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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

SEPT
24

Cinema Tucson: The Devil Smokes

Fox Tucson Theatre, 7PM

SEP
30

Scottsdale, AZ | Stories that Shape Our Community – an Evening with Manuel Muñoz

U of A Scottsdale Center, 5:30-7:30PM

NOV
6-8

Save the Date: Homecoming

University of Arizona Campus



College of SBS Welcomes Incoming 2025 Faculty

Welcome to our new 2025 SBS faculty members, whose diverse expertise reflects the breadth and depth of research, teaching, and community engagement that define the College of SBS. Our scholars explore a range of topics, including the study of attention and addiction, social and spatial theory, theories of linguistics in the O'odham language, sustainability, digital tools in journalism, gender-based violence, models of language development, political morality, human nature and ethics, Indigenous forest management, and **[much more!](#)**

SBS FEATURES



U of A students assist in World War II-era recovery mission

Two College of SBS students, Carson Criswell and Max Von Husen, participated in the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency-led excavation in southwestern Poland this summer to help recover remains of a B-17G bomber crew, missing since World War II. [More](#)



A Legacy of Hope: Brenna Ilana Berger Memorial Fund

Created in memory of Arizona alum Brenna Ilana Berger, this scholarship fund is transforming the lives of students facing overwhelming financial challenges. [More](#)



New SBS Emerita/Emeritus Faculty Honored

The College of SBS is proud to recognize and celebrate its recent emerita/emergitus professors. We are deeply grateful for their years of dedication and the many ways they have helped shape the college into the thriving academic community it is today. [More](#)



Get to Know SBS Ambassador Executive Vice President Brady Lary

In this recent Q & A, SBS Ambassador Brady Lary shared why he decided to become an ambassador, what he loves most about Tucson, and his pro tips for success for first semester students.

[More](#)

SBS NEWS BRIEFS



Five of the 10 students selected for the [2025 Mo's Policy Scholars](#) cohort are from SBS! They will work with faculty on environmental policy and Indigenous governance research. Congratulations to our students Lauren Clerihue, Ryan Green, Michaela Hollowhorn, Spencer Metz, and Malika Tuychiboeva. [Learn more](#)

Cecilia Sada Garibay, a graduate student in the Department of Communication, was featured on an episode of the American Association of Colleges and Universities' podcast, *The Academic Minute*. She spoke with AAC&U president, Lynn Pasquerella, about observations on what children's screen time teaches us about family relationships. [More](#)



Arizona Illustrated shared stories produced by four School of Journalism students (now alums) — Noor Hagighi, Laura Holanszky, Allison Fagan, and Emma Diaz — from a photography club proud to be free of mansplaining, a food truck empowering people with special needs, recent SBS alum Patrick Robles' lifelong drive for politics, and the man behind one of Tucson's biggest hot dog businesses. [Watch here!](#)

SBS IN THE NEWS

[**"What's next for Turning Point after Charlie Kirk death?"**](#) *The Arizona Republic*, 9/12/25 (Samara Klar, Government and Public Policy)

"Off the Radar Podcast: The year without a summer," The National Weather Desk, 9/9/25 (Kevin Anchukaitis, Geography, Development & Environment)

"Rainwater harvesting grows in the Southwest and beyond to nourish thirsty gardens in a hotter world," The Associated Press, 9/8/25 (Adriana Zuniga Teran, Geography, Development & Environment)

"'An Endangered Species' and other new books by Tucson-area authors," *Arizona Daily Star*, 9/6/25 (Frances Washburn, American Indian Studies; English)

"Facing defunding, Indigenous cultural workers say they cannot be suppressed," *Truthout*, 9/6/25 (Maribel Alvarez, Southwest Center/Global Studies)

"Cat bones tell a story of early settlers and their love for felines," KSL-Radio (Salt Lake City), 9/3/25 (Martin Welker, Anthropology)

"Tucson to offer city-sanctioned camp for homeless women, nonbinary people," *The Arizona Republic*, 9/1/25 (Keith Bentele, Southwest Institute for Research on Women)

"History professor Benjamin Lawrance tackles urgent need for copyright debate to continue," *Times Live*, 9/1/25 (Benjamin Lawrance, History)

"Is capitalism making us lonely?" *Econlib*, 9/1/25 (Vlad Tarko, Political Economy and Moral Science)

"Israel's killing of journalists follows a pattern of silencing Palestinian media that stretches back to 1967," *The Conversation*, 8/25/25 (Maha Nassar, Middle Eastern and North African Studies/Global Studies)

" **Tribal water settlement aims to repair generations of exclusion**,"

Arizona Center for Investigative Reporting, 8/22/25 (Karletta Chief, American Indian Studies)

"' **Absolutely wrong to see Mughals as a foreign empire:**' **Historian**

Richard Eaton," *The Wire* (India), 8/17/25 (Richard Eaton, History)

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

Journalism Professor **Jessica Retis** was named recipient of the **2025 Lionel C. Barrow Jr. Award for Distinguished Achievement in Diversity Research and Education**.

Journalism Professor **Jessica Retis** received the **Excellence in Graduate Teaching and Mentoring Award** from the Graduate College.

Robert Schon, associate professor in the School of Anthropology, has been named a **2025 CUES Distinguished Fellow** for his project, "Back from the Field: Supporting Student Researchers through Digital Laboratories and Multi-Semester Mentoring."

Angie Torres-Beltran, an assistant professor in the School of Government and Public Policy, received the **2025 Adaljiza Sosa-Riddell Mentor Award for Mentoring of Graduate Students**, which recognizes exemplary mentoring of Latino y Latina students and junior faculty each year.

Michelle Téllez, associate professor in the Department of Mexican American Studies, is the recipient of the **2025 Tortuga Award**, given by Mujeres Activas en Letras y Cambio Social. The prize recognizes scholars and administrators who have cleared the educational path for women of color and gender non-conforming peoples.

The American Sociological Association awarded **Daniel Martínez**, associate professor of Sociology and Mexican American Studies, the **Section on International Migration Award for Public Sociology in International Migration**. Recipients are recognized for work that improves the lives of migrants or refugees.

MORE EVENTS

SEP
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Fall 2025 Charlas con Café | COMPLEX: A Visual Survey of the Border Security State

Marshall Building, Room 280, 1PM

SEP
19

La Peña del SurCo

Fourth Avenue Coalition Space, 6PM

SEP
19-20

Inaugural Freedom Center Workshop on Academic Freedom

Memorial Student Union, Kachina Room, 9/19, 3PM-5PM;
9/20, 9AM-4PM

SEP
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The American Revolution: Screening and Discussion

ENR2 Building, Room N120 (1064 E. Lowell St.) 6:30PM

SEPT
25

Leadership Perspectives on Native Nation Building: A Conversation with Jonathan Nez

Harvill Building, Room 332A, 12:30PM-1:30PM

SEPT
25

FC Talk: Allen Buchanan, "Against Justice Fetishism"

Social Sciences Bldg., Room 224, 12:30PM

OCT
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Confluentcenter Horizons Student AI Showcase

U of A Main Library, Room 112, 5PM

OCT
8

2025 Tumamoc Author Series: Patricia Gilman

Tumamoc Hill Boathouse, 6-7:30 PM

OCT
8

Cinematic Borderlands: Las Marthas

Fox Tucson Theatre, 7PM

OCT
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SoA Lecture Series: "Toward Resolving a Gap in Polynesian Prehistory"

U of A Campus, Haury Bldg., Room 215, 12:30PM

OCT
15-19

Colloquium on Desert Cultures

Casas Grandes, Chihuahua, Mexico

OCT
17-19

Tucson Meet Yourself

Downtown Tucson, All Day

NOV
1-8

Southwest Center Travel Series: San Luis Potosí 2025

San Luis Potosí, Mexico

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