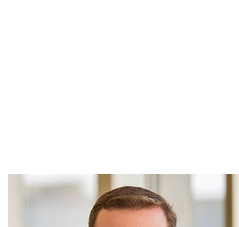




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## FACES OF CSBS



### Student Spotlight

Meet Chandler Blount, a political science and sociology double major! Chandler is currently part of a Pre-Law cohort, the University Supreme Court, and a member of the inaugural CSBS Solutions Scholars. Blount eventually wants to practice in LGBT advocacy law. "As an aspiring lawyer, it is my firm belief that one of the most effective ways to change the social views and stigmas of the LGBT community is through the law," he explains.



### Alumni Spotlight

Meet Matt Lyon, the Chief Operating Officer for WCF Insurance! Lyon oversees marketing and sales, underwriting, safety and health, IT, human resources, and corporate strategy. Matt joined WCF Insurance from Farmer's Insurance in Los Angeles California where he was most recently Head of Commercial Insurance Product Management. [READ MORE](#)

## FEATURED NEWS

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### U. players bring game and anti-bullying message to elementary students

Megan Huff sociology student and forward for the women's basketball team, joined with teammates and Playworks Utah to encourage students to be active and decrease bullying.

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### You can't change the laws of physics. But the law can change economics.

During [The Great Polarization](#) economics conference, Nobel Prize winner Joseph Stiglitz explained in his keynote address that unlike other sciences the laws of economics do change, because people change.

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### Ancient potato makes its dinner debut

Lisbeth Louderback, anthropology assistant professor and curator of archeology for the Natural History Museum of Utah, and team rediscovered an ancient potato that modern-day diners sampled earlier this week during the second annual Indigenous Dinner.

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### The 2018 'American Dream' Utah Finalists

Meet the top 10 finalists of the American Dream Ideas challenge! The finalists were announced during the second dialogue of the American Dream Dialogue Series, hosted by the department of political science.

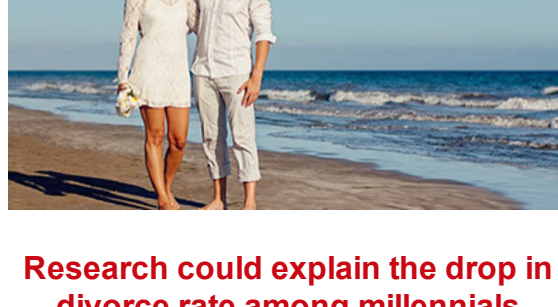
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### New research suggests breastfeeding makes babies less 'reactive' to stress

Research conducted by Elisabeth Conradt, associate professor of psychology, and others reveals that breastfeeding changes the activity of a gene in infants that regulates their physiological response to stress.

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### Research could explain the drop in divorce rate among millennials

The divorce rate has dropped 18%. One reason may be the average age people get married now: 27 for women, 29 for men. Family and consumer studies professor Nicholas Wolfinger could explain the connection.

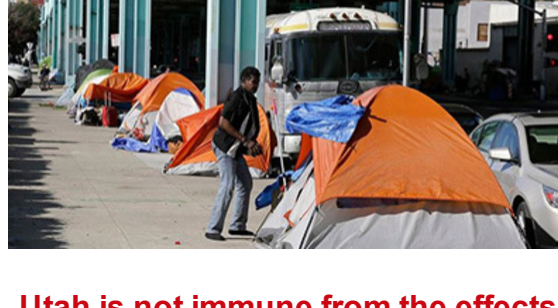
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### Year-round fire season means always living 'evacuation ready'

"We're getting surprised not just by the time of a fire in terms of the time of year, but also fires going into areas that you wouldn't traditionally even think were wildfire prone," says geography professor Tom Cova.

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### Utah is not immune from the effects of yawning increases in inequality

Economics chair and professor Norman Waitzman and economics associate professor Rudiger von Arnim say that in some ways, Utah is not well-positioned for the consequences of growing inequality.

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### Will staying positive help me survive cancer?

Psychology professor Lisa Aspinwall explores the meaning of positive psychology and how people respond to life's stressors.

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### The case for USDA organic

Political science assistant professor David Carter discusses the trials and tribulations that farmers and food handlers undergo to be certified organic.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### NOVEMBER

#### CAROLYN & KEM GARDNER COMMONS DEDICATION CELEBRATION

NOVEMBER 9, 2018 | 10:00 AM | GARDNER COMMONS (RM 1900)

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#### MESOAMERICAN CONFERENCE (two-day conference)

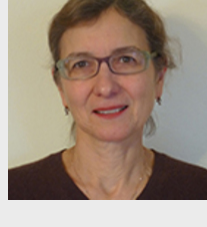
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## AWARDS & KUDOS



Congratulations to Günsell Berik, professor of economics, who was awarded this year's Jean Shakelford Prize! This award "celebrates the work of an individual whose initiative, imagination, or persistent efforts and dedication promote lasting contributions in advancing the goals of the International Association for Feminist Economic (IAFFE)."

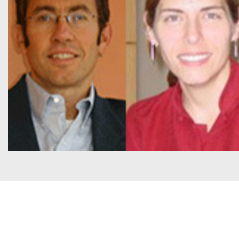


### Francis Family Foundation Undergraduate Research Scholarship Recipients

Providing undergraduate students and faculty members at the University of Utah the opportunity to work together on research or creative projects.

Congratulations to the following young scholars who received scholarships for Spring 2019:

- Sydney Cahoon, *Anthropology*
- Steffi Falla, *Psychology*
- Swayze Hansen, *Anthropology, International Studies*
- Boyd Taylor, *Spanish (faculty mentor anthropology assistant professor Shane Macfarlan)*



Congratulations to political science associate professor Claudio Holzner and sociology associate professor Kim Korinek for receiving a \$6.8 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education to support international education and language studies. [READ MORE](#)

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Political Science Research Colloquiums

#### [The Growing Reliance on Consent](#)

NOVEMBER 2, 2018 | 10:00-11:30 AM | GARDNER COMMONS (RM 4490)

#### [Persuasion in Parallel](#)

NOVEMBER 9, 2018 | 12:00-1:30 PM | GARDNER COMMONS (RM 4490)

#### [Methodological Pluralism in the Context of IRBs, DA-RT, Impact Factors/Citation Counts](#)

NOVEMBER 16, 2018 | 12:00-1:30 PM | GARDNER COMMONS (RM 4490)

### Colloquium for the Advancement of Knowledge in Economics (CAKE) Talk Series

[Village Heterogeneity and Collective Action in Water Resource Management: Evidence from a Survey and Public Goods Experiments](#)

NOVEMBER 2, 2018 | 1:00-2:30 PM | GARDNER COMMONS (RM 3680)

#### [Visiting Scholar: Raphael Calel](#)

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#### [Accounting for Trends of Income Inequality in China](#)

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