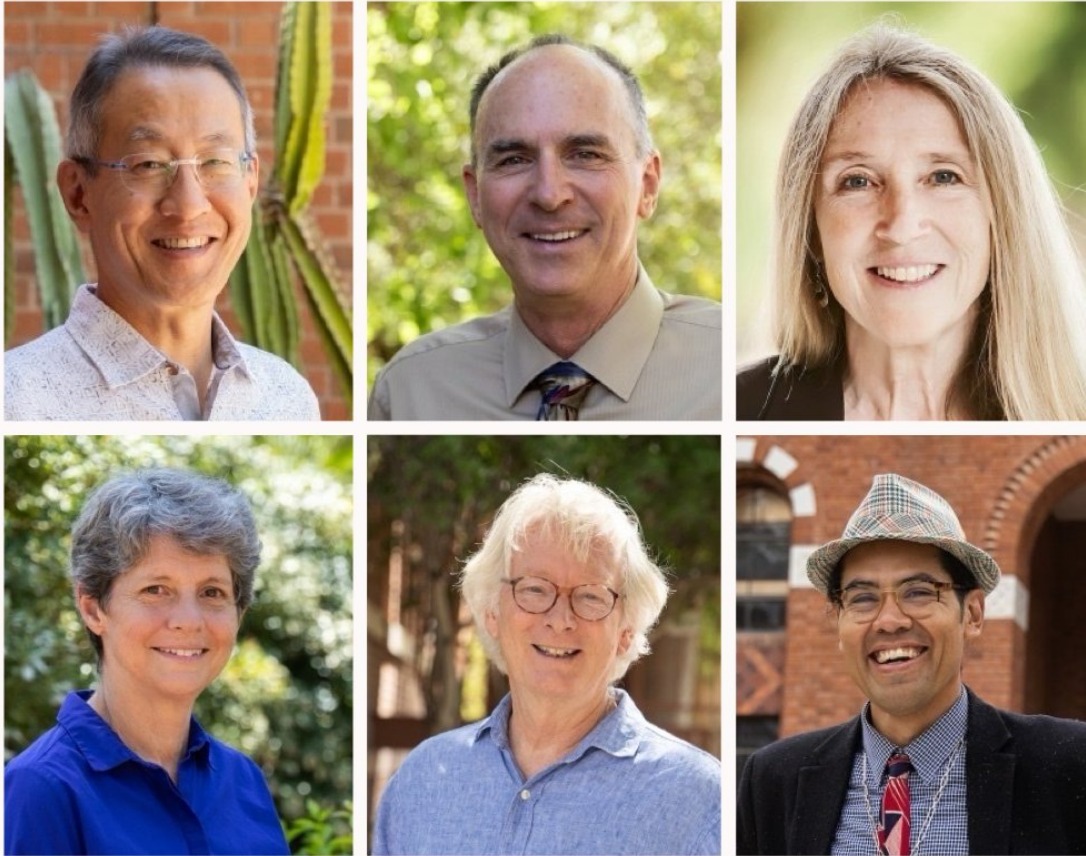
Political science major David Owens talks about his opportunity to work with Javier Osorio in the School of Government and Public Policy as an undergraduate research assistant, looking at gang activity in El Salvador. [More](#)



Professor and Former Graffiti Artist Discusses Symbolic Case on Blurred Lines Between Street Art and Crime

Stefano Bloch, associate professor in the School of Geography, Development & Environment and former graffiti artist, spoke with NPR about a controversial public art project in Los Angeles, which has sparked fresh debate around artistic expression and vandalism. [More](#)

SBS NEWS BRIEFS



OUTSTANDING FACULTY AWARDS

We are thrilled to recognize the incredible contributions of our SBS faculty members! Takeshi Inomata, Anthropology; Chris Segrin, Communication; Meg Lota Brown, English; Diane E. Austin, Anthropology; and Andrew Curley, Government and Public Policy. Learn more about our [Regents Professors](#) and our [other honorees](#).

For a third year in a row, the Wildcats hope to bring home the trophy from the [Arizona Board of Regents' annual daylong speech and debate competition](#) between the three state universities on March 23. The UArizona team is coached by Ted McLoof, principal lecturer in the Department of English, and Diana Leonard, senior lecturer in the Department of Communication.

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

Bloomsbury Publishing has bought world rights to *What the Saguaro Saw* by [Stephanie Pearmain](#), associate professor of practice in the [Department of English](#). Her picture

book follows the life of a single saguaro that sits on the border between Mexico and America in the Sonoran Desert, and bears witness to all the ecological, socio-political, humanitarian, and Indigenous histories throughout its 200-year lifespan. Publication is set for winter 2026. Congratulations!



In the above Q&A [video](#), History Professor David Gibbs talks about his background, teaching approach, new book, and interests. His expertise spans history and political science, with a focus on international relations and U.S. politics.

SBS IN THE NEWS

"Political demographics: Joe Biden's weakness among Latinos threatens his re-election," *The Economist*, 3/19/24 (Samara Klar, Government and Public Policy)

"The disrespect from rap fans at shows needs to stop," *XXL Magazine*, 3/18/24 (Jennifer Stevens Aubrey, Communication)

"African American English, Black ASL are stigmatized. Experts say they deserve recognition," *USA Today*, 3/12/24 (Sonja Lanehart, Linguistics)

"The comet strike theory that just won't die, " *The New York Times*, 3/10/24
(Vance Holliday, Anthropology)

"University of Arizona artists to explore moon's creative side in simulated mission at Biosphere 2," *Arizona Daily Star*, 3/9/24 (Christopher Cokinos, English)

" Vote 'em if you've got 'em: Voters could see flood of questions on ballot,"
KAET-TV, 3/6/24 (Tom Volgy, Government and Public Policy)

"You'll probably spend at least 17 years of your adult life online," *Fortune*,
3/6/24 (Matthew Lapierre, Communication)

" Independent Sen. Kyrsten Sinema of Arizona says she won't seek reelection,"
KGUN-TV, 3/5/24 (Kate Kenski, Communication)

" Bloomberg Surveillance Podcast: Special Coverage: Super Tuesday reaction,"
Bloomberg Radio, 3/5/24 (Samara Klar, Government and Public Policy)

"Which states vote on Super Tuesday 2024? " CBS News, 3/4/24 (Barbara
Norrander, Government and Public Policy)

"Southern Arizona authors go back in time for new reads," *Arizona Daily Star*,
3/3/24 (Michelle K. Berry, History)

" Opinion: Democratic Presidents have better economic performances than Republican ones," *Washington Monthly*, 3/1/24 (John E. Schwarz, Government and
Public Policy)

" Former Josh Hawley supporter runs against him as independent. Does he have a chance?" *Kansas City Star*, 2/29/24 (Samara Klar, Government and Public
Policy)

" Award-winning novelist Manuel Muñoz to be featured speaker at writers conference,"KIDY-TV, 2/26/24 (Manuel Muñoz, English)

" Lake Mead levels continue recovery due to conservation, professor says," KPBS-TV, 2/21/24 (Andrea Gerlak, Geography, Development & Environment)

" Deeper empathy is only one benefit of being multilingual," UA@Work, 2/20/24 (Janet Nicol, Linguistics)

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

The Tucson Agenda, co-founded by journalism instructor Caitlin Schmidt, and Arizona Luminaria, also co-founded by journalism instructors Irene McKisson and Becky Pallack, were among the first group of six news organizations chosen to receive funding from the **Community Foundation for Southern Arizona's Local News Initiative.**

MORE EVENTS

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Charlas con Café | Building a Relational Theory of International Migration Systems

Marshall 280, 1-2 PM

MAR
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UArizona Museum Day

University of Arizona Campus, 10-4 PM

MAR
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Cinema Tucsón: Víctimas del Pecado (Victims of Sin)

Fox Tucson Theater, 7-9 PM

MAR
28

El Disco Es Cultura: Sonic Artifacts, Racial Geographies, Latinx Chicago

Kiva Auditorium, 5:30 PM

MAR
28

Israeli Democracy after October 7th

Jewish Community Center, 6-8 PM

MAR
29

Sonorous Present: Songs of Border Crossings, Sunrises, and Mournings

Pidgin Palace Arts, 6:00 PM

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University of Arizona Center for the Philosophy of Freedom Debate Series – ESG Now and in the Future: Is There Common Ground?

The Heard Museum, 5:30-7 PM

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Justice, Law, and Capitalism Talk Series with Jessica Flanigan

Social Sciences 224, 3:30-6 PM

APR
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Opening Celebration: 'Amai Mo 'Am Şo:şon G Cewagĩ I El lugar donde se forman las nubes I The Place Where Clouds Are Formed

Center for Creative Photography, 11:30 AM-1 PM

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Justice, Law, and Capitalism Talk Series with Brian Berkley

Social Sciences 224, 3:30-6 PM

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Hebrew Language Fair

UA Mall near Old Main, 11 AM-2 PM

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Book Talk with Dr. Andrew Port

Jewish Heritage Center at The Tucson J, 7-8 PM

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Film Series: Theeb

ILC 130, 7 PM

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