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Chair's Welcome

On behalf of the Department, welcome to our Fall Newsletter. As can be seen, the faculty members have enjoyed a productive summer and we are busy preparing for the upcoming Geography Awareness week and other events on campus. The big news in the Department is that after more than a year of preparation, our new BS in GIS has started to enroll students (the first students have already declared the major). Creating the new major took an enormous amount of work, particularly from Craig Dalton whose tireless efforts have paid dividends in the tremendous growth of GIS enrollments and interest on campus.

Our Newsletter highlights the continuing achievements of our alumni. Thank you all for staying in touch with us and helping to mentor our students. Please come visit any time! Next fall will be the Department's 10th anniversary, and hopefully we can put together a great alumni reunion party. This Newsletter would not have been possible without the hard work of our two student aides, Christina Paccadolmi and Rachel Scarpino and our Department Administrator, Jackie Geis. A big thank you to all.

Dr. Grant Saff, Professor and Chair

Faculty News

Dr. Craig Dalton, Assistant Professor of Geography, enjoyed a very productive summer and start to the Fall semester. In July he gave an invited lecture with co-author Dr. Jim Thatcher at the University of Manchester in the United Kingdom. The talk, titled "**Drifting with Data: An Experimental Workshop on Contesting Networked Urbanism**," was part of a series of events on "Playful Learning," organized by the Playful Mapping Collective.



Dr. Dalton also recently published the following: with co-author Tim Stallmann, a new peer-reviewed journal article, "**Counter-Mapping Data Science**" in the summer edition of the Canadian Geographer, and with co-author Dr. Jim Thatcher, a chapter titled "**Data provenance and possibility: thoughts towards a provenance schema for urban data**" in the new book *Data and the City* edited by Rob Kitchin,

Tracey P. Lauriault, and Gavin McArdle, from Routledge.

In October, Dr. Dalton co-organized and moderated a panel on **maps, geographic data, and ethics** at the North American Cartographic Information Society (NACIS) meeting in Montreal, QC. Immediately after the NACIS meeting, he co-presented a paper at a workshop hosted by Renee Sieber at McGill University on current challenges and issues in Critical GIS. This subfield of Geography focuses on the roles of power, justice, and alternative future possibilities for geotechnologies, maps, and GIS.

Dr. Zilkia Janer, Professor of Global Studies and Geography, recently delivered the Keynote address, opening Latino Heritage Month at SUNY Fredonia. She spoke about her book, "Latino Food and Culture", which highlights the intersection of Latin American food, culture, and history in the United States as a result of immigrants and refugees.

Dr. Veronica Lippencott, Adjunct Associate Professor of Global Studies and her husband Dave traveled to her home country of Kenya in June. It had been 7 years since Veronica's last visit and it was Dave's first visit. They traveled to many parts of the country visiting relatives and friends. In accordance to Luo tradition, Dave paid a symbolic bride price in the form of two cows to Veronica's parents. Afterwards, Veronica's parents hosted a dinner with a few uncles, aunts, and cousins, introducing Dave to the family. He also made financial payments to the family members afterwards.

It was a wonderful event (see the photo of the cows!). Dr. Lippencott is also engaging in new research exploring alternative nightlife spaces among young adults in Nairobi, which are mobile and subversive.

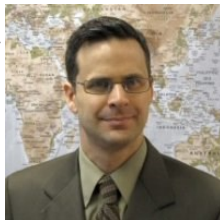


Dr. Linda Longmire, Professor of Global Studies and **Dr. Tim Smith**, Adjunct Professor of Global Studies, attended the Global Studies Association meeting in June, 2017 at the University of California at Berkeley, CA. They also spent two weeks in Ireland, both North and South in July where the topic of the day was the consequences of Brexit for Ireland. In September, both officiated at the wedding in Costa Rica of David Kortava, a 2008 Hofstra graduate and former European Odyssey participant who now works at the New Yorker magazine.

Dr. Ying Qiu, Adjunct Assistant Professor of Global Studies and Geography, and Director of the Hofstra Asia Center, traveled to China over the summer, where she was able to visit educational organizations and meet with students interested in applying to Hofstra! She shared lots of information about the many opportunities Hofstra has to offer, and even got to meet with some Hofstra alumni while she was there.



Dr. Jean-Paul Rodrigue, Professor of Global Studies and Geography, is currently on sabbatical in Lyon, France where he is conducting research in logistics. The latest edition of his co-authored textbook, *The Geography of Transport Systems* (Routledge) has just been published and he continues to be in high demand for media interviews and for conference speaking engagements.



Dr. Grant Saff, Professor of Geography (and Chair of the Department) had a productive summer that included teaching summer classes and conducting his ongoing research on the use of public space in the Ravel neighborhood of Barcelona. Besides traveling in Spain, he also visited Krakow, Poland where he spent time exploring Nowa Huta, one of the largest planned Socialist neighborhoods ever built. In November, he has been invited to give a talk titled "Sticking to the plan? Evaluating the merits of pragmatism for urban planning and economic development" in the Geography department at the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona.



Dr. Saff while visiting the Geography Department at UAB for an invited talk in November 2016

Department News

New GIS Programs

Our Department is very excited to announce our new and redeveloped GIS majors and minors! Along with a redesigned BA major in Geography (with a GIS concentration), we also have a new BS Major in GIS and a new joint minor in Computer Science & GIS. The new programs began enrolling students this Fall. As noted by Dr. Dalton, our director of GIS programs, "GIS is a skill increasingly sought after by employers across multiple industries, from journalism to history to marketing--it is one of the fastest growing occupations in the US! Additionally, GIS compliments other majors really well, and we encourage anyone interested in learning more to register for our Introductory GIS courses for next semester." They fill up fast so don't delay! Also, you can visit [our website](#) to learn all about our degree offerings.

Our Geography Honors Society, Mu Kappa, Receives Prestigious Honors Chapter Award for Third Year in a Row

Congratulations to the student and faculty members of Mu Kappa – the Hofstra University chapter of Gamma Theta Upsilon (GTU), the international geographic honor society – for earning the Honors Chapter Award for 2016/2017! This is the third consecutive year that Mu Kappa earned this award. Dr. Michael Longan, President of GTU, wrote the following in his letter to Mu Kappa: "As you know the criteria for Honors Chapter include campus service and a commitment to recognize outstanding student scholarship in geography. Just 3 of GTU's 130+ active chapters achieved the status of *Honors Chapter* in 2016/17."



The Mu Kappa chapter was initiated at Hofstra University in the spring of 2012 by Professor Kari Jensen. Since then, 96 Hofstra students and faculty have been inducted into the chapter. Together with Get Global's diversity dinners, Mu Kappa's ceremonies and events have contributed to expanding student worldviews and increasing the recognition and enhancement of diversity on our campus. Mu Kappa's recent award represents just one of many ways that our Geography program has received increasing recognition from the broader geographic community the last few years. Several of our students have presented papers and posters at both the regional and national annual meetings of the American Association of Geographers, including students representing our region at the World Geobowl competition held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting.

We will be holding our Mu Kappa induction ceremony in the Spring. All past inductees will be invited to the lunch, so please keep an eye out for the date and time on our [Facebook Group Page](#).



2017 Mu Kappa Inductees, faculty and invited speaker, Professor Marianna Pavlovskaya, Department of Geography, Hunter College.

Students and faculty receive Honors College Research Assistant Grants, Fall 2017

The Department congratulates four of our majors who received Hofstra Honors College Research Assistant Grants for Fall 2017. These grants pair students with faculty for paid semester-long positions. The students who won the award are Rachel Scarpino (Geography) – working with Dr. Kari Jensen (Geography), Yurui Xie (Political Science and Geography) working with Dr. Paul Fritz (Political Science), Emilie Beck (Global Studies and Geography) – working with Dr. Andrea Libresco (Education) and Julianna Cirafesi (Global Studies) – working with Dr. Lutisha Vickerie (Management and Entrepreneurship).

Global Studies major Sarah Gerwens wins UG Library Research Award and Phi Beta Kappa Endowed Graduate Scholarship

In May, Sarah Gerwens, Global Studies major (class of 2017) received the Undergraduate Library Research Award for her Global Studies Honors thesis completed under the supervision of Professor Zilkia Janer. The title of the honors thesis was, “**Anglicisms - Nein Danke? Quantitative and Qualitative Analysis of the Occurrence and Usage of English Loanwords in Contemporary German**” Sarah's thesis is third from our



Department to win this prestigious Award, following in the footsteps of [Alex Moore](#) (2010) and [Etana Jacobi](#) (2012).

Sarah Gerwens, was also inducted into Hofstra Phi Beta Kappa and awarded the **PBK Endowed Graduate Scholarship** which is given annually to an inductee planning to pursue graduate study in liberal arts and sciences. Sarah is currently pursuing an MSc in “Global Europe: Culture and Conflict” at the London School of Economics.

European Odyssey News

The European Odyssey is a semester-long study abroad program open to all Hofstra undergrad students! During the spring semester, twelve students and two faculty members travel around Europe via minivan, exploring the diverse cultures of 10 different countries. Students can earn up to 15 credits as they study the geographical and historical features of Western Europe and the current social, political, cultural, and economic opportunities and challenges that Europe faces within the global system by meeting with politicians, fellow students, and local citizens.

Applications for the Spring 2018 Odyssey **are still open!** For more details, to read last year's blog, and to download an application, visit the [European Odyssey webpage](#). If you have specific questions please contact Professor Longmire (Linda.Longmire@hofstra.edu).



Some 2017 participants from left to right: Jane Carletta, Aleena Pasha, Kelly Martin, Nicolas Booth, Brianna Renda, Ciera Nickel, and Nicole Boucher.

Ciera Nickel, who participated in the Spring 2017 Odyssey said Zagreb, Croatia was her favorite city, “it’s somewhere you don’t know you’ve been wanting to visit until you get there and fall in love.” She also wanted any Hofstra student considering this trip to know she would “absolutely positively” recommend it to anyone who has a desire to learn about other cultures.

Recent Department Events

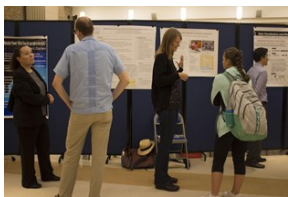
Fall Open House

The Global Studies and Geography Department hosted a “Welcome to the Semester” open house, where students were able to catch up with old friends and make new ones, chat with professors, and munch on lots of delicious snacks. Thank you to everyone who attended! If you were unable to come, no worries—you can read more about it and find photographs [here!](#)



Faculty Research Day

Dr. Dalton and Dr. Jensen showcased their work at **Faculty Research Day** on September 27th. Dr. Jensen focused on her fieldwork on female child domestic workers in Bangladesh, and Dr. Dalton presented his research on the accessibility for pedestrians and bikes at intersections near Sunrise Highway in Nassau County. Both posters attracted many fellow faculty members and students. Overall, the day was a positive and educational experience for all involved!

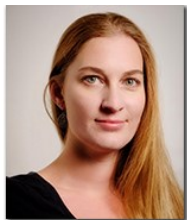


Upcoming Department Events

Dr. Jennifer Cohen invited as a speaker by the Department

Dr. Jennifer Cohen, Assistant Professor, Department of Global and Intercultural Studies, at Miami University has been invited to give a presentation to our students and the Hofstra community titled, ***“I’m sorry that I’m crying”: Stress, Dependency, and “Occupational” Health: Insight from black women nurses in Johannesburg, South Africa.”***

Using nurses’ own words, Dr. Cohen examines stress and anxiety among nurses working in a public hospital in Johannesburg, South Africa. She demonstrates how gender and race norms at home create conditions of insecurity that contribute to burnout at work. The visit is co-sponsored by Economics, Labor Studies, School of Health Professions and Human Services Global Health Committee and the Master of Public Health Program.



When: Thursday, November 9 from 11:10 am - 12:35 pm

Where: Roosevelt 213

The talk is open to all Hofstra students, faculty and staff

At 5:30 pm she will give an additional presentation aimed primarily at Public Health students and faculty in the Hofstra Dome (but anyone is free to attend).

Dr. Robin Leichenko, invited to give a talk as part of Geography Awareness Week

As part of our Geography Awareness week, in conjunction with the Hofstra Cultural Center, we have invited Dr. Robin Leichenko, Professor and Chair of the Department of Geography at Rutgers University to give a keynote talk to the Hofstra community, titled “Climate Change and Globalization in Coastal Regions: Opportunities and Challenges for Building Resilience.” Dr. Leichenko’s research intersects the fields of economic geography and human dimensions of global environmental change. Her work examines how and why processes of global economic and environmental change differentially affect cities, regions and sectors, and the implications of these processes for questions of vulnerability, equity and sustainability.



When: Tuesday, November 14 from 11:10 am - 12:35 pm

Where: Cultural Center Theater

This event is open to all members of the Hofstra community.

Upcoming Diversity Dinners (with *Get Global*)

Together with our Student Club, ***Get Global***, we will continue to hold diversity dinners this semester. We have been running these dinners for the last 6 years, where cuisine from a specific culture is highlighted, and students get to learn about the history and culture of a region or country while eating delicious food from that place. We have organized a special dinner highlighting the ongoing effects that Hurricane Maria has had on Puerto Rico (November 2 at 6 pm). Dr. Janer will be the featured speaker. We encourage all to donate funds to help Geography departments in the areas affected by the recent hurricane, via the dedicated **Hurricane Relief Fund** set up by the American Association of Geographers.

Our second diversity dinner of the semester will be held on November 28 highlighting Indian cuisine and culture. Speakers TBA.

We would like to thank the HCLAS Deans Office for contributing funding toward the costs of these events.

When: Puerto Rican Diversity Dinner November 2 at 6 pm

Indian Diversity Dinner November 28 at 6 pm.

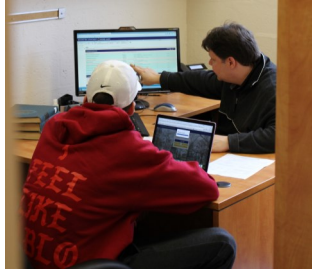
Where: Roosevelt 209

One-Stop Open Advisement Days

This semester our Department continues to hold our very successful one-stop advisement days. These days enable students to simultaneously meet with Dean Bert Binder, our Center for University Advisement Dean and our Chair, Dr. Saff. This is the perfect time to ask questions about our programs, fix your Degree Works and provide guidance toward the classes needed for graduation. Get two signatures in one day, no need to go to the CUA. We still have 4 remaining scheduled days this semester. No appointment necessary, just stop on by and grab a slice of pizza!

When: November 9, 16, 30 and December 7, 10 am - 7 pm

Where: Roosevelt 209



Career Night

Our Fall Semester Career Night will be held on 30 November. This event allows current students to connect with alumni who have volunteered to share their career experiences and offer advice. Alumni participate either via Skype or, if local, in person and spend about 20 minutes each chatting with the students. This has been a very successful and informative event and so all majors/minors are encouraged to attend. Thank you to Senior, Connor Mayes, for coordinating the participants. We still have space for alumni that would like to volunteer their services for this event (or for our Spring event). Please contact gsgeog@hofstra.edu if you would like to volunteer!

When: Monday, November 30 at 6 pm

Where: Roosevelt 209



Get Global

Our department student club, **Get Global**, meets to discuss global events and learn about the cultures of other places. Fun games and trivia are played at each meeting! Every semester, they also organize the previously highlighted diversity dinners. If taking part in this club sounds like something you are interested in, stop on by—all are welcome!

We meet every Tuesday at 6:10 pm in Roosevelt 209

Upcoming topics include the Global Forum on November 9th, where we will be talking about issues around the world.

We have a [Facebook Page](#) and our contact information can be found on the Club's [webpage](#)!

Recent Internship News

Our Department encourages internships and many of our students complete these for credit or non-credit throughout the year. More information about past internships can be found on our [website](#).

Emilie Beck and the Global Network of Women Peacebuilders (GNWP)

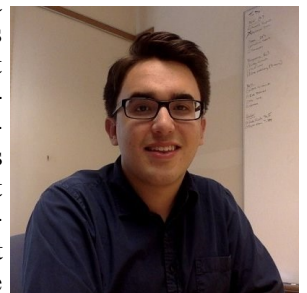
Global Studies and Geography double-major Emilie Beck, '18, is in the midst of a six-month internship as a Research and Advocacy intern with the GNWP. This organization works in tandem with the United Nations to bridge the gap between policy and action, specifically regarding women's peace and security. Emilie's job is to analyze the implementation and localization of two UN Security Council Resolutions: Res. 1325, which defines women's rights during conflict and women's participation in peacekeeping, and Res. 1820, which protects women from sexual violence as a tool of war. Additionally, Emilie will be traveling to Egypt later this year in order to work closely with Palestinian women in the localization process of these resolutions. Emilie, who is the president of Hofstra's Peace Action Matters campus chapter, was recently awarded the Don Shaffer Student Peacemaker Award at the Peace Action NYS 6th anniversary gala. Congratulations, Emilie—this is really well deserved!

Pictured: Emilie Beck receiving the Student Peacemaker Award at the Peace Action NYS Gala on October 13.



James Eager on Interning during College

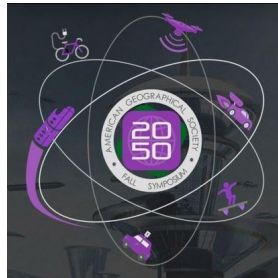
James Eager, '18, has interned at many places throughout his years here at Hofstra, between working at Yale University as a Political Violence Field Lab Intern, at the American Geographical Society (AGS) as a Creative Mapping Intern, and at the New Haven Department of Engineering as a GIS Intern. His post-grad plans are to work for a couple of years before grad school. His goal is to work for an urban planning company, or an environment-related career. James' advice for future majors is to take classes in different fields early on so you can get as many perspectives as possible to get a more comprehensive understanding of different issues.



Association Events

Geography 2050: The Future of Mobility (American Geographical Society)

Geography 2050 is a yearly symposium run by the American Geographical Society (AGS) dedicated to current events in geography, and this year it will be focusing on the future of mobility. During this year's symposium, there will be over thirty guest speakers presenting on topics ranging from the interconnectivity between world regions, the adaptation of cities for better mobility, mapping the sky and more. Registration will be going on until November 15, and if you want to find out more about this event, visit the [AGS website](#).



When: Thursday through Friday, November 16 - 17

Where: Columbia University

Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers

The **AAG's Annual meeting** is a five day conference that will be held in New Orleans in April 2018, and is open to anyone interested in learning about the latest research and applications in geography, and related fields. There will be over 5,000 presentations, posters, workshops, and fieldtrips by leading scholars, experts, and researchers. In addition, there will be opportunities for networking, learning about available careers and jobs, and numerous workshops and training sessions.



Students are encouraged to apply to be a Conference Assistant in order to offset the registration costs, but sign up early—this program is very popular, and fills up fast (our students have done this in the past)! There are many positions available, and you can find out more about them on the Conference Assistant [information page](#). Students who have attended this event in the past have found it extremely informative and a great chance to meet other people interested in this field. Registration to present is closing soon, so don't delay!

Dr. Saff and Dr. Dalton will be presenting at the conference, so feel free to ask them any questions about attending.

When: Tuesday through Saturday, April 10 - 14, 2018

Where: Sheraton and Marriott hotels (New Orleans)



Students and Faculty at the 2017 AAG Annual Meeting in Boston

CJ Burka (Geography, 2017), Tempe Staples (Geography and Global Studies, with honors 2016), Professor Craig Dalton, Professor Grant Saff and Thomas Vogel (Geography and Global Studies, with honors 2016). Tom Vogel is currently pursuing a Masters Degree in Geography at East Carolina State University. CJ Burka interned at the AAG in Washington D.C., in Summer 2016.

Alumni Updates

2017

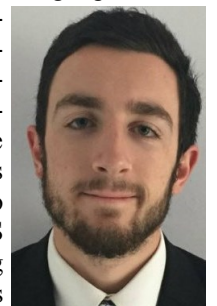
Carson Cuevas (Global Studies) is currently working for CARE USA as an Internal Communications Coordinator in Atlanta.

Grace Finlayson (Global Studies) just started working at Foreign Affairs Magazine as a Publishing Associate in their advertising department.

La Rainne Pasion (Global Studies) is currently working as a logistics coordinator for Big Blue Ocean in Jericho, NY. She has so far enjoyed this challenging but fun position, especially as she is able to use her GS/GEOG background to her advantage. She is also contemplating graduate studies in International Affairs and Nonprofit Management.

Suha Khandker (Global Studies) was hired by a local campaign as a field organizer for Jennifer Carroll Foy who is running for office for Virginia's State House of Delegates.

Matt Christian (Global Studies, Geography, and Sustainability) secured an interview shortly after graduation with an engineering consulting firm for a project manager position in his hometown of Troy, NY. This engineering firm focuses on energy efficiency upgrade projects and all of their work is received from the New York Power Authority. He was hired because of his diverse background with an array of skills from his three majors. He has even been able to help some of the engineers using his GIS knowledge. His firm is currently working on over 25 energy efficiency projects



throughout NYS including: installing a biomass boiler in Ray Brook, NY, upgrading 50,000 streetlights to LEDs in Buffalo, and upgrading all of the HVAC and heating systems at Stony Brook University, just to name a few. Five months in and he says that his head is spinning with all of the new industry lingo, but he is enjoying running six large projects of his own.

Jasmina Dzurlic (Global Studies, Geography minor) had an incredible summer traveling to Indonesia and China. She started the trip in Beijing, then went to Xi'an, then Shanghai. After Shanghai, she made her way to Jakarta, then traveled from the island of Java east across Indonesia. She spent most of her time in a port city on the island of Flores named Labuan Bajo. From Labuan Bajo she took a boat ride to Komodo Island to see the Komodo Dragons. She spent a week building sustainable coral reefs with locals, then scuba dove with them and installed the reefs underwater. She is now enrolled part-time in Columbia University's baccalaureate program in **Ecology, Evolution, and Environmental Biology**. She plans to complete the program in 2-3 terms, then apply to a Masters program in Sustainable Development at Columbia University School of International Politics.



2016

Bhavneet Anand (Global Studies and Geography, with honors) has been admitted to John Jay College this fall for her Masters in International Crime and Justice.

2015

Liz Driscoll (Global Studies, with honors) completed her Law Degree at Hofstra and recently passed the New York State Bar Exam.

Athraja de Silva (Global Studies and Geography, with honors; past Inaba Scholarship recipient) is currently working for the Sri Lankan Mission at the UN, and has been accepted into the Executive Masters in Public Administration Program at Columbia University.

Clara Schopf (Geography) worked on the public policy team for a solar energy company in Chicago after graduation. She is currently working full-time as an Associate Planner with the Village of Gurnee, IL (home of Six Flags Chicago). She is also working towards a Masters of Public Administration degree from the University of Illinois at Springfield.

2014

Victoria Rametta (Global Studies) recently started working as the Digital Marketing Manager for i360, a political data and tech company in Washington, D.C. She focuses on acquiring and maintaining panelists for an online survey through email marketing and digital advertising. Before i360, Victoria was the Political Programs Manager at NFIB, the nation's largest advocacy association for small businesses.



Victoria started with NFIB as an intern during her last semester at Hofstra, and began working there as a Political Coordinator upon graduation. She enjoys traveling and most recently visited Costa Rica. She also likes to keep busy with dog sitting and working part time as the Assistant to the President of a small international medical transportation company called Gateway International EMS.

Katherine Pachnos (Global Studies) began working as an editorial assistant for college psychology textbooks at Macmillan Learning in Manhattan immediately after college. In her three years there, she was promoted to assistant editor and then associate editor, where she managed the editorial activities for the bestselling introductory psychology franchise in the world and edited texts and digital products covering biological, cognitive, industrial/organizational, and developmental psychology. She also managed two editorial interns per semester. In definitively less "traditional" post graduate news, she has been the keyboardist and harpist of a NYC-based progressive metal band called Infinite Spectrum since September 2015. In the last year, they have performed at venues like Webster Hall, Gramercy Theatre, and Knitting Factory. In 2016, they were signed to a label for the release of a Lovecraft-inspired album, *Haunter of the Dark*, and this past summer, they embarked on their first North American tour. This winter, they will be recording their next album, which leads her to her latest professional development. Last month, she resigned from Macmillan, opting to go freelance so she could return to school for audio engineering and music technology at Berklee College of Music. Although she is only four weeks into the six-month certificate program, she is confident that she will emerge with the tools and skills necessary to make "harp metal" possible, and to find work in a live music or studio setting while continuing to edit books on the side.

2013

Josh Ettinger (Global Studies, with honors) worked for the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) for several years following graduation. He is currently pursuing a Masters degree in environmental change and management at Oxford University in the UK.



Melanie Martha (Global Studies and Geography major, with honors) is currently working as the Executive Assistant to Chairman Paul A. Volcker at the Volcker Alliance, a non-profit organization focused on restoring effectiveness and public trust in government at all levels. She is also pursuing a Masters degree in the Master of Urban Planning program at Hunter College in New York City. She lives in Brooklyn, NY.

Amanda Martin (Global Studies) landed an administrative assistant internship at MacFadden that will likely evolve into full time work. MacFadden is a contracting solutions organization, and she joined them after returning from the Peace Corps in the Phillipines. She is working with their contract with the United States Agency



for International Development (DCHA/OFDA).

Kerin Shamir (Global Studies and Geography) is currently living in NYC and working as an assistant in the Portfolio Management department of Tishman Speyer, a commercial real estate investment/management firm.

Kirsten White (Global Studies) is passionate about sustainability, organic farming, and food. Kirsten moved to Boulder, CO after graduation to work with a quinoa company called Ancient Harvest. Since then, she has worked for multiple start-ups and most recently has been working as Regional Manager of the Central US for **Saffron Road Foods**. Kirsten says that she is thankful for her classes and experiences at Hofstra because they helped her discover her passions and led her to where she is today. She encourages current students to “not get so caught up on what you’re going to do after college but rather enjoy the learning process and be open-minded when discovering where your passions lie.”

2012

Christina (Hoffman) McInerney (Global Studies) completed her Masters at the Edwards J. Bloustein School of Planning & Public Policy, Rutgers University. While attending Rutgers she worked as a GIS Specialist at KLD Engineering, a traffic engineering firm on Long Island. Her work largely focused on emergency planning and related studies as required by the NRC for nuclear plants. After graduating with a Master of City and Regional Planning degree from Rutgers in January 2016, she began working as the Assistant Transportation Planner at the NYS Metropolitan Transportation Authority in NYC. She worked within the Operations Planning division of the Bus Company. In the Fall of 2016, her (then) fiancé and she decided to move to Rochester, NY. Shortly after arriving in their new city, they purchased their first house and Christina began working as a Planner II with the Monroe County Department of Planning and Development. She managed the Development Review Process and worked closely with local municipalities throughout the County. This past September she started a new job as the Planner at Bergmann Associates, a leading planning/architecture/engineering firm, headquartered in Rochester, NY. She is currently working on numerous municipal projects throughout New York State and the Northeast region. In addition to starting a new job, she also got married at the end of September.

Christiaan Perez (Global Studies) is the Manager of Advocacy and Digital Strategy for Latino Justice PRLDEF based in New York. He recently presented a paper at the **International Drug Policy Conference** in Atlanta about strategies in storytelling, such as ways that you can use digital media tools to tell compelling stories around Criminal Justice Reform, and how to use digital tools to more effectively mobilize communities. Later in October he traveled to Arizona for a Latino/a organizing conference to join conversations on innovative “IRL” (in real life) and “URL” (online) approaches to organizing.



2011

Alex Moore (Global Studies with honors) spent a year after graduating working for a non-profit in NYC, spent another year wandering the US and Colombia on her bicycle, and then moved to Detroit where she taught for two years with Teach for America. Never content to settle on one career path, she spent the next two years leading experiential learning programs around the globe. After completing a program with students in Thailand, she waved the students goodbye and stayed to do Thai massage training. Based out of Detroit, she now spends her time fixing up an old house, teaching dance in schools, teaching Argentine Tango to adults, practicing Thai massage, and bicycle pedicabbing downtown. She still leads occasional programs for traveling, hiking, camping, and showing the world to the next generation of young adults.

Joshua Siegel (Global Studies) completed his graduate studies in GIS at Penn State, and has just accepted a job with ESRI based in Philadelphia. He is a part of the business development team specializing in manufacturing. He works with companies to help them implement a location based platform to better solve their business problems through GIS.



Alyssa Coco (Global Studies and Geography with honors) has completed a Masters program in GIS at Salem State University. She currently works as a crime analyst for the Lawrence, Massachusetts Police Department, where she puts her geography skills to use. In addition, she is getting married in June of 2018.

2010

Michael Carrigy (Geography, with honors) completed a Masters degree in Urban Planning at the Bloustein School at Rutgers University, and is now working on living his dream to be a locomotive engineer at Southeastern Pennsylvania Transit Authority (SEPTA). He lives in Paoli, PA with his wife, Emily, who works for Amtrak as a branding specialist.

2007

Matthew Craig (Geography, with honors) recently moved into a role with the Teach For America New Jersey regional team as the Director, Alumni and Community Partnerships. Teach For America is the organization that he joined after graduating from Hofstra. His work in the Geography department and specifically the advice from Professors Saff and Rodrigue pushed and prepared him to take on this challenge and the experience completely changed his life. He went on to teach for two years in Sunflower, Mississippi and saw the impact that academic and opportunity gaps have on low income, rural regions in this country. He has since moved back to New Jersey to continue to work towards ending educational inequity over the last decade. He has since earned a Masters in City and Regional Planning from the Bloustein School at Rutgers University,



worked for the New Jersey Department of Education, helped start new schools in Trenton and Atlantic City and started a family. He and his wife, Morgan, two sons—Declan and Jack—live in Collingswood, NJ.

1999

Claire (Bowler) Stanek (Geography with honors) has a Masters Degree in Liberal Arts from Stony Brook University (2002) and earned her Masters Degree in Geography from Hunter College in 2010. She is currently working as a Global Studies teacher at Long Beach High School on Long Island.

Career Advice from Hofstra Alums

Bill Hambrecht (2005, Geography)

Although Bill previously planned on being a teacher and football coach, he switched career tracks after graduating, and is currently working as the Northeast Regional Manager for Scientific Games, Inc. This company is a global casino and lottery supplier, where Bill manages a team of twenty-five people from Delaware to Maine. In addition, he is currently pursuing an MBA at West Texas A&M University, and will graduate in May 2018 upon completion of his capstone. When we asked him how studying geography benefitted his career track, he mentioned that it gave him the ability to hold worldly intelligent conversations ranging from topics including international and domestic politics and business, economics, markets, real estate, and more. He told us, “Much of what is learned throughout your time in the geography department, no matter what career you choose, will show up in surprising and interesting moments throughout your life”.

Bill shared five key pieces of advice for current majors:

1. Go to graduate school, preferably immediately after undergrad; it's more difficult to go back and you will make excuses as to why you can't.
2. Pursue what you love to do and find a way to make a living doing it.
3. Save and invest your money early.
4. Travel if you get the opportunity.
5. Laugh at Dr. Saff's jokes... even if they aren't funny. It may help your grade!

Thanks for the awesome advice, Bill, and we look forward to hearing about your future accomplishments!



Tempe Staples (2016, Global Studies and Geography)

We caught up with Tempe, who is currently working as a TerraCorps Regional Conservation Coordinator at the Sudbury Valley Trustees in Massachusetts. **TerraCorps** is a program branched off of AmeriCorp, and it is dedicated to land conservation, community building, environmental education, and food access. Currently, Tempe is leading a survey to learn what voters/taxpayers in Framingham, MA would like established in a certain area, whether it be a park, a garden, or something else. She describes GIS as making up 75% of her job, and she encourages everyone, regardless of their career intentions, to get some basic GIS skills because it “empowers you to actually turn your ideas into realities.”



Tempe also supplied us undergrads with some tips for surviving post-graduate life, which included saving money by moving back in with your parents and not rushing into graduate school—real world experience is super important, too! She also advised recent graduates to get a cat, grow a plant, and get involved in your community. Thanks to Tempe for your letter, and we look forward to hearing from you soon!

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