

Gamma Theta Upsilon

2014-2015 Chapter Annual Report

PREPARED BY: Dr. Veronica Lippencott, Acting President, June 2015

Please complete and email this report to Dr. Susy Ziegler, 2nd VP of Gamma Theta Upsilon, by **June 15, 2015**. The Awards Committee will select Honors Chapter Winners and Presidential Honors Chapter winners from among chapters that submit annual reports and that provide the additional information requested below. Reports must be submitted by the June 15th deadline to be considered for Honors Chapter and Presidential Honors Chapter awards.

Forms may be submitted online below, or by mail to:

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Chapter Name: **Mu Kappa**

Chapter Address: **Department of Global Studies and Geography, 209 Roosevelt Hall, 130 Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY 11549**

Chapter Website or Social Media Address:

http://www.hofstra.edu/Academics/Colleges/hclas/GEOG/geog_news_042314.html

Faculty Sponsor: **Veronica A. Lippencott, Ph.D. (Acting Faculty Sponsor and Acting President 2015)**

President: **Kari B. Jensen. Ph.D.**

Vice President: **Grant Saff, Ph.D.**

Secretary: **Mishaina Joseph**

Treasurer: **N/A**

Historian: **N/A**

Highlights of Activities for the 2014-2015 Academic Year (200-800 words):

Dr. Veronica A. Lippencott, the Mu Kappa Acting President, and Dr. Grant Saff, the Mu Kappa Vice President, inducted 11 new members, in a ceremony held at Hofstra's University Club along with a luncheon on Wednesday, April 29, 2015. It was attended by both new and old members of Mu Kappa, along with Global Studies and Geography faculty. Special guest Valerie J. Rizzuto, Assistant Instructor of Global Studies and Geography, gave a keynote speech highlighting her lifelong love of geography, her academic career, and the importance of geography as a discipline. Congratulations to the new members!

The Hofstra Student Inductees Are:

Colin P. Adams
Thomas Bradley
Sabrina L. Clarke
Douglas C. Forgione
Nicole L. Marolda
Citadel Ann Mejia
Julie Rafatpanah
Joy Elyse Rumack
Eleanore C. Saintis
Samantha Sohnen
Thomas Vogel

Please note that we will be posting an edited version of chapter reports on the GTU Website. We are limiting the "Highlights of Activities" section above to a strict 800 word limit.

Additional Information to be Considered for Chapter Awards

Chapters that wish to be considered for the Honors Chapter Award or the Presidential Honors Chapter Award should indicate that they believe that they have satisfied each of the awards criteria and provide answers to the questions listed below. The awards committee will use these answers to judge whether or not the chapter has satisfied the criteria for a chapter honors award. The criteria for the awards can be found in the Operations and Procedures manual on the GTU website at:

<http://www.gammathetaupsilon.org/policy-manual.html#secondvp>

Honors Chapter Award

- 1) We satisfied the criteria for the induction of new members.
(Increase the number of new inductees over the previous year or induct at least 5 new members for programs that only award bachelor's degrees or 8 members for programs that award masters and doctoral degrees.)
 - a. How many new members did you induct this year? **11**
 - b. How many new members did you induct last year? **21**
 - c. Does your program award only bachelor's degrees or does it award masters or doctoral degrees?
Bachelor's degrees only **Yes**
Masters or doctoral degrees **No**
- 2) We provided leadership for two events designed to promote geography during the last academic year.

Please list the events and provide a brief description of how they promoted geography:

November 17, 2014, Geography Cache Treasure Hunt

Students were to work in teams and learn how to use hand-held GPS to find select locations on campus. The event was planned but cancelled due to a rainstorm.

GIS Guest Lecture, November 19, 2014

A Two-Pronged Approach to GIS: The Perspective from a Local Government GIS Manager and Regional User Group Chairman: Ross Baldwin, GISP

Ross Baldwin is the GIS Manager for the Town of Southampton, NY and Chair of LI GIS, a professional GIS group.

The speaker provided a look at the GIS approach in local government and offered his perspective on the future of GIS. Students, staff, and faculty were in attendance of this event.

November 20, 2014, GIS Demonstration

Demonstration done by two Hofstra Students, Jacklyn Langella and Sean Landendecker

All GTU and Department of Global Studies and Geography events and information are available on our Facebook page, "Hofstra University, Department of Global Studies and Geography"

- 3) We have developed and maintained a web site or social media presence (Facebook page, Twitter feed, etc.) for our chapter that is regularly updated with chapter activities and meetings. (You should already have provided your website or social media address above.)
- 4) We have submitted an annual report to the 2nd Vice President.

Presidential Honors Chapter Award

- 1) Complete the questions about the honors chapter award above.
- 2) Our chapter planned and implemented at least one activity of any kind each month during the regular academic year.

Please list the activities:

- 3) Provide evidence of campus/community or national leadership to promote geography by indicating that you have satisfied at least two of the following criteria. Provide a short description of your activities as indicated.

a. We provided leadership for at least six activities to promote geography during the academic year (including the two required for Honors Chapter status). Geography Awareness Week and other activities that raise awareness of geography to a public beyond the GTU chapter will be considered evidence of leadership in this area.

Please list the activities and briefly describe how they promoted geography:

b. GTU members made at least three visits to K-12 schools.

Please briefly describe the visits:

c. One or more chapter members submitted a student authored or co-authored article

to the *Geographical Bulletin*.

Please provide the name of the author(s) or co-author(s) and the title of their article(s):

d. One or more student chapter members presented a student authored (or co-authored) paper or poster at a regional or national AAG or NCGE meeting.

Please provide the names of student authors, the titles of their papers or posters, and the meeting they presented at:

Julie Rafatpanah, "De Beers vs. The USA: A Tale of Monopoly, Marketing, and Globalization," Middle States Division of the Association of American Geographers, York, PA. October 24-25, 2014

Julie Rafatpanah, "De Beers vs. The USA: A Tale of Monopoly, Marketing, and Globalization," Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL. April 21, 2015

Clara Schopf, "What's Brewing in Wisconsin?; Why America's Dairyland Goes Blue in Presidential Elections and Red in Gubernatorial Elections," Poster, Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL. April 22, 2015

e. Our chapter participated in the GTU/AAG Visiting Geographical Scientist Program.

4) One or more of our chapter members applied for a national GTU scholarship (Buzzard Undergraduate Scholarship, Buzzard Graduate Scholarship, Maxfield Scholarship, Richason Scholarship or Rechlin Scholarship).

Please provide the name of the applicant(s) and scholarship(s) they applied for:

5) Our chapter sponsored a new GTU chapter at a college (or community college) or university that doesn't have one or assisted an inactive chapter to reactivate. (Chapters should consult the chapter map on the GTU web site and contact their regional councilor or the GTU executive director for assistance in finding and sponsoring institutions that lack a chapter or that may be inactive.)

Please briefly describe your sponsorship or assistance: