In Brief: Gratitude Project, new stories on The Conversation, LQP hiatus

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Show gratitude ahead of the holidays

Faculty, staff and students are invited to take part in the Gratitude Project[1] and say thank you to those who have had a positive impact on them this semester or year.

The initiative, offered by Student Success and Retention Innovation[2], allows members of the campus community to send personalized thank-you notes to instructors, advisers, colleagues, friends or anyone else who has helped or supported them.

To participate, complete this online form[3] and SSRI will send a personalized e-card to your recipient. Users can send as many messages as they would like. The office says it has sent more than 5,000 notes of gratitude over the last five years.

Wildcats can also show gratitude on Instagram through templates on @WildcatConnections[4] or @UAGratitude[5].

See what your colleagues published on The Conversation

Each month, faculty members and researchers from across the University share their expertise on The Conversation, an independent, not-for-profit news source committed to communicating the work of scholars. The Conversation makes all of its articles available at no charge to any news organization that wants to republish them. In addition, The Associated Press distributes The Conversation articles to newsrooms across the U.S.

To recognize University of Arizona scholars who are contributing to The Conversation's goal of informing public debate "with knowledge-based journalism that is responsible, ethical and supported by evidence," the Office of University Communications regularly posts links to the articles that have been published on The Conversation.

Here are the articles published on The Conversation in November:

Nov. 16, 2023
'From the river to the sea’ – a Palestinian historian explores the meaning and intent of scrutinized slogan
The slogan has been attacked as “antisemitic” and defended as a “call for freedom.” Behind the controversy is decades of usage.

Maha Nassar[7]
Associate Professor, School of Middle Eastern and North African Studies

Nov. 30, 2023
Israel’s mosaic of Jewish ethnic groups is key to understanding the country
The diversity of Israel's Jewish population has been a source of tensions, but also strength, over the decades.

David L. Graizbord[9]
Director, Arizona Center for Judaic Studies

Read previous Conversation articles written by University of Arizona scholars:

- October 2023[10]
- September 2023[11]
- August 2023[12]
- July 2023[13]
- June 2023[14]
- May 2023[15]
- (No articles published in April)
- March 2023[16]
- February 2023[17]
- January 2023[18]
- December 2022[19]

Interested in submitting an article? Go to the sign up[20] link on The Conversation website to create a username and password. Do a keyword search to see what has been written on the topic you have in mind. Fill out the online pitch form[21]. (Scholars who would like to talk through an idea before submitting a pitch can send an email to
Today's edition of Lo Que Pasa is the last for 2023. LQP will return on Jan. 10.

In the meantime, we will continue to post UAnnounce memos and classified ads through Dec. 21. The University will be closed Dec. 22 through Jan. 1.

We wish all University employees and their families a safe and happy holiday season!