

# THE DEPARTMENT OF GLOBAL STUDIES AND GEOGRAPHY ANNUAL REVIEW, 2016-2017

The collage consists of 12 individual photographs arranged in a grid-like fashion. The top row features a student holding a large sign that reads 'WHERE IN THE WORLD HAVE YOU BEEN...', a student in a blue t-shirt and red skirt posing outdoors, and a large group of students and faculty members holding copies of the children's book 'Oh, the Places You'll Go!'. The middle row includes a close-up of a smiling student, a student with a green sticky note on their nose, a student with a green sticky note on their nose, and a student in a red blazer and patterned pants. The bottom row shows a group of students and faculty members standing in front of world maps, a student in a red hoodie, and a close-up of a map with the text '...LET'S GO EXPLORING'.



# Welcome to the Department of Global Studies and Geography

On behalf of the Department, it is my great pleasure to welcome you to our overview of the 2016-17 academic year.

This year has seen the continued growth of our [Geographic Information Systems \(GIS\) programs](#). Our new [BS major in GIS](#) will enroll our first students in the Fall. This enables students in the Natural Sciences and Computer Science/Engineering to add a skill set that is increasingly sought by employers in multiple industries. With the Department of Computer Science we have also introduced a new joint minor in [Computer Science and GIS](#). We also substantially redesigned our [BA Geography major](#), providing students with more diverse course options. All incoming majors now need to declare either a general Geography track or a specialization in GIS. These changes are already bearing fruit, as we have seen a very large growth in our GIS and Geography enrollments. We have also continued to adjust our [Global Studies major](#) and [minor](#) to allow students to take advantage of new courses as they are added to the Hofstra curriculum.

This was another successful year in terms of the quality of our majors and graduates, and in the various professional, academic and personal successes of our alumni. It is always a pleasure tracking our alumni, as they pass their professional exams, finish their graduate degrees, change careers, travel and so forth. It is a testament to the strong bond that we have created in this Department, that it remains easy to follow these career and personal milestones; they stay in touch with us, sometimes directly, but also on our Department's [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#) Groups. The successful and varied career paths of our graduates never cease to amaze – medical doctors, news anchors, lawyers, teachers, corporate leaders, advocates in public policy institutions, GIS practitioners, urban planners, PR gurus, journalists and even a college lacrosse coach!

As can be seen from the [news section](#) of our [website](#), our faculty continue to be highly productive in service to the university and broader community and in scholarly productivity. Despite our busy research agenda, we remain a student focused department, always making time to provide advisement for students and continuing to receive excellent student teaching evaluations.

I would like to thank the Provost, **Dr Gail Simmons**, who has continued supporting our important Department events, including providing funding for the [Geography Honors Society](#) lunch and our student club's (*Get Global*), 'Diversity Dinners.' A thank you also to the Cultural Center for funding Professor Francis Galgano's, well-attended [presentation](#) held during Geography Awareness Week. We are also grateful for the funding from the Provost's Office to help our students present papers and posters at national conferences. This support is much appreciated, as is the very helpful environment, fostered by the Dean of HCLAS, **Bernard Firestone**, and the various members of his office. Dean Firestone is retiring this year and I want to especially acknowledge his crucial advocacy for the creation of the Global Studies major and his support for a freestanding Global Studies and Geography Department in 2008. We owe him a great debt of gratitude and wish you success in your post-Dean career at Hofstra!

Congratulations to all of our excellent graduates and I want to thank all the faculty, staff, administrators and students that have made the running of the Department possible. I trust that the next academic year will be as productive and enjoyable.

Dr. Grant Saff, Professor and Chair  
[Grant.Saff@hofstra.edu](mailto:Grant.Saff@hofstra.edu)





# THE ADVANTAGES OF GLOBAL STUDIES AND GEOGRAPHY

- We offer the following Programs:
  - [BA, Geography](#)
  - [BA Geography with a concentration in Geographic Information Systems](#) (GIS)
  - [BA, Global Studies](#)
  - [BS, GIS](#)
  - [Pre-Health](#), Geography or Global Studies
  - [Computer Science/GIS](#) minor
- We prepare students for a wide-variety of future [careers](#). **Geography** has become more sought after by employers particularly for those with knowledge of GIS, while **Global Studies** was recently named among the top 10 majors for “[the new economy](#).”
- We encourage all of our majors to study abroad and/or do for-credit [internships](#).
- Our Spring semester “[European Odyssey](#),” provides students with the opportunity to earn a full semester of credits while studying in Europe.
- We help students tailor a program of study that’s right for them *and* help them shape rewarding post-Hofstra careers.
- We provide dedicated [advisement](#) to help students complete our programs as cost-effectively as possible.
- Many of our majors are also in Honors College and we encourage our students to undertake [Departmental Honors](#).
- We have an active student club, [Get Global](#), and [Mu Kappa](#) our own our chapter of [Gamma Theta Upsilon](#), the Geography Honors Society.

# Global Studies, providing careers for a global economy

**Global Studies** is an **interdisciplinary** program that provides students with the theoretical and practical tools to critically analyze the processes of economic, political and cultural change that have collectively become known as **‘globalization.’** Global Studies draws on the theoretical and practical insights from disciplines and programs across the social sciences, humanities, natural sciences and business, providing students with the tools and knowledge to interpret our interconnected and constantly changing world so that they can excel in today’s global marketplace.

2012-2016

## Globalization is Shaping the US Job Market

Global businesses require multilingual communication.

International markets require more analysts to gather valuable insight.

**67,000**

New Market Research Jobs  
37% GROWTH

Demand for navigation systems has grown as people explore more terrain.

**2,000**

New Cartography Jobs  
16% GROWTH

**10,000**

New Translating Jobs  
14% GROWTH

### Key Stats for Bachelor of Arts (BA), Global Studies

#### Gender

Female  
33 %



Male  
67 %



Salary  
Data Not Available

Salary  
\$57,000

#### Job Satisfaction



Extremely  
satisfied

#### Years of Experience

- 1-4 years 67%
- 5-9 years 17%
- 10-19 years 17%



[Source](#)

“We get that our greatest opportunities are now global — we can be the generation that ends poverty, that ends disease. We get that our greatest challenges need global responses too — no country can fight climate change alone or prevent pandemics. Progress now requires coming together not just as cities or nations, but also as a global community.”

Mark Zuckerberg, Facebook



## Educating students for the the new economy

- Employers seek graduates with an **interdisciplinary** background, who have **studied abroad**, **completed internships** and who understand global society.
- **Geographic Information Systems (GIS)** is a “**high growth industry**,” with an estimated 10-year growth of over **330,000 geospatial professionals**.
- We offer the **relevant and rigorous courses** needed to compete within the global economy.

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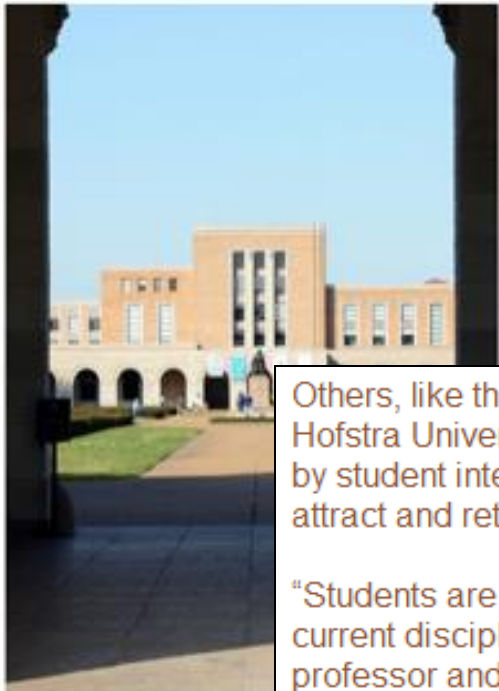
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## 10 College Majors for a New Economy

By Michele Cerone

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### Curriculum of the Future

Business, English and communications may still be among the most popular degrees students pursue in college, but as changing technology and social trends create new opportunities in a job-strapped economy, some institutions are beginning to offer programs in everything from social media to homeland security to prepare students for life in the 21st Century.

Others, like the [global studies program](#) at Hofstra University in New York, are driven by student interest and help the school attract and retain candidates.

“Students are looking for really relevant, current disciplines,” said Grant Saff, professor and chair of the global studies and geography department at Hofstra.

# Geography, more in demand than ever

## Featured Geography Jobs

Spatial Scientist - Assistant Professor (Tenure-Track)  
University of Nebraska-Lincoln  
Lincoln, NE

Remote Sensing Scientist  
TellusLabs  
Boston, MA

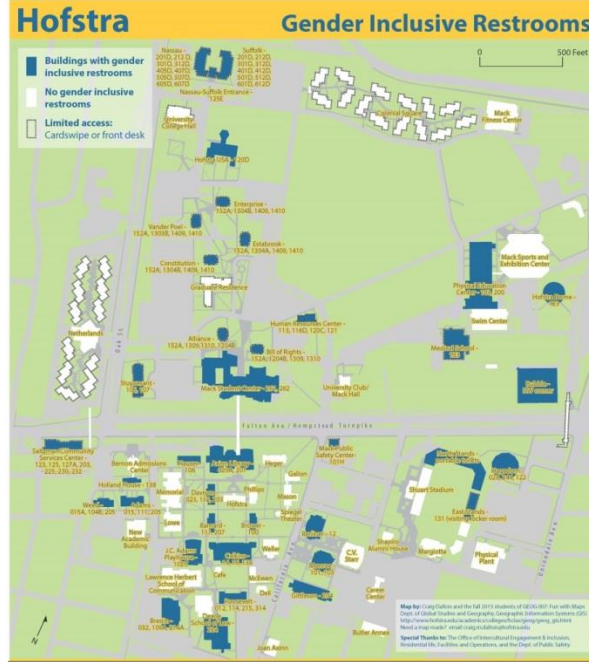
5th Grade Physical Geography Teacher  
BASIS.ed  
Phoenix, AZ

Assistant Professor of Professional Practice  
Oklahoma State University  
Stillwater, OK

Visiting Assistant Professor of Geography  
Valparaiso University, Department of Geography & Meteorology  
Valparaiso, IN

Part-Time Geography Instructors  
South Dakota State University  
Brookings, SD

Tenure-Track Assistant Professors  
Department of Geography, The University of Hong Kong  
Hong Kong, NA [Source](#)



Map created by students in our Geography 7 class, "*Fun with Maps and GIS*" under the direction of Dr. Dalton

"The job category of "geographer" is poised for .... **dramatic growth**, with job openings projected to increase nearly 30 percent by 2020."

Doug Richardson, Executive Director, American Association of Geographers, 2013



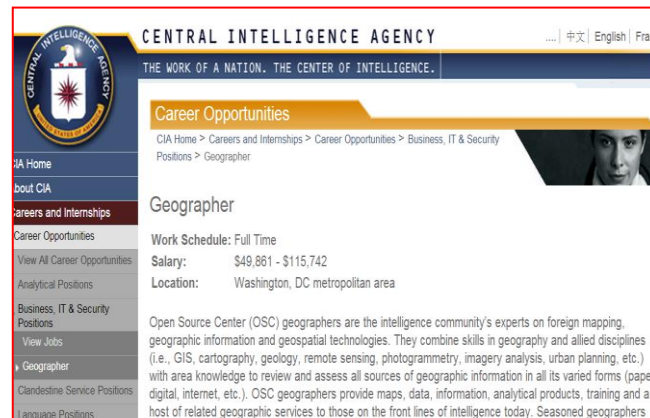
Geography, rated as one of the hottest careers for 2016.



## The 8 Fastest-Growing Careers of 2016

It's a great time to get a job. The national unemployment rate is holding steady at 5 percent (the lowest it's been since 2008) and in some fields jobs are opening up twice as fast as they can be filled. Healthcare is booming. Baby Boomers are in...

PARADE.COM | BY KATHLEEN MCCLEARY



## GEOLOUNGE

GeoLounge notes eight ways geographic skills enhance your resume:

- \*GIS Expertise
- \*Design Skills
- \*Environmental Management
- \*Resource Finder
- \*Multiculturist
- \*Multidisciplinary Generalist
- \*Field Researcher
- \*Market Researcher

[Source](#)



**GIS, providing new jobs across industries and sectors.**  
**We offer both a BA and BS major in GIS**

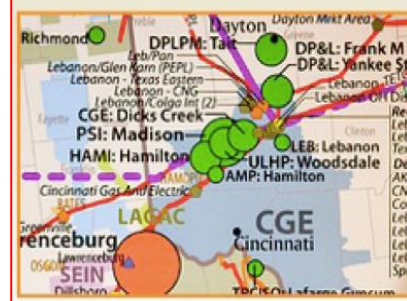
## What is GIS?

A geographic information system (GIS) integrates hardware, software, and data for capturing, managing, analyzing, and displaying all forms of geographically referenced information.

GIS allows us to view, understand, question, interpret, and visualize data in many ways that reveal relationships, patterns, and trends in the form of maps, globes, reports, and charts.

A GIS helps you answer questions and solve problems by looking at your data in a way that is quickly understood and easily shared.

GIS technology can be integrated into any enterprise information system framework.



## Location Analytics: Bringing Geography Back

Mapping customer interactions uncovers nuggets of information for commercial businesses to act on.

## How GIS maps are Saving Lives

May 6—The Press-Enterprise



Learn how Esri users have been using GIS mapping to assist NGOs and governments in targeting resources to areas that need assistance.

## Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Industries Include:

Government	Business	Utilities & Communications	Natural Resources	Additional Industries
Federal	Insurance		Agriculture	Defense
State	Retail	Electric	Climate, Weather, and Atmosphere	Education
Local	Manufacturing	Gas	Conservation	Intelligence
Resilient Communities	Real Estate	Pipeline	Environmental Management	Health and Human Services
Smart Communities	Banking	Telecommunications	Forestry	Mapping, Statistics, Imagery
Facilities	Marketing	Water Utilities	Mining	Transportation
Land Administration	Media and Entertainment		Oceans	Public Safety
Public Works	Supply Chain		Petroleum	Sustainable Development
Architecture, Engineering, and Construction (AEC)			Water Resources	See All Industries
Economic Development				
Elections and Redistricting				
Urban and Regional Planning				

Source



# Knowledge of GIS and Geography are now more critical for healthcare professionals

Diseases do not respect international boundaries and it is increasingly necessary for medical professionals to have knowledge of other societies and how disease vectors spread globally. Medical professionals also are [making use of GIS skills](#) to map and track diseases both within and between countries and even within the human body.

We offer Pre-Health majors in both Global Studies and Geography and some of our graduates are pursuing their education in healthcare professions, including entering medical school. To quote a recent article from MIT (Sloan School), the “[Prognosis for GIS in Health Care is Excellent.](#)”

## GIS and Public Health at CDC



Geography is the study of how the world differs from place to place. Geography uses a spatial, or geospatial perspective, meaning it focuses on place and space, looking at what, where and why phenomena occur. Here at the CDC, we study the spatial aspects of health and illness. For example: where are diseases found, how are diseases related to the environment, and where do people go to seek health care. Geographers use a variety of tools to study these topics such as maps, statistics, and Geographic Information Systems (GIS). GIS is a computer system consisting of hardware and software used to store, manipulate, analyze, model, and display spatial and non-spatial data.

For more information, check out [What is GIS?](#)

[Source](#)



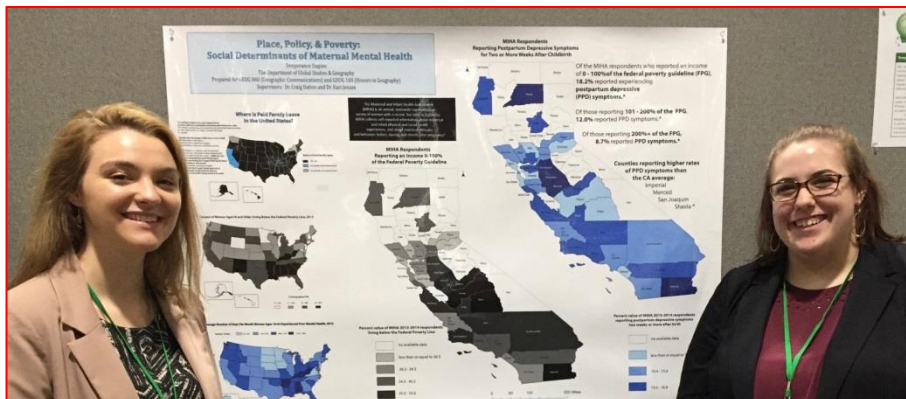
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The tremendous potential of GIS to benefit the health care industry is just now beginning to be realized. Both public and private sectors are developing innovative ways to harness the data integration and spatial visualization power of GIS. The types of companies and organizations adopting GIS span the health care spectrum--from public health departments and public health policy and research organizations to hospitals, medical centers, and health insurance organizations.

Esri has over 5,000 health care clients worldwide who are using the resource integration capabilities of GIS to create analytical and descriptive solutions. GIS plays a critical role in determining where and when to intervene, improving the quality of care, increasing accessibility of service, finding more cost-effective delivery modes, and preserving patient confidentiality while satisfying the needs of the research community for data accessibility.

# Global Geo Services are creating jobs and helping drive economic growth

"...Google announced...mapping technology has helped create jobs and push economic growth worldwide. Mapping tools such as GPS, location data, satellite imagery, and apps like Google Maps and Google Earth have caused mapping to flourish...The report reveals that **the global geo services industry grosses up to \$270 billion per year and dishes out \$90 billion in wages, in addition to employing more than 500,000 people.** [Source](#)



Majors, Tempe Staples and CJ Burka at the AAG Meeting, Boston, 2017

## What is the economic impact of **GEO SERVICES** [Source](#)

Geo services are:



Geo services global revenues are \$150-\$270 billion per year

Video games industry \$25 billion

Geo services \$150-\$270 billion

Airline industry \$594 billion



Geo services global added value is around \$100 billion per year



Geo services save:



Geo services save 3.5 billion litres of gasoline per year—approximately 0.1% of the total world production of 5 trillion litres of liquid oil products

Geo services facilitate competition, leading to savings from reduced prices among infrequently bought goods and services of up to:



Geo services can improve agricultural irrigation, helping to achieve global cost savings per year of:



Geo services aid faster emergency response; for example, in England Geo services may have helped to save at least 152 lives per year



Students educated using Geo services can expect

3%

higher average wages five years after graduation than those who weren't

Source: Oxera (2013), "What is the economic impact of Geo?", January.



# Globally engaged faculty

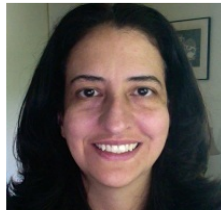
## 2016's Best & Worst Foodie Cities

Oct 11, 2016 | Richie Bernardo, Senior Writer

**Zilkia Janer**

[Back to All Experts](#)

Professor of Global Studies and Geography at Hofstra University



**What tips can you provide to foodies on a tight budget?**

When eating out on a tight budget, the best bet is small ethnic restaurants, which offer varied and inexpensive fare. Food trucks are another option, particularly those that sell fine food at a fraction of the price charged by fancy restaurants. Foodies who want



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Scholars from Hofstra University, US Wrap Up Academic Visit at NISCSS

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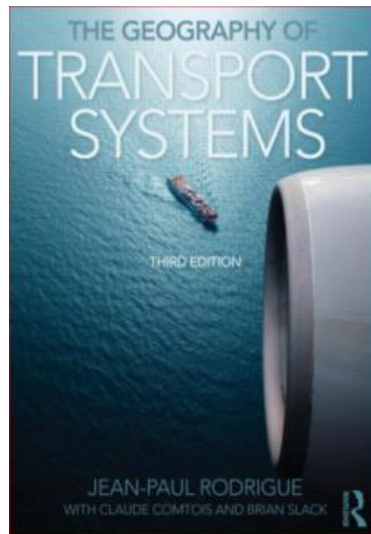
Jean-Paul Rodrigue at Hofstra University believes that big container ships like the Triple E will prove their value on specific trade routes, nonetheless.

Physically closing the strait would require means that likely are not available to Iran, said Professor Jean-Paul Rodrigue of Hofstra University.



## Latino Food Culture

ZILKIA JANER



## The key to Nelson Mandela's legacy

WPXI - New York

The key to Nelson Mandela's legacy



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Dr. **Craig Dalton** was co-organizer and panelist on "Critical Cartography, Critical Data: Confronting New Forms of Geospatial Information at the 2016 North American Cartographic Information Society annual meeting.



Dr. Grant Saff, at the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, 11/21/16.

**nacis**  
2016 Annual Meeting

October 19–22, 2016  
Colorado Springs, CO



## Socially relevant programs, promoting critical thinking

“Global Studies has...**helped me see the world from another's perspective...**A common theme throughout every class has been **"stay open minded."** Global Studies has provided **understanding how seemingly isolated factors actually interact** and helped me see how I could actually predict social, economic, and political events that will effect causes I care about. I have a greater appreciation for the political process, dissecting the news, and moreover, **I have a greater ability to ask critical questions and maintain a healthy level of skepticism...**Having taken **GIS and a cartographic design** class, I have been able to produce maps revealing social determinants of health, like the association between poverty and postpartum depression. Most importantly, **I have learned being a cartographer gives me the power of narrative**, a great power that comes with greater responsibility to uphold the truth and protect people's rights...I hope one day for my research and advocacy work to benefit equitable access to care and change negative cultural attitudes that marginalize women. In doing so, I know I'll be touching the lives, and in a way, helping raise the next generation to be better.”

2016 Graduate (double major, Global Studies & Geography with a minor in Community Health)



## Students and faculty at the People's Climate March, New York City, 2014



March for Science, D.C., 2017

# We focus on teaching excellence

Our [faculty](#) are among focus on teaching excellence and we do everything we can to make our classes relevant, challenging and interesting for our students.



Professors [Lippencott](#) and [Girma](#)

I am constantly captivated by her lectures.



Dr. Jensen is one of Hofstra's finest professors. She is a mentor, teacher, and friend to all.

Dr. Jensen, Hofstra Mentor of the Year, '14

## Our Full-Time Faculty



Professors [Janer](#), [Longmire](#), [Saff](#) (Chair), [Dalton](#), [Rodrigue](#), and [Jensen](#)

He is such an amazing professor. He knows what he is talking about and makes the class interesting.

One of the best professors I had at Hofstra. Had to earn my grades, but worth it.

Super fun class.



Professor [Qiu](#)

She has been to most of the places she teaches about.

iGlobalization is one of the best classes I've ever taken at Hofstra.

Her knowledge about global issues is amazing.



Professor [Korattyswaroopam](#)

Very cool teacher. Funny and informal in the classroom. Class was by no means easy but it was possible to do well if you put in the effort. Very interesting and worthwhile class.

Amazing professor! I first took an online class with her and then added Global Studies as a second major because of her.

[Source](#)



# Delivering Academic Excellence



**Sarah Gerwens, '17** receives the **Undergraduate Library Research Award**. She is pursuing a graduate degree at the **London School of Economics**.



**Students and faculty at the American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting in Boston, April 2017**



**Students presenting at UG Research Day, Fall 2016**



**Jeremy Moscow, '16** receives The Washington Center's Award for Civic Engagement



**Students presenting at UG Research Day, Spring 2017**

In 2014/15, almost half of our graduating seniors earned [Departmental honors](#), **University honors**, or **Latin honors**. Between 2011/14, 70% of all social science students who graduated with Departmental Honors were our majors.

- In 2011, 2012 and 2017 one of our majors won the [Undergraduate Library Research Award](#).
- In 2015, more of our majors graduated with Latin Honors than any other Major in the Social Sciences.
- In 2016, 41% of all departmental honors in the Kalikow School were from our Department.
- In 2014 (the first year of the award) and 2015, one of our majors won the Firestone Award for summer research,
- Every Spring, many of our majors present their research at the Colonial Academic Alliance Conferences and students also present work at Regional and International Geography Meetings.



**Professor Francis Galgano, Villanova Univ. was the keynote speaker for Geography Awareness Week, November 2016.**



# Welcoming internationally diverse students



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Nigeria**



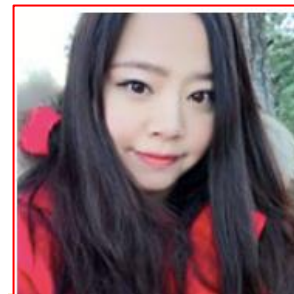
**Mishiana Joseph,  
Haiti**



**Athraja DeSilva,  
Sri Lanka**



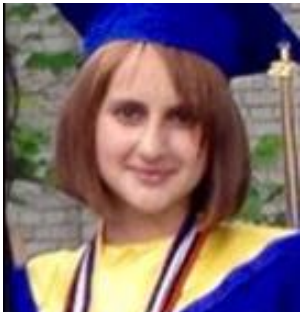
**Carys Swan,  
Canada**



**Xinyun Zou,  
China**



**Amanda Skeene,  
Trinidad and Tobago**



**Samantha Spagnoli,  
France**



**Xiling Ye,  
China**



**Kathleen Marcel,  
Haiti**



**Sarah Gerwens,  
Germany**



**Aika Kobayashi,  
Japan**



**Monica Strzelecki,  
Poland**



**James Eager,  
Colombia**



**Ama Mensah,  
Ghana**



**Meshack Eshun Addy,  
Spain**



**La Rainne Pasion,  
Philippines**



**Danny  
Bautista,  
El Salvador**



**Tricia Wildman,  
Jamaica**



Since becoming a Department in 2008, we have graduated  
over 200 majors!

Geography Graduates, 1962 – 2017  
Global Studies Graduates, 2010 – 2017

2017



2017



2016



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2016



2016

2015



2014



2015



2012



2011



2013



2010



2009





# Graduation 2017



Grace Finlayson



Gibson Laroche



Zach Davis



Sarah Linder



Ray Baierwalter



Tricia Wildman



Sarah Gerwens



Elyse Carmosino



Jasmina Dzurlic



Matt Christian



Breanna Stanco



Carson Cuevas



Sabrina Clarke



Zach Wolpoff



Tempe Staples, CJ Burka, La Rainne Pasion, Suha Khandker



# Recent Departmental Honors Graduates

Honors dissertations, 1996 - current, are available on our [website](#)



**Tempe Staples, '16 with committee:**  
[Place, Policy, Poverty, and Maternal Mental Health](#)



**Sarah Gerwens, '17 with committee:**  
[Anglicisms – Nein Danke? Quantitative and Qualitative Analysis of the Occurrence and Usage of English Loanwords in Contemporary German\(y\)](#). Winner of the Undergraduate Library Research Award



**Clara Schopf, '15:** [What's Brewing in Wisconsin? Why America's Dairyland Votes for Democrats in Presidential Elections and Republicans in Gubernatorial Elections](#)



**Anastasia Cassisi, '16:**  
[Justice for All? An analysis of police brutality in the United States, England & Canada](#)



**Elizabeth Driscoll, '14 with committee:**  
[Here to Stay: Guidelines for a Legal and Balanced Compromise on the Use of Drones](#)



**Bahvneet Kaur Anand, '16:**  
[India's Medical Diversity: Hybridization in people's use of medicine in Adhi, Punjab](#)



**Athraja de Silva, '15:**  
[Lasting Impressions: the New Face of Tourism in Sri Lanka.](#)

# We encourage students to double major

- Most of our students are **double majors**, particularly combining Global Studies with Geography and/or Journalism, Political Science, Public Relations, Economics, or History.
- Our new BS in GIS is a very attractive double major for students in the Natural Sciences, Computer Science and Engineering.
- Many of our double majors are from the **School of Communications**.
- We have a growing number of **Pre-Health Majors** and **LEAP majors**.
- Our minors are attractive to students in the **Business School**, especially those majoring in International Business.





# The advantages of a double major

- Consistent with national trends, the average cumulative GPA for declared dual majors at Hofstra is almost 10% higher than the average for students with single majors.
- Around 30% of all dual majors in Hofstra College are from our Department. We even have a handful of triple majors!

## Double Your Major, Double Your Worth: Why Students Should Pursue Double Majors

May 30, 2015

[Source](#)

As increasing numbers of Americans enroll in universities, students often find themselves concerned that they either do not stand out or have the necessary knowledge or skills to make themselves highly desirable to employers and grad schools. This is because, as the number of Americans attending college grows, so does the amount of degrees given out. Although on the face of it it seems a good idea, having a larger number of people going to college has the unintended side effect of lowering the perceived value of bachelor's and other undergraduate degrees. After all, if everybody has a bachelor's degree now, what makes you so special? This has

## THE CHRONICLE of Higher Education

March 15, 2013

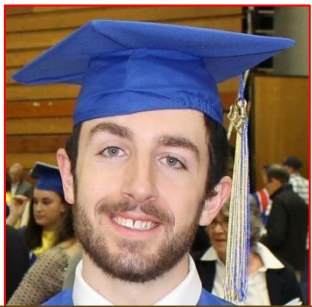
### Double Majors Produce Dynamic Thinkers, Study Finds

By Dan Berrett

[Source](#)

An undergraduate education is traditionally supposed to provide students with both breadth and depth of knowledge, which derive from their general-education requirements and major, respectively.

Increasingly, education experts also want students to develop a third skill, integrative thinking. It entails learning the deeper, underlying meaning of a discipline, making connections across courses and subjects, and applying different intellectual perspectives. Even better, some



**Matthew Christian, '17,  
triple major in Global  
Studies, Geography, and  
Sustainability.**



**Eleanore Saintis,  
'15, triple major in  
Global Studies,  
Geography, and  
Sociology.**

**Tom Vogel, '16, triple  
major in Global Studies,  
Geography, and  
Chemistry.**



**Julie Rafatpanah '15,  
triple major in Global  
Studies, Geography,  
and Political Science.**

# We are committed to excellent advisement and provide innovative help and advice to students

Mmmm... pizza's here! Where are you? Stop by for a slice and review your schedule, ask questions and make sure you're on track for graduation!



Like Comment Share



"She is very understanding and helpful and gives a lot of opportunity for guidance."

"His office hours were so very helpful in so many ways I wouldn't know where to begin. From day one whether declaring my major to study abroad to planning for grad school. I feel like I planned out my life in his office." (Student comment: Ratemyprofessors.com)

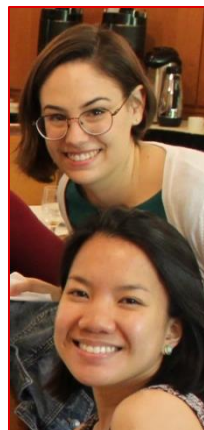


Rachel Scarpino

October 6, 2016

Open advisement is happening in Roosevelt 209 TODAY! Like, right now! Come on over between now and 6:30 to discuss registration or to fix any problems with your transcripts.

"She convinced me to add Geography as a second major. Gave me great career advice as well! Always available during or outside of office hours."



The Department of Global Studies and Geography presents...

## One-Stop Open Advisement!


Meet with advisement deans and department faculty to...

- review your schedule for next semester
- explore academic options
- finalize your program of study
- change or add a major/minor
- fix any problems with your transcript
- discuss course waiver-substitutions

Peer mentors from the department will also be to offer behind-the-scenes advice!

**When: November 3rd, 10am-6:30pm**

**Where: Roosevelt Hall 209**



Free pizza and snacks will be provided!

Questions? Call: 516-463-5825



# Our excellent advising is appreciated by students

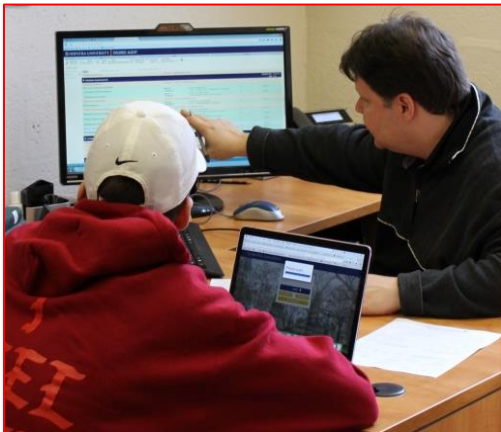
“...In my time at Hofstra, the Department was very hands on and really took the time to know the majors and minors. I not only received a great education but also extremely valuable advisement...**The faculty...have been extremely influential in my life and I really valued my time in the department.**”

“...I have a relationship with the professors and they happily sit down with me for hours discussing exactly what I need to do to be able to graduate on time. **They are knowledgeable and have only ever advised me to do what is best for me.**”

“... The **faculty are very vested in our interests** and what we want to do and they take the time to reach out to us...”

“... The faculty in the department are by far some of my favorite people I’ve ever met. They’re all so open minded, **so giving and they genuinely want to help you...**”

“... **This department helped me find myself** and find a place within the University and my future...”



Associate Dean, Bert Binder, from University Advisement, providing expert advisement during one of our Spring 2017 **Advisement Open House events**, while Dr. Saff meets with another student to discuss her future plans and map an appropriate course of study. We hold multiple no-appointment open house advisement events every semester.



## In Spring we offer the semester-length [European Odyssey](#) Program



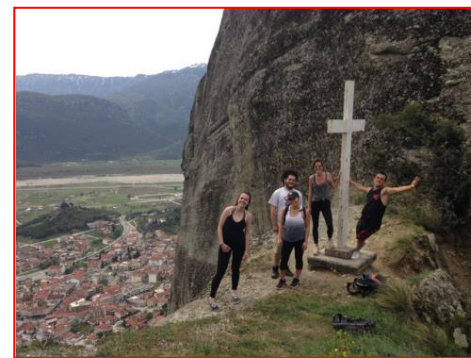
The European Odyssey is a semester-length study abroad program housed in the Department of Global Studies and Geography that is open to all undergraduate students at Hofstra. This unique program, began in 1992 and eventually expanded to become Hofstra's only semester length study abroad program. The dozen selected students and two faculty travel for 10 weeks by minivan throughout Western and Eastern Europe. The mobile classroom setting enables students to experience a rich comparative array of ten diverse countries and cultures. Participants have the opportunity to interview politicians and policy makers, professors and students, as well as ordinary citizens throughout Europe.

The focus and itinerary of the program vary each year in order to address events and issues of relevance in Europe and to how Europe fits into the broader context of increasing globalization. The courses examine geographical, historical and contemporary topics in specific countries and regions as well as in Europe generally.

- The Program has been running **successfully for over 20 years.**
- Students can take up to 15 sh of GS and Geography credits on the program.
- Hofstra Scholarships can be used toward tuition for these classes.



[Read](#) the 2017 Odyssey  
Blog





# We Promote Internships

La Rainne Pasion, '17  
talks about her  
internship experience.



James Eager

Sarah Gerwens, '17  
discusses her  
internship in Germany.



Rising senior, James Eager, recently completed a semester-long internship as a Creative Mapping Scholar at the American Geographical Society in Brooklyn.

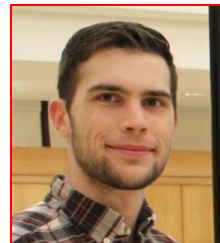
Current senior, Connor Mayes is interning with them for the summer and will be working in the GIS department creating maps for their 'Map of the Week' section of the website as well as participating in outreach programs that include implementing AP GIS classes at local high schools.



## Recent Internship Opportunities:

- Vision Long Island
- Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA)
- Dusty Feet
- New York Office of the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
- American Geographical Society
- Do Something.org
- Department of Environmental Protection, internship program
- NYC Department of Citywide Administrative Services
- NYC Department of Transportation's Division of Planning and Sustainability (Email)
- Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) Summer Undergraduate Internship Program
- Colorado Center for Biorefining and Biofuels
- The Association of American Geographers
- National Geographic Society
- New York State GIS Association
- Greater Uniondale Area Action Coalition (GUAAC)
- Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)
- Student Internship, Graduate Assistantship and Postdoc Opportunities

Rising senior, Emilie Beck, is interning at the Global Network of Women Peace Builders as a Peacebuilding Policy Strategist.



Connor Mayes



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## CJ Burka Interns at AAG for Summer Semester

Staff May 23, 2016 Association News, Recent News 0 Comments



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CJ Burka is a rising senior at Hofstra University triple majoring in Geography, Political Science and Global Studies. She is a second year fellow at the Michael D'Innocenzo Center for Civic Engagement and an office aid in the Department of Global Studies and Geography. She is also the president of Get Global, an organization promoting international diversity on campus as well as being a Global Mentor, helping international students prepare for their time at Hofstra.

Throughout her studies, most of her time has been spent examining the intersections of public policies, both domestically and internationally, with human rights. In the future she hopes that she will be able to continue to critically assess and analyze these intersections in order to help various organizations make positive changes in the way that people are treated and protected.



# Our [Mu Kappa](#) chapter of [Gamma Theta Upsilon](#) (International Geography Honor Society) continues to grow:

## Mu Kappa – Information and goals

Mu Kappa is the Hofstra chapter of Gamma Theta Upsilon (GTU), which is an international honor society in geography. Gamma Theta Upsilon was founded in 1928 and became a national organization in 1931. Members of GTU have met academic requirements and share a background and interest in geography. GTU chapter activities support geography knowledge and awareness.



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THE INTERNATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC HONOR SOCIETY  
RECOGNIZING GEOGRAPHY'S NEXT GENERATION OF LEADERS

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**17 new members were inducted on  
April 26, 2017**

Mu Kappa earned the prestigious [Honors Chapter Award](#) for the second year in a row.

CJ Burka  
Marissa Duhaney  
Jasmina Dzurlic  
James Eager  
Kelly Gallo  
Hewan Girma  
Celene Guzman  
Sara Hicks  
Mannat Kamboj  
Nisha Korattyswaroopam  
Connor Mayes  
Claudia Modica  
Lauren Morgan  
Capri Pappalardo  
Ying Qiu  
Rachel Scarpino  
John Van Fossen



Dr. Kari Jensen and Dr. Veronica Lippencott serve as President and Vice President, respectively

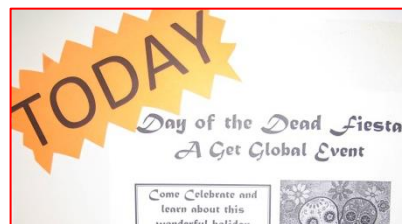


**Keynote speaker: Dr. Marianna Pavlovskaya,  
Professor at Hunter College and CUNY Graduate  
Center.**





## We have a thriving student club: [“Get Global”](#)



Get Global and the African Student Union hosted the Diversity Dinner on Thursday where Professor Lippencott spoke about African food cultures. Students and faculty enjoyed traditional dishes from various African countries. Thank you to Get Global and ASU for hosting such a fun and yummy dinner!



GET GLOBAL + THE CAMPUS  
FEMINIST COLLECTIVE PRESENT

## MEXICAN DIVERSITY DINNER

TUESDAY APRIL 25 • 6:30 – 8pm



getglobal.hofstra@gmail.com

Get Global is a student club with the focus of guiding and educating Hofstra Global Studies Majors or Minors as to global issues and how to market their degrees for future careers. The Club is open to all students at Hofstra irrespective of your major and we hold social and academic events throughout the year. We also hold fundraisers to benefit various global charities.

We welcome your participation and advertise all events on the Department Facebook page and also on our own Club page. If you want more information about the Club or want to get involved or have suggestions for future events, please email us at the address below.

Get involved, Get Global.



6:30-8PM LOCATION: BRESLIN HALL

**The Dark Side of Chocolate:** Documentary film tells us why chocolate isn't always so sweet. The documentary film "The Dark Side of Chocolate" focuses on trafficking of children from Mali and Burkina Faso into Cote d'Ivoire to work on cocoa plantations, and on how little is being done to stop it. The film will be followed by a short discussion of topics raised in the film, such as human trafficking, child labor, and possibilities for fair trade.

Introducer and Discussant: Kari B. Jensen, Assistant Professor of Geography and Global Studies, Hofstra University.

Organized by the Hofstra student club Get Global.



We have a [Facebook Group](#) that posts jobs, internships, department news and events.

We also have a [LinkedIn Group](#) to facilitate networking and jobs

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Caitlin Rauchle shared a link.

April 4

I know Hartford, CT is far from Hofstra, but my law school journal is hosting a symposium this Friday, April 7 about Nationalism and the European Union. Here's a link with the schedule for more information. If anyone wants to attend, please reach out to me!

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APRIL 7, 2017

Grant Saff shared a link.

January 23

Internships in NY Mayor's Office.



### NYC Internship Program

The Mayor's Office Internship Program provides a unique opportunity to gain experience and develop the capacity to solve New York City's most pressing issues. The mission of the Mayor's Office Internship Program is to build a diverse pipeline of future public

A002-OOM03.NYC.GOV

Grant Saff shared a link.

June 1 at 8:45pm

A good news update. Recent GS graduate Carson Cuevas has landed a position with CARE, an international nonprofit dedicated to poverty reduction, social justice and women's empowerment. She begins later this month where she will be working as an Internal Communications Coordinator at their headquarters in Atlanta. Congratulations and enjoy!!!



CARE

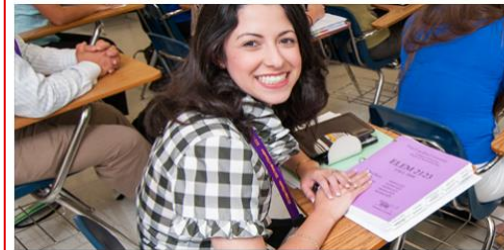
Since 1946 CARE has turned donor gifts into life-changing programs around the world. In one map, see how gifts to CARE deliver lasting change.

CARE.ORG

Tom Vogel shared a link.

May 25 at 1:29pm

Just to let you all know ECU is accepting applications to the M.S. in Geography program for the Fall 2017 start date. We also offer a Graduate Certificate in GIS that you can earn at the same time as your M.S. degree. I'm posting the link to the application below and you can contact me with any questions. You can also contact our graduate director Dr. Scott Curtis with questions about the program or application process.



Admissions Information | Graduate School



### Scholar-Internship Program - American Geographical Society

The American Geographical Society (AGS) sponsors a Scholar-Internship Program throughout the year in its headquarters in Brooklyn Heights, New York. AGS is accepting applications for its Summer 2017 Scholar...

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[We also have a Department Facebook Page](#)

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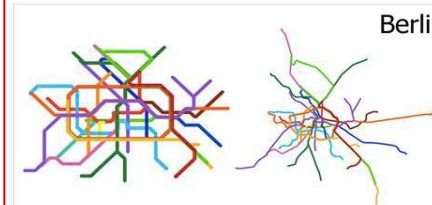
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We post articles of general interest

Hofstra University, Department of Global Studies and  
Geography

Published by Grant Saff [?] · June 6 at 2:02am ·

Animations showing 15 subway maps compared to their actual geography. Really fun to look at!



### 15 Subway Maps Compared to Their Actual Geography

Reddit community 'Data is Beautiful' created a series of animations comparing subway maps to their actual geography

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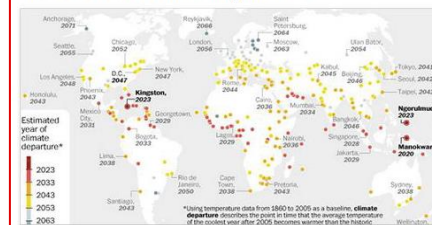
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Boost Post

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Published by Grant Saff [?] · June 1 at 1:04pm ·

These are the cities that climate change will hit first.



Map: These are the cities that climate change will hit first

New York and D.C. will hit the climate change tipping point in 2047 – just 34 years from now.

WASHINGTONPOST.COM

475 people reached

Boost Post



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**Hofstra University, Department of Global Studies and Geography** via **Christine Kempski**

September 15 at 12:44pm · 🌐

A new first for our Department, Kira Kazantsev, dual major in Global Studies and Geography, 2013, crowned Miss America 2015. Congratulations!



### Miss America 2015!

Miss New York Kira Kazantsev was crowned Miss America on Sunday night. This is the third year in a row that the contestant from New York has won. Kazantsev, who is originally from California and moved to New York for college, speaks three...

[HUFFINGTONPOST.COM](http://HUFFINGTONPOST.COM)

2,249 people reached

# ***Dr. Masaharu G. Inaba Memorial Endowed Scholarship***

Awarded annually to an undergraduate student who is a declared Global Studies and/or Geography major, and selected on the basis of demonstrated academic achievement or potential and **economic need**. The following criteria will be applied to this scholarship: a) A recipient must have successfully completed a minimum of 12 semester hours of Global Studies and/or Geography courses. b) A recipient must have a minimum GPA of 3.5 within the major. Awarded by the Office of Financial Aid and upon the recommendation of the Chairperson of the Global Studies and Geography Department, in consultation with members of the department.

The scholarship award is in **ADDITION** to any financial aid and/or other awards that the recipient receives. In 2016/17, the award amount will be between \$6,000 and \$7,000 for the academic year.

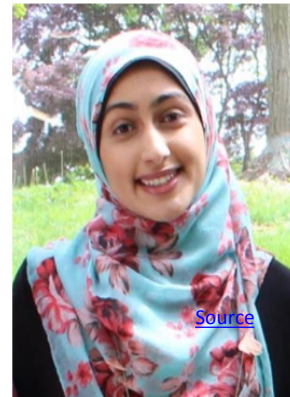
## **Geography Major, Fatimah Mozawalla Wins the 2017-18 Inaba Scholarship**

The Global Studies and Geography Department is pleased to announce that Fatimah Mozawalla is the 2017 recipient of the Masaharu G. Inaba Endowed Memorial Scholarship.

Fatimah is a second year student completing her junior year in the 4+4 BA/BS MD program, majoring in Geography with a Biochemistry minor. In addition to pursuing her degree, the eighteen year old is also active on campus. She is Vice President of the Hofstra Muslim Students Association, a Center for Civic Engagement fellow, part of the pre-medical fraternity, Phi Delta Epsilon and the pre-health scholars, runs for Hofstra's Division 1 Women's Cross Country team and participates in Habitat for Humanity. She is also a visiting scholar at Northwell Health (formerly North Shore LIJ) and conducts cardiac clinical research. She most recently participated in an on campus panel: [Closing the Door: The Immigration Debate](#). Within the department she has volunteered as a peer mentor and will be a Peer Teacher in the Fall of 2017.

Donated by the Inaba family in memory of the late Dr. George Inaba, who taught geography at Hofstra from 1959 to 1983, this scholarship award amount ranges between \$6,000 and \$7,000. It is awarded annually to Global Studies and Geography majors and is in addition to any other financial awards that a student receives.

Visit the [Inaba Scholarship page](#) for more information.



[Source](#)

The scholarship was donated by the Inaba family, in memory of the late **Dr. George Inaba** who taught geography in the Department from 1959-1993.





# Peer Teachers

Our Department encourages and supports students to apply to work as Peer Teachers. Since 2008 around 20% of Peer Teachers at Hofstra have been from our Department.

## Call for Peer Teachers!

The department is now taking applications for Spring 2017 Peer Teachers. Majors with a minimum GPA of 3.5 in Global Studies and Geography courses are encouraged to apply. Qualified and interested applicants should send an email to me at [jackie.geis@hofstra.edu](mailto:jackie.geis@hofstra.edu) including your name, courses that count towards the major, and indicate which of those you would like to teach. You can also reach out to a professor directly about this opportunity. Applications are due by December 12, 2016.

For additional details about the Peer Teacher Program:



Guidelines | Peer Teacher Program | Office of the Provost | Hofstra University, New York

The Peer Teacher Program at Hofstra represents an award made by the Provost's Office each semester to qualified juniors or seniors who are nominated by faculty...

## Spring 2017 Peer Teachers and Professors



**“Being able to peer teach World Regional Geography for Dr. Jensen and Professor Girma has been a really enriching opportunity for me. It was great getting to work closely with them and the students of the class and it enhanced my knowledge of the course material.” Emilie, 2017**

Hi all,

I'm reaching out to let you know that I will holding two review sessions for your final exam in world regional geography.

The first session will be Wednesday the 10th at 6:30PM and the second will be Sunday the 14th at 5PM. Both will be in the library on the first floor near the main entrance. As always, feel free to email me with any questions!



# Global Studies and Geography Career Advice

This past year we held two successful “Career Nights.” Alumni volunteered to speak in person and via video-conference to share their post-grad experiences pursuing additional degrees and establishing themselves in careers.

They offered insight into how to students can make the most of their college careers, tips for the job search, networking and securing funds for grad school as well as answered questions from current students.

Students can also take advantage of the ‘Career Corner’ in our lounge that offers resources including: sample interview questions, resume guidelines, and correspondence templates.





## Lasting impacts on lives and careers

“...As a result of my experience in the Geography Department and the support of the staff, I was able to travel to Senegal for two months and Amsterdam for five months while I was enrolled at Hofstra... **Today, I am a Vice President at a multinational tech company** with employees in seven countries, as well as a proud Hofstra alumni, both thanks to the amazing people at Hofstra's Geography Department.” **Michelle, 07**



## A Testimonial from a 2016 Graduating Senior

... **this department will always hold a special place in my heart.** I really do believe I found my home in this department not just with other students, where I have made friends for life, but with the professors as well... My best work is always required and I always want to turn that in...**This department has been so welcoming and encouraging to all students to travel, dream big, do better, and to become active...** a place for me to discuss politics, philosophy, social injustices, and everything in between. This department has made me a better person...My life has forever been changed by the knowledge I gained during my time here.

I am truly sad not about graduating from Hofstra, but to leave this department ...Every professor I have had in the department has impacted me in some way and made me change and see things for the better. **Words cannot describe how truly thankful I am for what this department has done and I can tell you right now, other students feel the same way.** I would do anything for this department, whether I am here at Hofstra or (hopefully) at a job.

**[HAPPY POSTSCRIPT, UPON GRADUATION SHE WAS OFFERED A PUBLIC POLICY JOB IN WASHINGTON, DC]**



# Since 2011, of the alumni that have pursued graduate degrees

- About 30% have attended Law School.
- Over 20% have attended programs in GIS, Urban Planning and/or Geography.
- Around 20% have attended programs in various forms of public policy.
- Around 15% have attended programs related to education, teaching or public service (including Teach for America and the Peace Corps).
- Some have attended Medical and Dental School, while others have pursued MBAs.



## Jacqueline Smith

Associate at Bond, Schoeneck & King PLLC  
Greater New York City Area | Law Practice

Previous Hofstra University School of Law, Asylum Clinic, Jaspan  
Schlesinger LLP  
Education Hofstra University School of Law



## Athraja de Silva

Documentation Officer  
Sri Lanka | Research

Current Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka to the United Nations  
Previous United Nations, Hofstra University, Ministry of External Affairs  
of Sri Lanka  
Education Hofstra University



## Evelia Johnston

Associate Director, Research Partnerships  
New York, New York | Nonprofit Organization Management

Current The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research  
Previous The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research,  
Forest Laboratories, Terrapinn Inc  
Education Hofstra University

# Where our post-2008 alumni have furthered their academic education

- American University
- Brown University
- Benjamin N. Cardozo Law School
- Binghamton School of Management
- Brooklyn Law School (multiple graduates)
- Columbia University
- Cornell University Law School
- CUNY, Graduate Center
- CUNY Hunter (Geography and Urban Planning)
- Duke University
- East Carolina State University
- George Washington University
- Harvard University (Extension School)
- Hofstra University School of Education
- Hofstra University Graduate School of Business
- Hofstra University School of Law
- Hofstra University Medical School
- London School of Economics (UK) (multiple)
- Northeastern University
- Newcastle University (UK)
- Oxford University (UK)
- Penn State University
- Rutgers University (Urban Planning and GIS, multiple graduates)
- School for Oriental and African Studies, University of London (UK)
- St. George's University (Medical School)
- State University of New York at Albany
- Stony Brook University
- Syracuse University
- Touro University Law School
- University of Connecticut
- University of Illinois at Chicago
- University of South Florida
- University of Pennsylvania Law School
- Villanova Law School



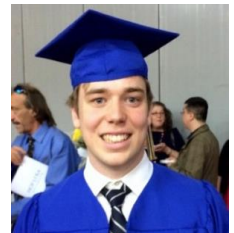
**Sam Colvin '13,**  
**London School of**  
**Economics.**



**Josh Ettinger '13,**  
**Oxford Univ.**



**Catherine**  
**Ardrey '14**  
**Brown Univ.**



**Kevin**  
**Tamerler '14**  
**Cornell Law.**



# The varied careers of our graduates

- Senior Vice President at Citibank, NY
- President, Polo Ralph Lauren, NY
- GIS Technician, Apple, Cupertino, CA
- Documentation officer with Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka to the United Nations, NY
- Attorney, Center for Family Representation, NY
- Medical Doctor, Western Michigan University School of Medicine, Kalamazoo, MI
- Journalist, WABC-TV Eyewitness News, NY
- Advocate for Public Policy, Epilepsy Foundation, RI
- Senior Environmental Consultant, First Energy, OH
- Founder and CEO, KJR Home LLC, NY
- Urban Planner, Monroe County Dept. of Planning & Development, NY
- Corporate Manager, Toyota Financial Services, CA
- Human Resources Manager, Paris, France
- Project Director, Charter School Program Grant, New Jersey Dept. of Education, NJ
- Political Strategist/Policy Manager, National Federation of Independent Business, D.C.
- Assistant Planner, Greater Chicago Area, IL
- Tech Representative at U.S. Senate Sergeant at Arms, D.C.
- Assistant Transportation Planner at MTA, NY
- Planning Commissioner, Mercersburg, PA
- Executive Operations Coordinator, American Association for the Advancement of Science, D.C.
- Program Associate, Kettering Foundation, PA
- Multimedia Journalist, Utrecht, Netherlands
- Legislative Liaison at Long Island Board of Realtors, NY
- AML Compliance Officer at Pershing, BNY Mellon, NY
- Manager of Advocacy and Digital Strategy at Latino Justice, NY
- Executive Assistant to Chairman, Volcker Alliance, NY
- Policy analyst, NYS Governor's Office of Storm Recovery
- Educational Liaison at Right Reason Technologies, NY
- Producer, Real News Network, Baltimore, MD
- Associate Director, Research Partnerships for The Michael J. Fox Foundation, NY
- Anchor, Producer and Reporter, ETV Ghana
- Associate Editor, Psychology, Macmillan Learning, NY
- Associate Attorney at Bond, Schoenieck & King PLLC, NY
- After School Director, Plymouth, MA
- Food Resource Coordinator, Marion-Polk Food Share, OR
- Executive Recruiter at Randstad, NY
- Teacher of English for Academic Purposes, Newcastle University (UK)
- Staff Attorney, the Legal Aid Society, NY
- Production Coordinator at Oxygen Media, NY
- Northeast Service Manager at Scientific Games, NJ
- Gallery and Research Assistant, Rafael Gallery, NY



**Sharlys Leszczuk**  
Assistant Account Executive & Social Media Manager  
at **Feintuch Communications**  
Greater New York City Area



**Melanie Martha**  
Executive Assistant to the Chairman  
at **The Volcker Alliance**  
Greater New York City Area

## Our Alumni Work at a Wide Variety of Companies & Organizations





# Networking via our Department LinkedIn Group



**Victoria Rametta**

Political Strategist at **National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB)**  
Washington, D.C.



**Christiaan Perez**

Manager of Advocacy and Digital Strategy at **LatinoJustice PRLDEF**  
Greater New York City Area



**Simon Burke**

Human Resources Director and Asst. General Manager at **Fat Tire Tours, Paris**  
Paris Area, France



**Ebube Ezeh**

Executive Assistant at **Junior Achievement Africa – Regional Operating Center**  
Ghana



**Jenny Hart**

Contributor, Travel Weekly at **Northstar Travel Media**  
Greater New York City Area



**Christina Hoffman**

Planner II at **Monroe County Department of Planning & Development**  
Rochester, New York



**Joshua Gwin**

Food Resource Coordinator at **Marion-Polk Food Share**  
Salem, Oregon



**Steve Fredericks**

AML Compliance at **Pershing, a BNY Mellon company**  
Greater New York City Area



**Justin Ederheimer**

Technology Representative at **United States Senate Sergeant at Arms**  
Gambrills, Maryland



**William K. Wertling**

Executive Recruiter at **Randstad HR**  
Greater New York City Area



**Cristina LoCurto**

Law Clerk at **Karon Law, LLC**  
Boston, Massachusetts



**Etana Jacobi**

Program Associate at **Kettering Foundation**  
Dayton, Ohio Area



**Rebecca (Galin) Macri**

Spanish Teacher at **CREC**  
West Hartford, Connecticut



**Ama P. Mensah**

Anchor, Reporter/Producer at **ETV Ghana**  
Ghana



**Josh Ettinger**

Senior Communications Associate at **AAAS**  
Washington, D.C. Metro Area



**Matthew Craig**

Director of Development at **Teach for America**  
Greater Philadelphia Area



**Cate Misczuk**

General Assignment Writer at **SFG Media Group, LLC**  
Utrecht Area, Netherlands



**Katie Pachnos**

Associate Editor, Psychology at **Macmillan Learning**  
Greater New York City Area



**Caron Bricks**

Assistant Planner at **Village of Homer Glen**  
Greater Chicago Area



**Monica Strzelecki**

Teacher of English at **INTO Newcastle University**  
Newcastle upon Tyne, United Kingdom

# Alumni, giving back



**Jennifer Perniciaro**, 2014, Teach for America, New York City



**Grace Finlayson**, 2017, The Fresh Air Fund, New York City



**Danny Bautista**, 2013, Peace Corps, Indonesia



**Alex Moore**, 2011, Ecovillage Design Certification, Colombia and Teach for America, 2013/14, Detroit.



**Charlotte Granison**, 2014, AmeriCorps Vista Member, Legal Assistance of Western New York



**Amanda Martin**, 2013, Peace Corps, Philippines



**Sol Auerbach**, 2008, Peace Corps, Malawi



**Monica Strzelecki**, 2011, Teacher of English for Academic Purposes at INTO Newcastle University, UK

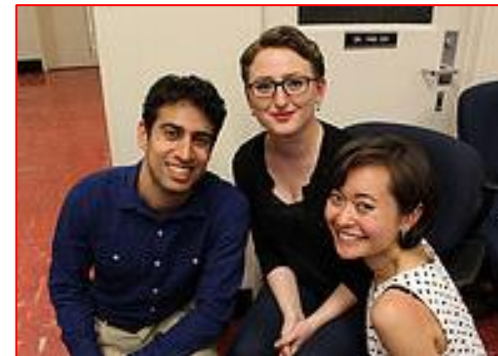


# What our alumni say about the Department

**“I didn't choose the GS/GEOG life; the GS/GEOG life chose me.** I came to Hofstra thinking I was going to be a psycho-linguistics major, but taking Dr. Jensen's Child Labor in the World Today seminar introduced me to the Global Studies & Geography Department. I would stay after class each day and talk to Dr. Jensen about her field work and my interests in global health. Before I knew it, Dr. J had me sitting in front of Dr. Saff and I was signing my life away to a life to **the best major at Hofstra.**”

**“I had found that the department I had previously been with was impersonal, and I never felt part of a community... being part of the Geography and Global Studies Department has been the main highlight of my time at Hofstra.”**

**“The whole department really challenges you to think critically** about how you're learning and what you learn in each class and how it impacts everything else you're learning in other classes.”



# Strategies to succeed in College

- Choose a major as soon as possible (being undecided costs you time and money),
- Meet with your department advisor at least once a semester,
- Double (or triple) major. This is better than multiple minors,
- Do well in all your classes (they all count toward your GPA),
- Graduate with Departmental Honors,
- Do internships,
- Study abroad,
- Maximize all your opportunities – volunteer, look for work in Departments, apply to peer teach,
- Join student clubs and network,
- Find a faculty mentor,
- Ask questions,
- Make yourself stand out!



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# Taking advantage of all your opportunities!



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# Until Next Year!

