Annual Departmental Awards Presentation & Celebration

Tuesday, May 16, 2023
Time 3:00 – 6:00 PM

Hybrid HW 8th Faculty Dining Room & Zoom

Our program will begin shortly.
Program

• Welcoming Remarks
• State of the Department Address
• Service Awards
  • Anastasia Van Burkalow Award for Distinguished Service
  • Academic Excellence and Leadership Award
  • Inaugural Henry Sirotin Outstanding Adjunct Award
• Student Awards
  • Boren Scholarship
  • Hunter College Valedictorian
• Departmental Awards
  • New York Map Society Alice Hudson Map Award
  • Miriam and Saul Cohen Prizes for Geographic Excellence
  • Society of Woman Geographers Adelène Moffat Fellowship
  • Sally Clark Award
  • Candidates for Graduation
  • Gamma Theta Upsilon (GTU) Induction Ceremony
  • GTU Annual Award for Excellence in Geography

Annual Reception and Awards Presentation
Anastasia Van Burkalow Award for Distinguished Service
Recipient of the 2023 Anastasia Van Burkalow Award for Distinguished Service

Hunter College President
Jennifer J. Raab
Academic Excellence and Leadership Award

Sara Kashani
Laine McGannon
Jorge Soldevila
Fadwa Yousef
Mariam Abdullah Van
Henry Sirotin
Outstanding Adjunct Award
Recipient of the Inaugural 2023 Henry Sirotin Outstanding Adjunct Award

Ramiro Campos
Student Awards

Academic Excellence and Leadership Award

Boren Scholarship
Boren Scholarship

Jack Graziano is double-majoring in Environmental Studies and Chinese. As a Chinese Flagship student, he will spend the following year in Taiwan researching how the second-largest economy in the world will contribute to future climate change mitigation.
Hunter College
Valedictorian

Mariam Abdullah Van
Macaulay Honors
Bachelor’s Degree and Honors
in Environmental Studies
Departmental Awards

- Alice Hudson Map Award
- Cohen Prize
- SWG Adelène Moffat Award
- Sally Clark Award
- Candidates for Graduation
- GTU Induction
- GTU Annual Award for Excellence in Geography
Printed Map Submitted By Lisa Gaetjens

Central Park
New York City

1. Wollman Rink
2. Central Park Zoo
3. Carousel
4. Chess House
5. Dairy
6. Heckscher Ballfields
7. Tavern on the Green
8. Sheep Meadow
9. The Mall and Literary Walk
10. Bethesda Fountain
11. Bandshell
12. Strawberry Fields
13. Alice in Wonderland Statue
14. Loeb Boathouse
15. The Ramble
16. Belvedere Castle
17. Delacorte Theater
18. Swedish Cottage
19. American Museum of Natural History
20. Metropolitan Museum of Art
21. The Obelisk
22. The Great Lawn
23. Tennis Courts
24. Basketball and Handball Courts
25. Great Hill
26. The Blockhouse
27. Lasker Rink
28. Conservatory Garden

Legend:
- Playground
- Sports Facility
- Building
- Water Feature

Lisa Gaetjens | Hunter College | 2022
Interactive Map
Submitted
By Jamie Bastian
https://jamo3524.github.io
Interactive Map Submitted By Amy Carrillo

Sea Level Rise Scenarios

9 Islands: Thompson, Lovells, Peddocks, Georges, Gallops, Long, Little Brewster, Great Brewster, and Calf
Miriam and Saul Cohen Prizes for Geographic Excellence
Jorge Soldevila
Recipient of Cohen Prize for Graduate Award

"A Comparative Analysis of Post-Hurricane Maria Migrants to New England and Florida”
Faculty Advisor: Professor Ines Miyares
Recipient of the 2023 Society of Woman Geographers Adelène Moffat Fellowship

Melissa Linares
Faculty Advisor: Professor Wenge Ni-Meister
Sally Clark Award
Recipient of the 2023 Society of Woman Geographers Sally Clark Award

Rosemary McGuiness
Faculty Advisor: Professor Andrew Reinmann

“I am really sorry I could not be there today to celebrate with all of our wonderful students and faculty. I am honored to have the opportunity to say a few words about Rosemary McGuinness. I have known Rosemary for a little over a year, first as a student in my Ecology of Global Change course and then as a researcher working in my lab. Rosemary has demonstrated a high level of independence and creativeness as a scholar and scientist and simply put is one of the finest students I have had the good fortune to work with in my time at CUNY. Rosemary is also an incredibly kind person who is a real joy to work with and I can think of no person more deserving of the Sally Clarke award. Congratulations Rosemary, I am so proud of all you have and will accomplish.”

– Professor Reinmann
BA in Geography

Olivia Ackerman*

Thomas R. Harty*

Ruby S. Nagelberg*

Altnai Scott James*

Giorby J. Suero

* Departmental Honors
BA in Environmental Studies

Leslie Anguiano
Katelyn Borello*
Ashley N. Estevez*
Keara Huneidi*
Hue Van Huynh*
Elsa A. Jamaleddine
Nattapat Karmniyanont*
Suebeen Kim*
Lauren Marie Mangla*
Laine Glenna McGannon

Zoja Misut*
Steven Rivera*
Nadira Sultana Sherin
Oleksandra Shvets
Janet Wang
Kristin Williams*
King Yu Wong*
Joe Wu*
Karina Zheng*

Macaulay Honors College
Mariam Abdullah Van*~
Jean Marie Zion*

* Departmental Honors
~ Hunter College Valedictorian
Nattapat Karmniyanont
Bachelor’s Degree and Honors in Environmental Studies

I would like to thank all my instructors, advisors, and everyone else who made it possible for me to be where I am now.
Laine McGannon
Bachelor’s Degree in Environmental Studies

I chose the environmental science program because of my love for nature and science. After graduation I plan on applying to grad school.
Nadira Sherin
Bachelor’s Degree in Environmental Studies

I choose Earth Science because it’s an exciting Science including many interesting topics such as history of earth, it’s structure, composition and how the earth’s components are interconnected.

My best experience was taking geography classes, to know different landscapes and environment, culture, and economic status around the word. I also enjoyed the tree plantation program, and I planted 17 trees on that day.

I want to be a teacher. Right now, I am working at a School as an Educational Associates.

I would like to thank to my family, especially my parents, and my husband for support me through my college years. I couldn't have done it without you all and I love you all so much.
What do you plan to do after graduation?
Last summer, I secured a summer internship role at the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), which later led to a promotion as a full-time intern. I am currently working in the Office of Labor Relations and Discipline. However, my goal is to secure a position in a different bureau within the DEP, such as Sustainability or Coastal Resiliency.

I would like to thank...
I would like to express my gratitude to Professor Randye Rutberg for inviting me to participate in research with her last summer. Over the past year, I have worked alongside her as part of my capstone, and this has been my first experience of conducting hands-on research that involves field trips and laboratory work. Professor Rutberg has been a supportive and kind mentor who has encouraged me to challenge myself while also allowing me to explore independently. Our current research project involves investigating whether the growth rates of native canopy trees, specifically white oak and red oak, are influenced by the presence of invasive plant species.

Prior to working with Professor Rutberg, my research experience was limited to reading about the work of others on a computer and then writing about it. However, my time under her guidance has shown me that research can be both enjoyable and stimulating.
Zoja Misut
Bachelor’s Degree and Honors in Environmental Studies

I choose this program because I was sick of political science. After Campos’ class I never looked back.

I have a few good experiences and a lot of good laughs. Andy’s nyc parks class was literally a breath of fresh air and the first time I went camping so it was one of my favorite memories at Hunter.

After school I will be working as an industrial hygienist for an environmental consultant company here in city. I’ll be doing indoor air quality surveys, water sampling, mold and asbestos investigations.

I want to thank all the teachers that encouraged me to use my voice, and for all the good stories and laughs.
Master of Arts in Geography

Jamie Bastian

Devon A. Espinoza

Rebecca John

Jorge R. Soldevila
Jamie Bastian
Master’s Degree in Geography

I really enjoyed getting to know all my classmates, and being part of the CUNY community!
Devon Espinoza
Master’s Degree in Geography

I chose the Hunter College Geography program because of the option to obtain both the master's degree and GIS Certification. What I've enjoyed the most about the program is the diverse range of courses. I would like to thank my family, friends and mentors, Ines and Jochen, for their support and guidance throughout my academic.
Master of Science in GeoInformatics

Anthony Thomas Albanese*

Gowri A. Anand*

Colleen Herbert*

Christopher A. Spagnoli*
Anthony Albanese
Master’s Degree in Geoinformatics

Thesis: "Techniques for Tree Species Classification with Hyperspectral Imagery at NEIN Science Sites."
Gowri Anand
Master's Degree in GeoInformatics

Thesis: "Identifying Socially Sensitive Populations Susceptible to New York City's Coastal and Pluvial Flooding: A Vulnerability Analysis"
Colleen Herbert
Master’s Degree in GeoInformatics

Why did you choose our program?
Hunter's GeoInformatics Program has a very good reputation among city agencies and nonprofits in New York City.

What was your best experience?
I really appreciated Professor Green for keeping our GeoComputation 2 class going on Zoom during the Spring 2020 semester. He is a such a talented and patient teacher, and it was a great distraction from everything else going on at the time.

What do you plan to do after graduation?
I plan to continue in my current role where I use GIS on a daily basis.

I would like to thank…
Thank you to the amazing, dedicated faculty members. One huge plus about taking GeoInformatics classes at Hunter for 5 years (as a part time student) is that I have met so many fellow students! I have learned just as much from the other people enrolled in this program as I have learned in class. Thank You!
Certificate in Geographic Information Systems

Lisa C. Gaetjens*

Yvan S. Limbal*

Francisco A. Rivera*
I chose Hunter so I could attend in person and meet active GIS professionals in the NYC area. My favorite course was Professor Williamson's Cartography and Geovisualization class.
Congratulations!

Class of 2023
 gamma theta upsilon
the international geographical honor society
recognizing geography's next generation of leaders

2022-2023 Induction Ceremony

Theta Pi Chapter
Hunter College-CUNY
Goals of the Society

The goals of Gamma Theta Upsilon are directed towards furthering the discipline of Geography, geographic excellence, and service. They are as follows:

• To further professional interest in Geography by affording a common organization for those interested in the field.

• To strengthen student and professional training through academic experiences in addition to those of the classroom and laboratory.

• To advance the status of Geography as a cultural and practical discipline for study and investigation.

• To encourage student research of high quality, and to promote an outlet for publication.

• To create and administer funds for furthering graduate study and/or research in the field of Geography.

• To encourage members to apply geographic knowledge and skills in service to humankind.
NEW INDUCTEES
Amy Carrillo
Farah Qureshi

PLEDGE BY INITIATES
“I do hereby pledge myself to service in Geography throughout my lifetime in whatever capacity I may find, and to use Geography to the service of humanity.”
Annual Award for Excellence in Geography
Maddalena Romano
Thank You

The Department would like to thank our Donors for supporting our Students Awards: Society of Woman Geographers, Miriam and Saul Cohen, Jack Eichenbaum, Charles Heatwol, Alice Hudson, and The New York Map Society.