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Chair's Welcome

Welcome to the Spring 2019 edition of The Globe! I came back from my research leave to find our department as active as ever, and briefly take on the role of Acting Chair while **Dr. Grant Saff** was on medical leave in April and May. The Global Studies and Geography faculty has been busy researching, teaching and mentoring. **Dr. Jean Paul Rodrigue** received the Edward L. Ullman Award, **Dr. Linda Longmire** has been planning a new format for the Odyssey program and **Dr. Kari Jensen** took Honors College students to the United Nations. This spring we welcomed **Professor Ramiro Campos** as a new Adjunct Instructor of Geography, and celebrated the birth of **Rowan Dalton**, **Dr. Craig Dalton's** baby. The department organized a variety of events which reflect the wide-ranging interests of our students. The events included a Hungarian music concert, talks about the deindustrialization of U.S. cities and about war and the green economy, and a visit by Geography alumnus **Ethan Enzer**. Get Global delighted us with three diversity dinners, focusing on Hungary, Afghanistan and Norway. The spring semester brought additional wonderful experiences for a few of our students. **Fatimah Mozawalla** spent the semester studying abroad in Oxford while **Emma Rossetti** and **Victoria Crowley** studied in Singapore and Limerick, Ireland respectively. Keep reading to find out more about these and other news.

The spring semester is always bittersweet, because the success of graduating students means that we will not see them on a regular basis anymore. But I have spent the past few weeks signing in many new majors and minors who will keep up the energy and enthusiasm that characterize the GSG department. Happily, this newsletter and our social media groups will continue to serve as a bond between older and newer members of our community of people interested in understanding the world in an interconnected way and acting in ways that make the planet a better place. If you have not been near Roosevelt Hall 209 recently, read this newsletter and reminisce about your past experiences here. If you are a new arrival, read it as inspiration for the kinds of things we can achieve together.

Dr. Zilkia Janer, Professor and Acting Chair



From Left to Right: Dr. Saff, Dr. Janer, and Dr. Jensen at the lunch for seniors, Spring 2019

Faculty News

Dr. Kari Jensen, Associate Professor of Geography, chaperoned a visit to the UN with Hofstra's Honors College.

Dr. Jensen thoroughly enjoyed the students' reactions on the guided tour of various meeting rooms (including the General Assembly Hall), as well as exploring the memorial, sculptures, and artwork. Four of the participating students are also geography and/or global studies majors who posed with her for a group photo.



From Left to Right: Alena Clark, Dr. Jensen, Jenna Reda, Margaret Engel, Hana Rubenstein

Dr. Linda Longmire, Professor of Global Studies, visited Ireland and Northern Ireland during December 2018 in order to conduct preliminary background research for the department's revamped European Odyssey Program which is planned to again be offered in the Spring 2021 semester. One of the main foci of the European Odyssey 2021 will likely be the possible tensions between Ireland and Northern Ireland in the face of the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union.

In January 2019, Professor Longmire visited Sorrento, Italy, where she will be the Scholar-in-Residence at the Santa Anna Institute during the Spring 2020 semester. The Institute has been the site of numerous Hofstra study abroad programs and will also likely be a base for the Spring 2021 Program.

During the 2019 Spring Break, Prof. Longmire visited Cambodia and Laos where she conducted interviews with several organizations dealing with Human Trafficking, a major problem in these countries. Globalization and Human Trafficking is one of the courses taught both on the European Odyssey in the spring and on Hofstra's campus during the fall semester.

On a more personal level, she also went to Angkor Wat, the largest Buddhist Complex in the world. She met up with a few alumni and spent her 8 days seeing elephants and riding on the boats for a very spiritual experience.

Dr. Jean-Paul Rodrigue, Professor of Global Studies and Geography, received The Edward L. Ullman Award over winter break. This award has been offered by the Transportation Geography Specialty Group of the American Association of Geographers since 1990 for outstanding contributions to the field of transportation geography. Edward Louis Ullman (1912 – 1976) was a highly influential transportation geographer and spent most of his academic career at the University of Washington. Dr. Rodrigue was awarded for his lead authorship of one of the major



Dr. Jean-Paul Rodrigue receives the Edward L. Ullman Award from Dr. Michael Minn on behalf of the AAG.

geography of transportation textbooks, *The Geography of Transportation Systems* (Routledge, 2017). He also edited *The Sage Handbook of Transport Studies* (Sage, 2013). Dr. Rodrigue's research focuses on maritime transport systems and logistics, global supply chains and production networks, gateways and transport corridors. Congratulations to Dr. Rodrigue!

Dr. Grant Saff, Professor of Geography (and Chair), met up with Hofstra Honors students in January who were studying abroad in Barcelona under the direction of **Dr. Ellen Frisina**, and gave them a talk on urban development in Barcelona and then took them on a walking tour of his study area, the El Raval neighborhood. In April, he was part of an invited faculty and student panel titled, "*The Undergraduate Geography Experience: Students and Professors Share their Perspectives*," at the American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting in Washington, DC. During the meeting he also took part in the Chairs Luncheon Meeting, where chairs from Geography departments across the US shared strategies for building successful geography programs.



Dr. Grant Saff with Hofstra Honors students, in front of the *El Gato de Botero*, at the Rambla del Raval, Barcelona.

Welcome Professor Ramiro Campos, Adjunct Instructor of Geography.

Professor Campos joined the department this spring teaching World Regional Geography. He also teaches at Hunter College, teaching a Save the Planet course, a Population



Geography course, and an Environmental Conservation: Resource Management course where he links geographic background to economics and all things related to the environment. This fall he will again be teaching World Regional Geography, as well as Geography of Latin America.

Questions we asked Professor Campos:

Tell us a little bit about your area of expertise.

"I would say, ecological ethics and environmental justices, and geography of development. Also a big one, population geography."

How did you find these concentrations?

"It came out of an admiration for the medical field and what they've done around the world. People like Jonas Salk and Jim Grant and also the WHO (World Health Organization)."

How do you like Hofstra so far?

"So far it's great, the students are quick learners, my geography students don't have a firm background but can remember items from last week and enjoy the content."

What was your favorite place you've been to, and why?

"Rome, wait, Assisi, the bus ride was gorgeous, you pass a huge field of sunflowers, and the city is up on a mountain. I like it because it has cooler weather, and there is sort of a spiritual piece, like this eternal love for each other."

Any last comments?

"I am hoping to introduce more Hofstra students to orienteering. I'm involved in the Long Island Orienteering Club; it is a land navigation race where participants use a choropleth map to find flags hidden along the trails. Check out the website at <https://www.liorienteering.com/>"

Department News

Our Newest Geographer!

Congratulations to **Dr. Craig Dalton** and his partner, **Cecilia**, who welcomed their first child, a son, **Rowan Dalton**, in March!



Student Achievements and Activities

Hofstra University Honors College Banquet

Several of our many Honors College students got the opportunity to attend a wonderful banquet honoring them and talk to new students. **Ryan Leighton '20**, had some comments to add on his experience:

"**Lois (Paquette '19)**, **Julianna (Cirafesi '19)** and I had a really good time chatting with prospective students, many of whom were drawn by our posters and had questions about our department, the Honors College, and the Hofstra student experience. After that, **Dr. Jensen** and I went down on the floor for the dinner portion of the event. This time was punctuated with several one-on-one questions, a discussion of what student life and academic life were all about on campus, and several speeches from the podium delivered by honors college staff and enrolled students. Many [students] I talked to loved the prospects that GIS, Geography, and Global Studies offered in the professional and academic world."

Additionally, another major of ours, **Olivia Tu '21**, sat with **Dr. Jensen** at a different table and mentioned, "It was a totally different experience sitting at the Honors College Dinner as a sophomore at Hofstra instead of a prospective student. I really enjoyed listening to the student and faculty speeches, as well as talking to **Dr. Jensen** about the Global Studies program and other topics such as the upcoming election."



From Left to Right: Ryan Leighton, Dr. Jensen, Lois Paquette, and Julianna Cirafesi

Dr. Jensen mentioned the meet and greet with admitted students and families worked very well: "There was a solid turn out for people who came specifically to talk with people from the Global Studies and Geography department." She also appreciated having three majors to assist her in talking with several families at a time. **Dr. Jensen** continued, "oftentimes prospective students are glad that there are current Hofstra students to talk to, and not just professors." All three of our students were also exhibiting their posters, as

a visual representation to showcase what our department is doing academically.

Visit our [Flickr page](#) for more photos from this event!

Peer Teacher Luncheon

Thank you to our amazing Peer Teachers whose dedication and support mentoring their fellow students is greatly appreciated by the faculty and their classes. This wonderful program, run by the **Provost's Office**, offers some of our best students the opportunity to develop new skills while benefitting all involved.

Our Spring 2019 Peer Teachers were:

Julianna Cirafesi '19 - GS 001, **Dr. Saff**
Ligia Clara Fall '19 - GEOG 060, **Dr. Dalton**
Sarah Dowd '20 - GS 002, **Dr. Janer**
Sophia Hadeed '20 - GEOG 135, **Dr. Rodrigue**
Haritsa Halepas '19 - GEOG 001, **Dr. Korattyswaroopam**
Christina Paccadolmi '19 - GEOG 106, **Dr. Lippencott**
Aleksandra Radeva Fall '19 - GS 109, **Dr. Longmire**
Alishbah Saddiqui '20 - GEOG 002, **Dr. Jensen**



Professor Longmire, Christina Paccadolmi, Julianna Cirafesi, Alishbah Saddiqui, and Professor Jensen

Spring 2019, Global Studies Major and Geography Minor, Alena Clark Awarded the 2019-20 Inaba Scholarship

The Global Studies and Geography Department is pleased to announce that **Alena Clark** is the 2019 recipient of the Masaharu G. Inaba Endowed Memorial Scholarship.

A rising senior, Alena is a double major in Global Studies and Anthropology as well as a double minor in Geography and Chinese, and hopes to pursue a career in international relations so she can help with cultural preservation and human rights. She leads a busy life here on campus, participating in Get Global, the Anthropology Club and Sp!t. She has been a Student Aide in the Office of Student Leadership and Engagement for the past two years and will be adding Peer Teacher and Global Peer Mentor to her resumé this fall.

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. Alena is the seventh recipient of this annual award.

Visit the [Inaba Scholarship page](#) for more information and a list of previous awardees.



Dr. Janer and Alena Clark the 2019-2020 Inaba Scholarship Recipient

Undergraduate Research Day

On Thursday, May 9th, two members of the Global Studies and Geography Department presented the results of their semester-long research projects to Hofstra's faculty and students at Undergraduate Research Day. Rising senior **Ryan Leighton**, who is a Global Studies major with a Geography minor concentration in GIS, presented his poster, titled "*Districts, Demographics, and Democracy*", for his Cartographic Communications class with **Dr. Dalton**.



Global Studies major and Geography minor Ryan Leighton

Rising senior **Raymond Ram** is majoring in GIS, and presented his poster, "*Coal Phase Out*", for his Intermediate GIS class with **Dr. Rodrigue**.



GIS major Raymond Ram

Mu Kappa

Mu Kappa Induction

On Monday, April 15, 2019, the Department of Global Studies and Geography inducted the 2018-19 class of Mu Kappa, Hofstra's Geography Honors Society, in a ceremony held at the University Club.

The 18 initiates are now members of Gamma Theta Upsilon (GTU), the international geographical honor society that was founded in 1928, and bring the total number of members in Hofstra's chapter to 138 since its inception in 2012.

Keynote speaker, **Dr. Mona Domosh**, Professor of Geography at Dartmouth College, and a past President of the American Association of Geographers (AAG), offered a lively recount of her journey to the world of geography. She touched on her family's frequent moves during her childhood which included vacations to various historical sites around the US and how she discovered the potential of geography as a career late in her undergraduate studies. She is now a cultural-historical geographer with expertise in urban historical geography, cultural geography, critical development studies, feminist theory and postcolonialism.



Dr. Mona Domosh at the induction ceremony

Mu Kappa President, Christina Paccadolmi '19, Secretary, Julianna Cirafesi '19, and Historian, Lois Paquette '19 conducted the ceremony to welcome the following new inductees:

Michael Allen '20
Nicole Boucher '19
Justine Ecker '19
Margaret Engel '21
Tianyue Gao '19
Julia Gurrola '19
Sophia Hadeed '20
Aliosman Kazdal '19
Justin Kumamoto '19
Ryan Leighton '20
Lauren Mahoney '20
Abby Normandin '19
Aleksandra Radeva '20
Raymond Ram '20
Sally Roscoe '19
Nicholas Tabarus '20
Olivia Tu '20
Xiling Ye '19



Julianna Cirafesi and Lois Paquette



Back Row: Aliosman Kazdal, Nicholas Tabarus, Olivia Tu, Margaret Engel, Michael Allen. **Front Row:** Aleksandra Radeva, Julia Gurrola, Nicole Boucher, Ryan Leighton, Xiling Ye, Sophia Hadeed. **Not in Attendance:** Justine Ecker, Justin Kumamoto, Abby Normandin, Raymond Ram, Tianyue Gao, Lauren Mahoney, Sally Roscoe

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Get Global

Get Global is a student club based in the Global Studies and Geography Department with the focus of guiding and educating Hofstra students on global issues. The Club is open to all students at Hofstra irrespective of major and holds social and academic events throughout the year. They also hold fundraisers to benefit various global charities. Meetings are held weekly in Roosevelt Hall Room 209.

The Spring 2019 e-board consisted of: **Nicholas Tabarus** (President), **Alyson Sann** (Vice-President), **Michael Allen** (Treasurer), and **Dr. Kari Jensen** as Faculty Advisor.



Get Global's E-board: Nick Tabarus, Michael Allen and Allyson Sann

During the course of the Spring Semester, Get Global hosted three Diversity Dinners in collaboration with several other Department and University groups:

Hungarian Diversity Dinner

On Tuesday, March 12, following the Hungarian Concert (see page 7), a Diversity Dinner organized by **Get Global** and sponsored by the **HCLAS Deans Office**, the **Dept. of Global Studies and Geography**, **Honors College** and the **Dean of Students**, was held on the 10th floor of the Axinn Library. Everyone had a great time relaxing and eating dishes based on authentic Hungarian recipes and catching up on cultural facts provided by **Mu Kappa**.



Hungarian guitarist Robert Sinha and other guests fill their plates

Alena Clark '20, tells us her take on the dinner:

"Following the Hungarian concert, the **Global Studies and Geography** department club "**Get Global**" helped host a traditional Hungarian diversity dinner with goulash, crepes, and other Hungarian-themed food. Students were not only able to experience and learn about Hungarian culture, but **Robert Sinha** and **Flora Tandi** also made an appearance to socialize and answer questions regarding Hungary, music in general and their music careers, and the meanings behind popular folktales from across the globe."



Students enjoying Hungarian food!

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Afghan Diversity Dinner

On Monday, April 8, **Get Global** hosted an Afghan Diversity Dinner in collaboration with the **South Asian Student Association (SASA)** and **Mu Kappa** which was held in the department lounge. Students and faculty were able to hear two different perspectives of Afghanistan, see and feel real Afghan artifacts, and most importantly, taste authentic Afghan food. The food was catered from Choopan Grill, a nearby restaurant specializing in classic Afghan cuisine. Guests were able to enjoy traditional Afghan food including Kabuli Palow, (rice with carrots and raisins), Bolani (potato stuffed crispy flatbread), Mantu (beef stuffed dumplings), Banjan Borani (eggplant), Chicken Kebab, Beef Kofta, and Firni (cardamom and rose water flavored custard).

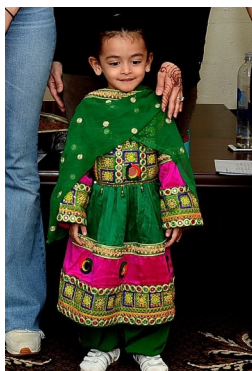


Sahar Caravan answering students' questions

We had the pleasure of listening to **Sahar Caravan** (سهر) '20 share her personal connections to the Pashtun culture of Southern Afghanistan. **Sahar** is known by her family as Pashtana, directly translating to "fluent in Pashto," which highlights her ties to Afghan culture. She was also able to bring in a Tambur (string instrument) made in Afghanistan. **Sahar** enlightened us with a narrative about a country so rich with culture and history, and even taught us a few words in Pashto!

We also had the chance to listen to another speaker, **Naima Naim** (نعمه), a friend of **Alishbah Saddiqui '20**, who was able to come and share her story. She was born in Afghanistan and lived there for the first 5 years of her life. A native Farsi speaker, she was able to discuss her motherland

through her Persian perspective. Students learned about the differences between these two common languages of Afghanistan and how food cultures vary throughout the country's regions. **Naima** brought one of her traditional, handmade dresses which was on display during the dinner. The details and artistry that went into the dress were eye catching, and it was decorated with real Afghani coins! Students also got a chance to meet **Naima's** 3 year old daughter, **Aaliyah**. She, and her bright green, traditional dress, stole the spotlight and captivated all the guests with her cuteness!



Aaliyah wearing a traditional Afghan dress

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Norwegian Diversity Dinner

On Tuesday, May 7th, **Get Global**, **Mu Kappa**, and the **Global Studies and Geography Department** hosted a Norwegian Diversity Dinner. Four Norwegian speakers, including **Dr. Kari Jensen** and three international students (**Mie Hoff '21**, **Marcus Lindqvist '19** and **Felix Smith Halle '20**) shared insights into the culture of Norway, highlighting differences and similarities with the U.S. Attendees dined on traditional Norwegian fare consisting of meatballs in brown sauce, roasted carrots and roasted potatoes. **Mie**, **Marcus** and **Felix** commented that the meal reminded them of home and that this meal is a common one enjoyed in Norway.



Mie Hoff, Dr. Kari Jensen, and Marcus Lindqvist, three of the four Norwegian speakers at the dinner. Not pictured: Felix Smith Halle



Mie Hoff and Marcus Lindqvist talking to attendees

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Department Events and Activities

Hungarian Concert

On Tuesday, March 12, the **Department of Global Studies and Geography**, the **Cultural Center**, **Honors College**, the **Dept. of Anthropology**, the **European Studies Program** and the **National Cultural Fund of Hungary**, united to bring a wonderful group to Hofstra. Vocalist **Flora Tandi** and guitarist **Robert Sinha**, played Hungarian Music in Monroe Hall in a program called "A World Music Duo from Hungary". The two Hungarian natives performed traditional Hungarian folktales mixed with modern music styles and lyrics from other parts of the world. It was a successful night that highlighted Hungarian culture. **Lois Paquette '19**, was there to report on the night:

"They performed folk and pop songs, including one by Sting, and it was really good! Most of the traditional Hungarian folk songs had been arranged in a more modern style by Robert and I really enjoyed the night!"



Robert Sinha and Flora Tandi performing

Additionally, **Alena Clark '20**, observed: "Beyond the traditional folklore, the duo performed songs about Hungary in French, another song that fused together Hebrew and Hungarian lyrics with Spanish flamenco music, as well as general tales of mythologies from Asia or Europe. Their goals as performers involve uniting the world through music and bringing archaic instruments and traditional stories to life in the modern world."

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Globalization Day

Professor Longmire introduced **Medea Benjamin**, author and co-founder of CODE PINK, on Tuesday, March 26th. Many departments came together to fill all seats in the Cultural Center Theatre. **Medea Benjamin** talked about war and the green economy, addressing the future challenges concerning the military budget. She engaged well with the students, answering all questions with great insight.

Sarah Dowd '20, a Global Studies and Geography major, and a fellow at the Center for Civic Engagement, put together an event the same day with **Dr. Robert Guttman**, **Professor Aashish Kumar**, and **Dr. Kaushik Sengupta**, who gave a presentation to the Hofstra community about the deindustrialization of American cities and how it has affected the global community. The event closed with a Q&A where students asked thoughtful questions. Thank you to everyone who attended.

Ethan Enzer Talk

On Tuesday March 27th, the department was visited by Geography alumnus **Ethan Enzer '79**.

Using the knowledge he gained from his degree, **Mr. Enzer** spent 40 years working in customs and immigration. His career began as a TSA officer at JFK Airport following graduation. Over many years, he worked his way up the ranks and eventually became the Section Chief of Homeland Security in Hartford, Connecticut before retiring in 2018. His lecture highlighted the diverse opportunities that Global Studies and Geography majors, have when considering future careers.



Ethan Enzer

Student, **Sophia Hadeed '20** said: "Listening to **Mr. Enzer** speak about the evolution of his career gave me so much confidence in regards to being a Global Studies and Geography major. He gave us insight as to how far we can really go in life by gaining the education and skills that this department has given to us. The skills that we are able to develop throughout our time here are interconnected within all facets of our lives: personally, professionally, and internationally, and that gives us such an advantage. Our professors have so much to teach and even more to offer and because of that I feel blessed to be a part of a department that can inspire past, present, and future students the way that they do."



Ethan Enzer talking to students

One Stop Advisement

Once again, we held our successful One-Stop Open Advisement Days on February 28th and March 28th. Majors and minors, along with students from other HCLAS

departments, were able to meet with both Department Chair, **Dr. Grant Saff** and **Bert Binder**, Associate Dean in the Center for University Advisement, who helped with questions about Degree Works, class planning, and all things in between. These full-day events offer students the opportunity to come in, no appointment needed, to ask questions and resolve course/degree issues and grab a slice of pizza. We hope to see you next semester!



Bert Binder advising a student

Lecture by Dr. Mona Domosh

After the Mu Kappa Induction ceremony (see page 5) on Monday, April 15, 2019, **Dr. Mona Domosh** gave an engaging talk titled "*Practicing Development in the Jim Crow South*". This event was co-sponsored with **Hofstra's Cultural Center** and in collaboration with the **Mu Kappa Chapter of the International Geographical Honors Society**.



Dr. Mona Domosh in the Monroe Lecture Center

Drawing on a range of works that extends from gendered historical analyses of colonialism to critical histories of development, and based on archival research in Alabama, Arkansas, and Mississippi, **Dr. Mona Domosh** argued that what we now call international development – a form of hegemony different from but related to colonialism – needs to be understood not only as a geopolitical tool of the Cold War, but also as a technique of governance that took shape within the realm of the domestic and through a racialized gaze. She presented this view by tracing some of the key elements of US international development practices in the postwar era to a different time and place: the American South, a region considered "undeveloped" in the first decades

of the 20th century, and the agricultural extension practices that targeted the rural farm home and farm women, particularly African-American women.



Rachel Scarpino (past President, Mu Kappa), Christina Paccadolmi (President, Mu Kappa), Dr. Mona Domosh, Julianna Cirafesi (Vice President, Mu Kappa), and Dr. Kari Jensen (Mu Kappa Advisor)

Visit our [Flickr Page](#) for additional photos from the event.

End of Semester Party

On Tuesday, May 7th, the Department hosted our end of semester party where we celebrated the end of the spring semester and our graduating seniors. Students, faculty and staff enjoyed the evening, reminiscing about the past and looking forward to the future.



Fatimah Mozawalla, Natalia Day, Ligia Clara, Lois Paquette



Attendees enjoying the Spring End of Semester Party

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Senior Luncheon

On Wednesday, May 8th, we celebrated at the senior luncheon with students graduating in May as well as this coming December. Students enjoyed spending time with department faculty and other students as well as the traditional presentation of copies of *"Oh the Places You'll Go!"* by Dr. Seuss. Graduating seniors received copies of the book and then collected signatures and comments from Global Studies and Geography professors who have taught them during their time at Hofstra.



Back row: Dr. Craig Dalton, Dean Bert Binder, Dr. Jean-Paul Rodrigue, Dr. Grant Saff, Dr. Zilkia Janer, Dr. Ying Qiu, Dr. Linda Longmire, Dr. Nisha Korattyswaroopam. Middle row: Deana Hsu, Xiling (Coco) Ye, Rachel Billard, Julianna Cirafesi, Fatimah Mozawalla, Abby Normandin, Julia Gurrola, Jackie Geis, Dr. Kari Jensen. Front row: Ligia Clara, Christina Paccadolmi, Lois Paquette, Doreen Dacilas.

Not pictured: Olukemi Anazodo, Nicholas Booth, Nicole Boucher, Boothvleen Charles Boote, Daria Burge, Sharleigh Carter, Zachary Cybulski, Rikki Glazer, Haritsa Halepas, Aliosman Kazdal, Emily Kelley, Kelly Martin, Ciera Nickel, Carolyn Oseep, Shannon Prevatt, Sally Roscoe, Elijah Vaillancourt, Liliana Velasquez



Majors Julianna Cirafesi, Christina Paccadolmi, Rachel Billard, and Lois Paquette



Professor Longmire, Julianna Cirafesi, Professor Jensen, Lois Paquette, Erica Cerchia and Christina Paccadolmi



Major Fatimah Mozawalla receiving “Oh the Places You’ll Go!” from Dr. Grant Saff, Dr. Zilkia Janer, and Dr. Kari Jensen

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Congratulations to our Spring 2019 Graduates!

Olukemi Anazodo (Global Studies & Geography)
Rachel Billard (Global Studies & Geography) *Cum Laude*
Nicholas Booth (Geography)
Nicole Boucher (Global Studies) *Magna Cum Laude*
Boothvleen Charles Boute (Global Studies)
Daria Burge (Global Studies) *Summa Cum Laude, Honors College Candidate*
Sharleigh Carter (Global Studies) *Magna Cum Laude*
Julianna Cirafesi (Global Studies) *Summa Cum Laude, Honors College Associate, Global Studies High Honors*
Zachary Cybulski (Global Studies & Geography) *Cum Laude*
Doreen Dacilas (Global Studies)
Rikki Glazer (Global Studies)
Julia Gurrola (Global Studies) *Cum Laude, Honors College Associate*
Haritsa Halepas (Global Studies)
Deana Hsu (Global Studies)
Aliosman Kazdal (Global Studies) *Cum Laude*
Emily Kelley (Global Studies) *Magna Cum Laude*
Kelly Martin (Global Studies) *Cum Laude, Honors College Candidate*
Fatimah Mozawalla (Geography) *Summa Cum Laude, Honors College Associate*
Ciera Nickel (Global Studies) *Magna Cum Laude*
Abby Normandin (Global Studies) *Summa Cum Laude, Honors College Candidate w/ Distinction*
Carolyn Oseep (Global Studies) *Cum Laude*
Christina Paccadolmi (Global Studies & Geography)
Lois Paquette (Geography) *Summa Cum Laude*
Shannon Prevatt (Geography)
Sally Roscoe (BS, GIS)
Elijah Vaillancourt (Global Studies)
Liliana Velasquez (BS, GIS)
Xiling “Coco” Ye (Global Studies & Geography) *Magna Cum Laude*



December '18 Graduate Adanya Hicks and niece pose with Dr. Kari Jensen



Dr. Kari Jensen, Fatimah Mozawalla, Julianna Cirafesi, Jackie Geis, Christina Paccadolmi, Lois Paquette, Dr. Craig Dalton, Dr. Zilkia Janer



Graduate Shannon Prevatt is embraced as she walks across the stage at graduation by her Aunt and Board of Trustee member, Debra Sandler



Graduate Xiling “Coco” Ye and mother pose with Dr. Kari Jensen



Graduate Rachel Billard with Dr. Zilkia Janer and Dr. Craig Dalton

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Internships and Study Abroad

Adriana Galarza '20, Intern Global Trek and Adventures, Reykjavik, Iceland, Summer 2018

What was the internship?

I was a GIS, sustainability research, and videography/photography intern with Global Treks & Adventures. In this internship, I traveled to Iceland for a week and collected GPS data on various hiking trails around the southern part of the country. I also did online and in-field research on the environment and how it has/is changing due to human interference, as well as took professional photos and videos of the country. After the week in Iceland, I spent the subsequent three months turning my GPS data into different trail maps using ArcGIS, and writing about my findings on the environment. The maps, writing, and photos are going to be included in a physical publication on traveling South Iceland. In addition, the videos will be put on the company's website as promotional media.



How did you find out about it?

I found this internship through LinkedIn.

Why did you choose to do this internship in particular?

I chose this internship because it combined all of my interests (GIS and environmental sustainability), plus added in an international component.

What skills were important for accomplishing your tasks?

The skills I utilized most were using a GPS receiving unit, using the ArcGIS software, conducting in-field research, and creating professional-grade maps.

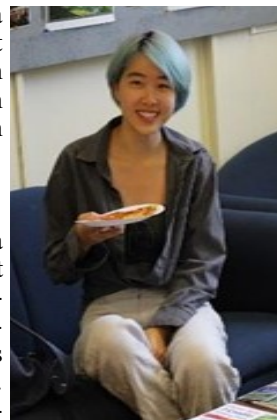
What advice do you have for students currently considering an internship/study abroad opportunity?

I would say definitely don't disregard the importance of internships, and apply to every one you find regardless of whether you think you'll get it or not. Working in a real-world setting is a completely different experience from learning in a classroom, and it's what will set you apart when applying for jobs post-graduation.

Xiling (Coco) Ye '19 Nuova di Accademia Belle Arti (NABA) in Milan, Italy, Fall 2018

What was the internship/program?

It's an exchange program with Nuova Accademia di Belle Arti (New Art Academy), a Fine Arts and Design concentrated private academy, in Milan, Italy. I took different design classes during my exchange.



How did you find out about it?

Because I wanted to exchange at a design academy and Hofstra doesn't have any program for the FA students, I had to find a program by myself. I researched many schools online, emailing each individually. This school was actually recommended by a close friend of mine, who's Italian. They responded quickly after I reached out to them, so I decided to apply for it.

Why did you choose to do this program in particular?

I wanted to expand my horizons by taking a greater variety of design classes. And being able to live and study in another continent was a lifetime experience.

What skills were important for accomplishing your tasks?

I would say as long as you're determined to accomplish something, stick to it. As long as you're making progress, one step at a time, you will achieve what you want eventually. Don't limit yourself by what is already offered. Create an environment for you to grow and learn.

What advice do you have for students currently considering an internship/study abroad opportunity?

I strongly encourage anyone who's curious about the unknown to study abroad. I am an international student, and I have had people say to me, "Aren't you already studying abroad?" when I was applying for the study abroad program. Because Hofstra didn't offer any FA exchange program, I had to go the extra mile to find this opportunity, but all the hard work was worth it.

During my exchange, I met peers from all around the world, travelled to 6 countries in Europe, and deepened my understanding in different design fields.

It definitely takes courage to step out of your comfort zone and embrace the unknown, but the second when you step out, you will realize that there is always a bigger world out there and you appreciate what you have and look forward to what the future holds.

Post-Graduate Options

Thomas Vogel, Global Studies and Geography (with honors) '16, an East Carolina University doctoral student, was able to provide some insight into post-graduate options for Global Studies and Geography majors.

Where are you going to school/what is your program?

I'm attending East Carolina University right now and working

towards my PhD in Coastal Resources Management (they changed names to PhD in Integrated Coastal Sciences starting next year if anyone is interested in more information). It's an interdisciplinary PhD program focused on coastal research and requires both a natural science and a social science component in the dissertation project.



How did you find out about the program?

I recently completed my MS in Geography from ECU as well, I applied to the Department of Geography, Planning, and Environment at the suggestion of **Dr. Saff** and **Dr. Jensen** after completing my undergrad at Hofstra. During my first semester, my advisor introduced me to the CRM program director because I had an interdisciplinary background and research interests that aligned with the department. I was also friends with a few students from CRM at the time because we had similar research interests and ended up in the same classes throughout my master's program.

What sold you to this program/is your favorite part about the program?

My selling point for the program was the strong interdisciplinary nature of the program. My background is in both geography and chemistry and I try to incorporate both skill sets in my research and education. In CRM that was already built into the curriculum while most other programs required me to specialize in either a natural or social science specific research project. I was also recruited for a really interesting water quality research project that aligns directly with my research interests.

What is different about undergrad and grad school?

I think the biggest difference is that grad school is much more independently driven. There is much less coursework and it is all focused (roughly) on your area of interest whereas in undergrad you take a broad survey of many disciplines and begin to specialize in your major(s). The classes are also more project/paper focused to allow you to focus on your thesis/dissertation research and so much less focus is placed on homework-type assignments and in-class exams. Grad school definitely is a more independent type of program than an undergraduate degree.

What were your hardest things to adjust to?

Probably the time management because there is generally very few assignments that make up the largest portion of your grades. This is even more true with a thesis or dissertation because the project is designed and carried out entirely on your own. Your advisor and committee will work with you to set deadlines for various milestones but usually, you need to be very self-motivated to complete your research and complete the writing on time.

What are your plans for after your doctorate?

At the moment I have two things I'd like to do after completing my PhD. First, I'd like to work for either USGS or EPA for a few years to gain a better understanding of the most important current issues in water quality and figure out how I can contribute to addressing them. Ultimately, I'd like to do research and teach at the university level based on that experience. The classes I learned the most in were focused on skills

and concepts that aimed to help with my research and/or career skills.

Upcoming Department Events

Geography Awareness Week Nov. 10 - 16

We are still in the planning stages, so stay tuned for details of our program of events. We will provide more information on our [Facebook](#) Group and [Website](#) as soon as it becomes available.

Middle States Geography Conference Nov. 10 - 16



**Middle States Division
of the Association of
American Geographers**

The Annual meeting of the Middle States, will be held at Kutztown University, Kutztown, PA on October 18-19, 2019. A number of our majors attended last year when it was held at Montclair State University in NJ and we hope to have a similar turnout this year.

We will provide more information on our [Facebook](#) Group as soon as it becomes available. You can also keep an eye out on the Middle States [Website](#) which normally provides information over the summer about how to register and present papers. This is a great venue for UG students to present posters and have any research published in the Middle States Geographer.

You can also contact the President of the Middle States for more information: Michael Davis, Midavis@kutztown.edu



Students attended the Fall 2018 MSAAG Meeting in Montclair, NJ

Alumni Updates

2018

Emilie Beck - (Global Studies & Geography) Program Coordinator, Brooklyn for Peace, NY

Faith Bless - (Global Studies) Executive Research Editor, Family Court Review, Volume 58 and a J.D. Candidate at the Maurice A. Deane School of Law, NY

Kelsie Brostek - (Global Studies & Geography) GIS Technician at ALK Technologies, NJ

Kimberly Dossett - (Global Studies) Cast Member at Disney Store and pursuing a Master of Information degree at Rutgers University, NJ

James Eager - (Global Studies & Geography) Regional Collaboration Coordinator at Berkshire Natural Resources Council, MA

Ian Joaquin-Arthur - (Global Studies) Independent Political Consultant, NY

Jessica Parks - (Global Studies) Port Washington Times & Nassau County Reporter with Blank Slate Media, NY

Jeffrey Werner - (Global Studies) Freelance Production Assistant at Fox News Headlines 24/7, NY



Kelsie Brostek

2017

Sabrina Clarke - (Global Studies & Geography) Teacher at Hingham Public Schools, MA

Shriya Kumar - (Global Studies) Judicial Extern to Hon. Judge Evelyn Daly, Farmington Regional Probate Court, CT

Gibson LaRoche - (Geography) GIS Assistant at Rockland County Planning Department, NY

Amanda Skeene - (Global Studies & Geography) Sales Coordinator at Halstead Development Marketing, NY



Amanda Skeene

2016

Anastasia Cassisi - (Global Studies) In June received a J.D. from St. John's School of Law, NY

Abby Drapeau - (Global Studies) Account Executive at Quinn PR, NY

Alexandra Phipps - (Global Studies & Geography) Development & Events Associate at 826 Valencia, CA

Taner Gadime - (Global Studies) Citywide Special Events Coordinator at NYC Department of Parks & Recreation, NY



Anastasia Cassisi

2015

Dylan Cahir - (Global Studies) Youth Asset Builder with Peace Corps Morocco

Audrey Collins - (Global Studies) Employee at Jane Street a quantitative trading firm, NY

Athraja de Silva - (Global Studies & Geography) - In June, received a Masters in Public Administration from Columbia University, SIPA; works as a Documentation Officer, Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka to the United Nations, NY

Marc Furtado - (Global Studies) Director of Policy at the Office of the Mayor of East Providence, RI



Athraja de Silva

2014

Justin Ederheimer - (Global Studies & Geography) Research Analyst at Private Debt Project at the Governor's Woods Foundation, NY

William Martinez - (Global Studies) ESL Teacher and Brazilian Portuguese Specialist at LASC (Language Scholastics), CA

Conor Monaghan - (Global Studies & Geography) Territory Manager at SMGI, NJ

2010

Anna Rawlins - (Global Studies) Event Marketing & Coordination at Eagles Nest Outfitters, Inc., NC

2009

John Field - (Geography) Senior Materials Analyst at Pratt & Whitney, CT

Anthony Sacco - (Geography) AVP/Manager - Customer Experience & Service Delivery at Flushing Bank, East Meadow, NY

2002

Alexander Ng - (Geography) 6-12 Teacher in Pasco County at School District Of Pasco County, FL

2001

Chris Karampahtsis - (Geography) Clinical Asst Prof, Dept Psychiatry, NYU School of Med; Psychiatry Clerkship Dir. @ NYU Winthrop Hospital & Asst Prof of Clinical Psychiatry Stony Brook Medicine, NY

2000

Michael Albanese - (Geography) Equity Finance at ICBC, NY



See you in the Fall!

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