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7th MA IAL Washington Week

Our Lab's 7th MA IAL Washington Week was a success! The students engaged with 16 different speakers and organizations including the representatives from the Israeli Embassy, former chief of the PLO delegation in Washington, and the 25th U.S. National Security Advisor, General H.R. McMaster. They also had the chance to work collaboratively in our signature leadership programs, the Monument Walk and Diplomatic Risk Management Exercise, led by General Freakley and Ambassador Polt. Our Lab offers Washington Week to our MA IAL students twice a year, providing the best in-person professional development experience that covers various topics and careers within the international affairs field. To learn more, visit our [International Affairs and Leadership Washington Week](#) page!



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Fellows Program Call for Participants

Deadline: December 1, 2024

The LDNS Lab is seeking two highly motivated undergraduate/graduate students to participate in its innovative Research Fellows Program for the Spring 2025 semester. Students accepted into the program will work directly with faculty mentors on current research projects involving leadership, diplomacy and national security and will qualify for a \$2,500 scholarship.

Requirements:

- Preference for first-generation college students
 - Cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher
 - All ASU majors/years are eligible
 - Time Commitment: 5-7 hours/week
- Location: Virtual, weekly Zoom meetings

Deadline to submit application, transcript, and letter of recommendation: December 1, 2024

For More Information + Application Form:

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Two Recent MA International Affairs and Leadership Program Graduates Receive Presidential Management Fellows Program Appointments

Monae Bullock and Devin Parker credit the encouragement and support of MA International Affairs and Leadership Program faculty and staff for their success.

Monae Bullock



[Read more here](#)

Devin Parker



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Meet AWI Study Abroad Student Amber Sheardown

Amber's time in Montenegro, specifically in Budva, was a life-changing experience that shaped her views on leadership and community. Although her stay was brief, she learned so much about the Balkans, its people, and its culture in ways she never expected.



[Read more here](#)

Meet AWI Study Abroad Student Jonathan Duprat

Jonathan's time in Montenegro as well as brief visits across the Balkans as part of his internship has arguably been the most defining period of not just his studies thus far, but also helped him learn a lot more about how he operates in a professional foreign environment.



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Spotlight on IAL 592 Student Lucas Revelle



“Belt and Road Babies” is an independent research project (ASU course IAL 592) imagined by Lucas Revelle. As a Health Outreach Volunteer in Nicoadala, Zambezia Province, Mozambique, Lucas frequently met babies and children of Afro-Asian mixed race heritage in the hospital. In a metropolitan African city, this may have been normal. However these children appearing in semi-rural largely homogenous Mozambique May represent a new phenomenon in anthropology and sociology born of international policies.

Spotlight on IAL 592 Student Brandon Munoz



Brandon is studying Modern Standard and Egyptian Colloquial Arabic at the American University in Cairo as part of a scholarship granted to American students to promote a better understanding of the relations between the U.S. and Egypt. He is working on his IAL 592 independent research project related to Palestinian refugees in Cairo.

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Spotlight on IAL 584 Internship Students Brenden Kazensky and Olivia McDonald



Brenden and Olivia are interning (IAL 584 Internship) with the Blue Umbrella in Amman, Jordan under the guidance of our ASU World Innovator, Mohammed Al-Tarawneh! They work with communities such as Palestinian and Syrian refugees, or those of a lower socioeconomic standing, in a variety of facets ranging from advancing education opportunities to leadership development.



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Congratulations to Ambassador David Scheffer!



Our very own David Scheffer received the American Bar Association's Eleanor Roosevelt Prize for Global Human Rights Advancement on September 17, 2024. David's family was on hand to celebrate with him.

During his acceptance speech, David made a compelling plea for the U.S. to honor its values and fulfill its role in the world by ratifying a series of international human rights and other treaties to which it is not a party.

This is a very prestigious award. Previous honorees include Secretary Clinton, former Nuremberg War Crimes Trials prosecutor Benjamin Ferencz, Dr. Anthony S. Fauci, Billie Jean King, and Jose Andres' World Central Kitchen.

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LDNS Distinguished Fellow Dr. Lee Voth-Gaeddert Receives Fulbright Scholar Award for 2024-2025

LDNS Distinguished Fellow Dr. Lee Voth-Gaeddert was awarded the prestigious US Fulbright Scholar Award for 2024-2025. He will join local partners in Guatemala to support work around pathogen exposure and child malnutrition, a critical issue in Central America.

Dr. Voth-Gaeddert has over a decade of experience addressing global challenges with various U.S. government agencies and U.N. entities. His work includes participating in hurricane recovery missions in the Caribbean, addressing food insecurity in Central America and tackling transboundary animal diseases in Southeast Asia.

For this Fulbright, Voth-Gaeddert will be working with the Center for Indigenous Health Research at Maya Health Alliance and their Indigenous partner communities in Guatemala to better understand and mitigate environmental pathogen exposures among young children.

“Having had the opportunity to work and live in Guatemala as a U.S. Peace Corps volunteer, I am excited to leverage this U.S. Fulbright award to continue to expand our support and co-learn with local leaders about ways we can sustainably address chronic malnutrition challenges in Guatemala,” he says.

Guatemala has one of the highest rates of chronic malnutrition, globally, with about 45% of children under 5 years old chronically malnourished. Maya Health Alliance is a local clinical care and research organization, providing evidence-based health care services to underserved Indigenous communities in the country.

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Upcoming Event Global Literacy Masterclass Series

Global Literacy Masterclass Series

International Trade and the American Worker

Learn about President-Elect Trump's Trade and Economic
Policies



**Ambassador
Edward O'Donnell**

When: Wednesday, November 20 2024

Time: 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. AZ MST

[Click here to register](#)

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Arizona State University's American Diplomat – The Stories Behind The News podcast, co-hosted by Ambassador (ret.) Pete Romero and Ms. Laura Bennett have casual conversations with American diplomats about newsworthy events from around the world.

Our mission is to provide informative entertainment to the listening public from our nations' diplomatic practitioners. The conversations with this elite cadre of career diplomats seek to give the listener a better understanding of the very human dimensions of those serving on the front lines of war, crises, and conflict around the world.

Ambassador (retired) Pete Romero and Ms. Laura Bennett (a writer and videographer) host weekly, 20-40 minute podcasts featuring conversations with active duty and retired US diplomats. These intimate, lively and informative conversations center on the personal recollections and reflections...their stories...as they succeed, fail and enter the fray again to advance our national interests overseas. They discuss what they really think about dealing with foreign leaders and reveal their thoughts about dealing with tribal leaders, militias and thugs.

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