

GTU Chapter Report 2015/16

Chapter Name	Mu Kappa
Faculty Sponsor	Kari Jensen
President	Kari Jensen
Vice President	Veronica Lippencott
Secretary	Sabrina Clarke
Events Manager	Thomas Vogel

Activities of the 2015-2016 Academic Year

Mu Kappa organized four events. Two of them took place during the National Geographic's Geography Awareness Week in November, the third event was a photo contest that was announced in the Geography Awareness week with the winners announced at our department's end-of-semester party in December, and the fourth event was our induction ceremony in April 2016. Details of the events are as follows:

1. "The Economics of Happiness": Screening of documentary, with a short discussion on geographies of inequalities and possible solutions, moderated by Associate Professor and Mu Kappa President Kari Jensen. 11/18/15.
2. College for a Day: Ten AP Geography students from Iona Prep High School were visiting some of our Geography majors, members of Get Global and Mu Kappa, and Professor Jensen's Human Geography class. We shared our enthusiasm for Geography in and outside of the classroom. 11/19/15.
3. Students' Geography Photo Contest: Topic title "The Geography of Hofstra". Instruction for the contest: "Submit any photo you have taken that fits the topic title. In one sentence, explain why you feel the photo fits the title." The photos were judged by two members of Mu Kappa (Sabrina Clarke and Samantha Sohnen) and freelance photographer Naser Khan. The exhibit of the three best photos elicited interesting discussions around how we see Hofstra's campus in different ways and how this reflects our sense of place at Hofstra. Photos were due 12/05/15 and the winners were announced at our end-of semester department party on 12/11/15. The winners of Amazon gift cards (sponsored by the Department of Global Studies and Geography) were: 1st prize: Julia McGuire, 2nd prize: Sarah Mabry, and 3rd prize: Adib Huq.
4. The annual induction ceremony was organized on April 13, 2016, where 20 new members (19 students and one faculty) were inducted. The ceremony was held as a luncheon at the

University Club, sponsored by the Provost Office. The event was attended by both new and old members of Mu Kappa, along with Global Studies and Geography faculty and staff. Inductee and special guest Dr. Craig Dalton, Assistant Professor of Global Studies and Geography, gave the keynote speech congratulating the inductees and challenging them to use geography to create a better world and society.

Associate Professor Kari Jensen (President) and Adjunct Assistant Professor Veronica Lippencott (Vice President) inducted this year's new members of Mu Kappa. Mu Kappa secretary and student member Sabrina Clarke made the printed program for the event, and Event Manager and student member Thomas Vogel helped selecting the menu for the event.

This year's inductees are:

Bhavneet Kaur Anand
Craig Myers Dalton
Sage E. Davino
Taner Bora Gadime
Jon Lloyd Isaacs
Christine Kempiski
Aika Kobayashi
Jaclyn Langella
Gibson McKay LaRoche
Malcolm Cassius McCoy
Jeremy Matthew Moskow
Alison Elizabeth Nahrevar
Clayton John Oakley-Robbins
LaRaine Pasion
Alexandra Mae Phipps
Victoria Spagnuolo
Breanna Renee Stanco
Temperance L. Staples
Carys Brianne Swan
Blaine Catherine Volpe

**Respectfully submitted by Kari Jensen, President
June 15, 2016.**