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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

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27

**[39th Annual Town and Gown Lecture: Bridges, Columns, and Saints: Making Space Holy from Prague to Patagonia](#)**

Online, 11AM (MST)

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**[Agave Heritage Festival | Field Notes: Resilient Desert and Food Systems + Plant Sale](#)**

Whistle Stop Depot, 127 West 5th St., 10AM-12:30PM

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**[Agave Heritage Festival | Sonoran Desert Cocktail Workshop with Gary Nabhan](#)**

barbata, 35 East Toole Ave., 6:45-7:45PM



### **SBS Students Making Their Mark Through Study Abroad**

In the latest issue of *Arizona Magazine*, Dylann Sweeney (Global Studies) appears on the cover, a photo from her study abroad in Morocco, while Mia Chavez (Criminal Justice Studies) reflects on her time in South Korea. Together, they show how global experiences are shaping perspectives and Wildcat leadership.

## **SBS FEATURES**



### **History Students Use Research to Collaborate with African American Historical Exhibits**

SBS history undergraduates are collaborating with the African American Museum of Southern Arizona to help preserve and share local Black history, using research to support community-curated exhibits that celebrate voices and stories

often overlooked.



### **From Public Policy to the Big Leagues: SBS Alumna Uses Political Science To Help Out the Ball Club**

College of SBS alumna Camryn Harper took an unexpected path from government and consulting to the San Diego Padres, where she now works in public affairs — building connections between a Major League team and its community.



### **Natali Gabriel: From Curiosity to Career in Global Security**

Natali Gabriel, a graduate student in the International Security Studies program, is combining curiosity, dedication, and a passion for global security as she builds skills in research, critical thinking, and policy analysis through the program's interdisciplinary approach.

**SBS NEWS BRIEFS**



***La Chamba***, a podcast series produced by SBS students **Barbara Flores** (journalism) and **Suni Salas** (English), along with film and TV major **Maria Garcia**, earned an honorable mention in the **2025 NPR College Podcast Challenge**. Funded through Project ADELANTE, the show features Hispanic/Latinx, first-generation, and low-income students, sharing workplace stories to build career readiness.

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In **this Q&A**, **Annie Boustead**, associate professor in the School of Government and Public Policy and faculty member in the International Security Studies program, discusses her background in surveillance, privacy and cybersecurity, and how these issues connect to real-world applications within International Security Studies programming.

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**Colin Deeds**, assistant director of Latin American Studies in the School of Global Studies, recently joined Jennifer Jenkins, director of the Southwest Center, on the *Journal of the Southwest* podcast. In the episode, "**The Border: Binational Problems, Binational Solutions**," Deeds explores how the U.S.–Mexico border functions as a shared cultural and economic space shaped by both nations.

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**Erick Lemos**, a graduate student in the [Master of Public Administration](#) program in the School of Government and Public Policy, is gaining hands-on leadership experience while preparing for a career in public service. [Read more in this Q&A](#) about Lemos' journey and his drive to be a good public servant.

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**Ufuoma Ovienmhada**, a postdoctoral researcher in the School of Geography, Development, and Environment, presented her [research on extreme heat risks in prisons](#) at the National Academy of Sciences' [Frontiers of Science](#) symposium, which brings together leading early-career scientists to share emerging research.



How do social scientists tackle global challenges? College of SBS Dean Lori Poloni-Staudinger shares how her research on social movements, gender, and politics sparked a global conversation about fashion and political power—and why students continue to inspire her work. [Watch the video to learn more.](#)

## SBS IN THE NEWS

["Opinion: How the 2020 Twin Cities uprising set the stage for the ICE response,"](#) *MinnPost*, 3/17/26 (Geneva Cole, Government and Public Policy)

**"US vows more military action in Latin America while bombing Iran,"**

*Reason*, 3/12/26 (Javier Osorio, Government and Public Policy)

**"Prestige fiction is dead,"** *Los Angeles Review of Books*, 3/12/26 (Dennis Wilson Wise, English)

**"U of A prof: Iran show of strength demonstrates US miscalculation,"**

*AZPM*, 3/11/26 (Leila Hudson, Middle Eastern and North African Studies/Global Studies)

**"Opinion: Human nature, common sense and the gender identity debate,"** *Reno Gazette-Journal* (Nevada), 3/11/26 (Susan Stryker, Gender and Women's Studies/Global Studies)

**"Environmental journalists in a perilous era – a survival guide,"** *Society of Environmental Journalists*, 3/10/26 (Susan Swanberg, Journalism)

**" Tucson's Safe City initiative aims to link people to help. Arrests still drive the strategy,"** *The Associated Press*, 3/4/26 (Keith Bentele, Southwest Institute for Research on Women)

**"'Hostage' review: Captivity and its aftermath,"** *The Wall Street Journal*, 3/3/26 (Mimi Nichter, Anthropology)

**"How conflict in Iran could impact World Cup training in Tucson,"**

*KOLD/KMSB-TV*, 3/2/26 (Leila Hudson, Middle Eastern and North African Studies/Global Studies)

**"In 1776, Arizona and the Southwest are 'overwhelmingly Indigenous'"**

*The Arizona Republic*, 2/27/26 (Michael Brescia, History)

**"Climate Matters: U of A experts lead heat health talks at science symposium,"** *KVOA-TV*, 2/26/26 (Ufuoma Ovienmhada, Geography)

Development & Environment)

**"Local opinion: What my U of A students taught me about hunger,"**

*Arizona Daily Star*, 2/25/26 (Kristen Hoggatt-Abader, English)

**"Chaos in Mexico,"** PBS News Hour, 2/23/26 (Michael Burgoyne,

Government and Public Policy)

**"Mexican security forces kill drug kingpin Nemesio Mencho Oseguera,"**

*Wall Street Journal*, 2/22/26 (Michael Burgoyne, Government and Public Policy)

**"How Zohran Mamdani subverted America's white public space with**

**Uncles, Knafeh, and Arabic,"** *Anthropology News*, 2/12/26 (Deina Rabie, Anthropology)

## AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

**Cristina D. Ramírez**, professor in the Department of English, received the nonfiction prize, history prize, and biography/autobiography prize at the **2026 Great Southwest Book Festival** for her book *Story of Stories: The Texas Border Barrio Life and Writings of Doña Ramona Gonzalez*.

SBS students **Sarah McCovey** and **Francis Tiznado**, were both **named the first recipients of the Nancy Benjamin Kwoh Undergraduate Scholarship in American Indian Studies**.

## MORE EVENTS

MAR  
19-20

**Culinary Mestizaje: Racial Mixing and Foodways across the United States**

U of A Campus Store / Louis Market - 4PM/12PM

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**Global Crossroads Series: Tea Traditions Around the World**

Marshall Bldg., Room 280, 1PM

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**Celebrate America250!** (Plus Museum of Democracy Exhibit on Pathway to the Presidency: Road to the White House)

U of A Student Union Campus Store, 5:30PM

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**FC Talks: Jennifer Pate and Mary Rigdon, "The Puzzle of Political Ambition and Pro-sociality"**

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

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**Poetry Reading by Zeina Hashem Beck**

University of Arizona Poetry Center, 7PM

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**Human Rights Virtual Global Youth Summit**

Online, 7AM-12PM

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**History Methods Workshop | Historian, Self, and Other: Filling in the Gaps in the Archival Record**

Cesar E. Chavez Bldg., Room 406A, 5PM

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**LGBTQ+ Institute Conference: Becoming Within Death & Kaleidoscopic Grief**

ENR2 Bldg., 1064 E. Lowell St., 9:30AM-4PM

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**Symposium on American Indian Languages**

ENR2 Bldg., 1064 E. Lowell St., All Day

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**Tumamoc Author Series 2025/2026 | David Burkhalter: Baskets from the Seri Coast**

Tumamoc Hill Boathouse, 6PM

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**My Arizona Lecture 2026 | Jennifer Jenkins** - Screening  
Americans: Cinema and Citizenship at War Relocation  
Authority Camps in Arizona, 1942-46

ENR2 Bldg., Room S107, 1064 E. Lowell, 3:30PM

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