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MEMBERSHIP NEWSLETTER

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Dear SDSS Membership,

I am pleased to announce that the **SDSS Movie and Lecture Screening Series** is returning this week after a brief hiatus and we'll continue to provide an assortment of content that relates to national security, defense, intelligence, and foreign affairs. As usual, we will be showing these on Zoom and you'll be able to access the link below as well as on the day of/day before via e-mail reminder. Each screening will have group discussions and the opportunity to share perspectives on the material and how it applies in the real world. We've had great turnouts and great discussions. So, if you are interested and would like to get in on the discussion while meeting fellow SDSS members, I highly suggest that you check it out. These screenings will also be ongoing throughout the year, so "stay tuned."

On another note, the **SDSS Professional Development Program (PDP)** is planning on having a third session (PDP 3.0) of webinar workshops that deal with professional development themes in the national security, defense, intelligence, and foreign affairs space. This will be our third PDP session where Nabil Rahman (PDP Officer) and Sam Kessler (President) will present and facilitate webinar sessions on a wide range of topics such as analytics, tradecraft, HUMINT, OSINT, GEOINT, Disinformation, Misinformation, etc. Other than Nabil and Sam facilitating these webinars, we plan on having experts, scholars, and practitioners help present a few of them as well. The PDP began in 2022 and this will be our third run at it. PDP session's typically last for 1-1.5-year increments and spanning 15-20 webinars each session. There will be more info posted later in May as we hope to get the new PDP started sometime in June. Check out the PDP page on our Fulcrum Global website to learn more about it: <https://fulcrumglobal.us/professional-development-program/> But please note that the PDP page will be updated accordingly once we provide information on how to apply.

We also are restarting the **Fulcrum Global Podcast series** where friends and peers get together to discuss and brainstorm on issues, trends, and events impacting the worlds of national security, defense, intelligence, and foreign affairs. People kept

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asking about it and we're bringing it back! For links to previous episodes, check out the link on the Fulcrum Global website: <https://fulcrumglobal.us/category/podcast/>

Lastly, I'd like to congratulate fellow SDSS members who are graduating from their degree programs at AMU/APUS in a couple of weeks (May 8-10) as well as those who also achieved special distinctions. These are very big and important milestones for you and on behalf of SDSS, I want you to know that you still have a place here with us. SDSS is a collegiate-based organization that caters to alumni, students, faculty, and professionals in our related fields, and building a network of friends and peers is always important as we begin new journeys in our lives and careers. We hope to still see you involved with SDSS!

Sincerely,

Sam Kessler
SDSS President

SDSS Weekday Evening Movie Series:

1. April 29, 2026 at 8:00 PM Eastern Time

“Sicario (2015)”

- **Description:** “From the director of PRISONERS comes this taut, critically acclaimed thriller filled with pulse-pounding suspense. After an idealistic FBI agent (Emily Blunt) is recruited by a government task-force official (Josh Brolin) to pursue a drug lord, she begins a perilous mission that forces her to question everything she believes and pits her against a shadowy consultant (Oscar winner Benicio Del Toro) with a dangerous agenda.”
- **Group Viewing Time:** 8:00 PM Eastern Time
- **Zoom Access Link:**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85727115415?pwd=4lIUUB4zjTa7utck9k8YnaKwMBA Yn62.1>

SDSS Video Screening Series from the International Spy Museum

(Double Feature – May 6, 2026 – 8:00-10:00 PM Eastern Time)

1. May 6, 2026 at 8:00 PM Eastern Time

" Roosevelt, Churchill, Stalin: Lies, Spies, and Hitler | SpyCast"

- SDSS Double Feature Viewing Series at the International Spy Museum
- **Group Viewing Time:** 8:00 PM – 10:00 PM Eastern Time
- **Zoom Access Link:**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85927218519?pwd=wEL1auiZ0jNIYBXREssHqw9FsKsabv.1>

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- **Description:** “Deception and mutual suspicion ran like fault lines through one of history's most unlikely alliances. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Winston Churchill, and Joseph Stalin, the so-called "Big Three," were eventually brought together by their opposition to Adolf Hitler during World War II. In this episode, SpyCast Host Sasha Ingber chats with British historian Tim Bouvarie, who lays out the dynamics. To take a cue from an old Facebook relationship status... it's complicated.”
- **YouTube Video Link:**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CAuAwdHso70&t=22s>

2. May 6, 2026 at 9:00 PM Eastern Time " Hezbollah's Long Game in Latin America | SpyCast"

- SDSS Double Feature Viewing Series at the International Spy Museum
- **Group Viewing Time:** 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM Eastern Time
- **Zoom Access Link:**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85927218519?pwd=wEL1auiZ0jNIYBXREssHqw9FsKsaby.1>
- **Description:** “A 1994 bombing of a Jewish community center in Argentina opened the world's eyes to Hezbollah's presence in Latin America. But the Iranian proxy, a US-designated terrorist group, has operated in the region since the 1980s. This started in the Tri-Border Area of Argentina, Brazil, and Paraguay, earning the nickname "the United Nations of crime." The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) has said Hezbollah's revenues in Central and South America fund its External Security Organization, which plans their terrorist plots overseas. Wes Tabor, a former DEA agent, knows all about it. He was part of a landmark case that exposed their ties to drug cartels and financial institutions. Wes takes us into the present, describing how the US's removal of Nicolás Maduro in Venezuela impacts Hezbollah's presence in the Western Hemisphere..”
- **YouTube Video Link:**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zGuWa3OP25c>

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CONGRATULATIONS!

April 2026 Conferrals		April 2026 Dean's List		April 2026 President's List	
Last Name	First Name	Last Name	First Name	Last Name	First Name
Butts II	Lawrence	Alexander	Christopher	Amargo	Luke
Carroll	Steven	Arnette	Shenandoah	Arena	Victoria
Dear	Jacob	Brownell	Kla	Batogower	Michael
Garrett	Yvonne	Caballero	Carlos	Bond	Tara
Green	Jasmine	Carroll	Steven	Chisum	Luke
Henderson	Janeen	Cline	Allen	Coulter	Angel-Lynn
Julien	vladimir	Collins	Matthew	Cox	Andre
KILEY	Philip	Cook	Derek	Cuney	Jonathan
Latayan	Jann	Dedonno	Gregory	Durrance	Brandon
Mallett	Ryan	Deesch	George	Gatliff	Mattie
norton	Bonita	Eberlein	Skyler	Hatfield	Marty
Ostrander	Robert	Engan	Samantha	Higgins	Jacob
Ransome	Christopher	Green	Jasmine	Lake	Jex
Saenz	Amanda	Harrod	Nathan	Louderback	Justin
sharrer	Katie	Hilts	Andrew	Madonna	Gina
Soto	Brennan	Hylton	Ishamar	Pattison	Grant
Totilo	Mark	Julien	Vladimir	Todd	Joshua
Viswasam	sam	Kamara	Hammed		
		Ketch	Hunter		
		Kiley	Philip		
		Leopardi	Emmett		
		Liste	Andrew		
		Mallett	Ryan		
		Martinez	Joseph		
		Matich	Sophia		
		Mcdill	Joshua		
		McGrowder	Calvin		
		Meyer	Jarrett		
		Okwuchukwu	Divine		
		Padilla Iii	Ernesto		
		Rogers	Mason		
		Russell Ii	Tyree		
		Saenz	Amanda		
		Santini Lopez	Richard		
		Singleton	Brook		
		Sippel	Adam		
		Stade	Matthew		
		Terhune	Taylor		
		Thompson	David		
		Torresplaza	Jose		
		Totilo	Mark		
		Viswasam	Sam		
		Wallace	Caitlin		
		Williams	Alexanna		
		Young	Jeff		
		Zad	Farrah		

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Who's it for?

Students and Alumni

What does AMU/APUS Career Services offer?

Career Exploration; Career Guides; Career Coaching; Federal Career Coaching; Interviews; Resume Review; Social Media Review; Internships and Fellowships; Virtual Career Fairs; and Job Boards

Link to start getting in touch?

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Yes, to sign up for services!

Connect with your career coach at:

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E-mail:

careerservices@apus.edu

Hours:

Monday to Friday, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Eastern Time

Fulcrum Global Articles, Intelligence Briefs, and Write for Us!

As you know that [Fulcrum Global](http://www.fulcrumglobal.us) is the digital media platform for SDSS and has served as a hub for its projects in both the physical and digital domain, we ask you to spend some time [checking out the website](http://www.fulcrumglobal.us). Also, we encourage you to submit a draft for a feature article, SitRep, background report, or a proposal for an intelligence brief that will go through an in-depth peer review and editing process. [Click here for more info about submitting something and we'll get back to you on it!](http://www.fulcrumglobal.us)

Recently Published on Fulcrum Global

- 1.) **“Psychological Defense and Information Influence – A Textbook on Theory and Practice”**
 - **Published:** January 30, 2026
 - **Authors:** Jesper Falkheimer and James Pamment, eds
 - **Link:** <https://fulcrumglobal.us/psychological-defence-and-information-influence-a-textbook-on-theory-and-practice/>
- 2.) **“When Giants Rule the Battlefield: Institutional Gatekeeping and the Loss of Strategic Imagination”**
 - **Published:** March 16, 2026
 - **Author:** Max Daves
 - **Link:** <https://fulcrumglobal.us/when-giants-rule-the-battlefield-institutional-gatekeeping-and-the-loss-of-strategic-imagination/>
- 3.) **“Narrative as a Weapon: Russian, Iranian, and Chinese Approaches to Cognitive Warfare”**
 - **Published:** March 19, 2026
 - **Author:** John Wirges (Small Wars Journal)
 - **Link:** <https://fulcrumglobal.us/narrative-as-a-weapon-russian-iranian-and-chinese-approaches-to-cognitive-warfare/>
- 4.) **“Staying Sane and Resilient in a Cognitive and Information Warfare Environment”**
 - **Published:** April 1, 2026
 - **Author:** Sam Kessler
 - **Link:** <https://fulcrumglobal.us/staying-sane-and-resillient-in-a-cognitive-and-information-warfare-environment/>

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