2013 Recognition Reception

3:00 p.m., Friday, April 26, 2013

The Nittany Lion Inn
Welcome to the 2013 Geography Recognition Reception

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Thank you for joining us today as we honor the achievements of the Geography community during the 2012–2013 academic year!

Today’s event will include:
Socializing and completing master’s degree students poster session
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Introduction
...
Undergraduate student, graduate student, faculty, and staff awards and accomplishments
...
Graduating students
...
Closing remarks
DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY

Jeff Gockley Memorial Award
Katherine Meckler

Balmat Family Scholarship in Geography
Marina Burka  Stacy Nowicki

Balmat Family Fund in Geography for Honors Scholars
M. Chelsea Gilliam  Megan Ruffe

G. D. Richardson and Kathy LaSauce Undergraduate Scholarship in Geography in the College of Earth and Mineral Sciences
Yiting Ju  Thaddeus Lopatka  Melissa Peterson
Benjamin Levine  Marybeth McGinnis

Geography Alumni Scholars (Outstanding Student) Award
Branden Belajac  Peter Gorman  Jill Mailloux
Charles Ferrer  Sarah Hanson  Megan Ruffe

Geography Student Scholarships
Aaron Dennis  Blake Naito

E. Willard Miller Award in Geography
M. Chelsea Gilliam  Yiting Ju  Rachel Passmore

Ronald F. Abler Award in Geography
Yiting Ju  Benjamin Levine

Erickson Fund in Geography
Ariel Alvarez  Anne Harris  Melissa Peterson
Erik Aspril  Timothy Heckman  Kira Smith
Branden Belajac  Yiting Ju  Caleb Voithofer
Yanni Cao  Benjamin Levine  Shan Ye
Shannon Grumbly  Rachel Passmore
C. Gregory Knight Endowment in Geography
Ariel Alvarez  Branden Belajac  Anthony Marze
Erik Aspril  William Coughlin  Caleb Voithofer
Kendra Martz

H. Herbert and Mary B. Hughes Travel Award
Sarah Hanson

GEMS Diamond Award
(honorable mention) Charles Ferrer  (honorable mention) Megan Ruffe

Clyde Thomas Corman, Jr. Scholarship
Jill Mailloux

Earth and Mineral Sciences Alumni Scholarship
Hilary Clauss

Dean’s Freshman Scholarship
William Coughlin  Riley Sunday

Donald C. Shirey Trustee Scholarship in EMS
Sarah Decker  Chiara Orsini  Aaron Wolff

Erland and Ellen Stevens Trustee Matching Scholarship
Kelly Brawn

Jane and Don Strickler Honors Scholarship
Josephine Farinelli

Mary and Anthony Fiedorek Trustee Scholarship
Matthew Donoso  Sarah Hanson  Stacy Nowicki

Quentin and Louise Wood Honor Scholars Award
Marina Burka  Barbara Munin  Carl Schoon
John and Elizabeth Holmes Teas Scholarship
Ariel Alvarez  Charles Ferrer  Andrew Homka  Robert Raggazino
Branden Belajac  M. Chelsea Gilliam  Marybeth McGinnis  Sarah Sharp
Patrick Boynton  Shannon Grumbly  Evan Miller  Kevin Sparks
Evan Kieber  Melissa Peterson  Haiyun Ye  Everleigh Stokes

John T. Ryan Jr. Scholarship
Evan Kieber  Melissa Peterson

Marie Radomsky and Vernon W. Elizy Honors Scholarship
Michelle Lenze

Matthew J. Wilson Honors Scholarship
Yiting Ju  Wing Sze Poon  Haiyun Ye

MICASU Scholarship
Jay DeGregorio

P. Stuart Tholand and Marilyn B. Tholan Endowed Scholarship
Kelly Brawn

Ralph D. and Virginia B. Gilbert Trustee Matching Scholarship
Evan Gover  Katlynn O’Malley

Sophia Elizabeth Kumpf Scholarship for Women
Carolyn Vilardi

The John G. Miller Scholarship
Benjamin Levine

Ward M. Wheatall Scholarship
Gregory Milbourne

William Grundy Haven Memorial Award
(second place) Sarah Hanson  (second place) Everleigh Stokes
2013 Undergraduate Student Awards

UNIVERSITY

President Sparks Award
Marina Burka  Gregory Milbourne  Everleigh Stokes

President’s Freshman Award
Blake Naito

Phi Kappa Phi Fellowship, Penn State Chapter
M. Chelsea Gilliam

EXTERNAL

National Council for Geographic Education–AAG Award
for Excellence of Scholarship
M. Chelsea Gilliam

2013 Graduate Student Awards

DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY

E. Willard and Ruby S. Miller Distinguished Graduate Fellowship
Nathan Frey

E. Willard and Ruby S. Miller Geography Graduate Student Fund
Rachel Isaacs

E. Willard Miller Award in Geography
Dana Cuomo  Russell Hedberg  Vanessa Massaro

Geography Alumni Scholars (Outstanding Student) Award
Jinlong Yang

Geography Outstanding Research Assistant Award
Catherine Jampel
James T. Meyer Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Award
Dana Cuomo

Ronald F. Abler Award in Geography
Catherine Airey Nicole Laliberte

Erickson Fund in Geography
Raechel Bianchetti Catherine Jampel Amoreena Thissell

C. Gregory Knight Endowment in Geography
Jase Bernhardt Rachel Isaacs Nicole Laliberte
Nathan Clay Morteza Karimzadeh Kayla Yurco
Eun-Kyeong Kim

Ruby S. Miller Endowment for Geographic Excellence
Maureen Biermann Yooinn Hong Azita Ranjbar
Nathan Clay Eun-Kyeong Kim David Retchless
Elaine Guidero Daniel Kunches Sam Stehle
Russell Hedberg Wei Lo Amanda Young
Arielle Hesse Emma Gaalaas Mullaney Kayla Yurco

Nancy Brown Community Service Award
Dana Cuomo

COLLEGE OF EARTH AND MINERAL SCIENCES

H. Herbert and Mary B. Hughes Travel Award
Doug Baldwin

UNIVERSITY

College of Liberal Arts Superior Teaching and Research (STAR) Award
Emma Gaalaas Mullaney (2012)

Penn State Institutes of Energy and the Environment (PSIEE) Travel Grant
Emma Gaalaas Mullaney (2012)
W. LaMarr Kopp International Achievement Award
Nicole Laliberte

Women’s Studies Outstanding Graduate Teacher Award
Dana Cuomo

EXTERNAL

NSF Graduate Research Fellowship
Catherine Jampel
(honorable mention) Andrew Marshall

NSF Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant
Raechel Bianchetti Dana Cuomo
Emma Gaalaas Mullaney (2012) Jamie Shinn

NSF Integrative Graduate Education and Research Traineeship (IGERT)
Jennifer Smith Joshua Stevens

US Geospatial Intelligence Foundation (USGIF) Scholarship
Raechel Bianchetti

Alfred P. Sloan Scholarship
Chanda Turner

The Society of Woman Geographers National Fellowship
Dana Cuomo

The Society of Woman Geographers Pruitt Dissertation Fellowship
Emma Gaalaas Mullaney (2012)
AAG Social and Critical Geography Specialty Group:

Neil Smith Travel Award
Emma Gaalaas Mullaney

Cartography and Geographic Information Society (CaGIS)

Doctoral Scholarship Award
Paulo Raposo

AAG Cultural Geography Specialty Group Student Research Grant
Jennifer Titanski-Hooper

Fulbright US Student Research Grant
Jamie Shinn Jennifer Titanski-Hooper

Social Science Research Council Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship
Azita Ranjbar

The Korean-American Association for Geospatial and Environmental Sciences (KAGES)

Sim Student Travel Award
Eun-Kyeong Kim

The U.S. National Committee (USNC) to the International Cartographic Association Travel Award for 2013 Dresden International Cartographic Conference
Eun-Kyeong Kim
DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY
Staff Outstanding Service Award
Kary Blaschak

COLLEGE OF EARTH AND MINERAL SCIENCES
Circle of Excellence Award
Marnie Deibler

UNIVERSITY
W. LaMarr Kopp International Achievement Award
Robert Crane

EXTERNAL
AAG Climate Specialty Group Lifetime Achievement Award
Brent Yarnal

Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS)
Karl Zimmerer

AAG Cultural and Political Ecology (CAPE) Group: The Netting Career Award
Karl Zimmerer
2012–2013 Gamma Theta Upsilon Inductees

Fall 2012
Cynthia Brewer
Hilary Clauss

Melissa Peterson
Jonathan Sharp
Sarah Sharp

Everleigh Stokes
Bradley Yehl

Graduating Students

UNDERGRADUATES
Summer 2012
B.A.
Salvatore M. Burgio

B.S.
Andrew J. Chapman  Human Geography
Kylie M. Davis  Human Geography
Christopher J. Fusaro  General
Mallory R. Henig  Physical/Environmental Geography
David J. Knoppers***  Human Geography, marshal
Brandon S. Mallon  G I S
Patrick S. Sosik  Human Geography
Sydney A. Wheeler  Human Geography; Global & International Studies; French

Fall 2012
B.A.
Annalisa Ariatti ***, marshal
Chaoran Chen
Nestor L. Guevara Delgado

*** Graduating with Highest Distinction
** Graduating with High Distinction
* Graduating with Distinction
+Schreyer Honors College
Graduating Students

Fall 2012

B.S.

Steven C. Boyer  General; Meteorology
Shane M. Bulick  Physical/Environmental Geography
Glenn R. Byers  Human Geography
Emily S. Connor+  General
Matthew L. Donoso*  G I S
Jason P. Fedor  Physical/Environmental Geography
Stephanie R. Fulcher  G I S
Brianna M. Hammond  G I S
Brennan R. Holderman  General
Dane P. Hopkins  Physical/Environmental Geography
Jason McGilloway  G I S
William P. Mitchell+  General
Mike A. Pantano  General
Joseph W. Ritzman  G I S
Christopher J. Smith  Physical/Environmental Geography
William C. Steudler Jr.  General

Spring 2013

B.A.

Patrick K. Blonski
Sharleen N. Chidiac
Taylor J. Goldman
Rodrigo B. Maia  Human Geography
Brett E. Promisloff
Robert T. Raggazino+

Spring 2013

B.S.

Erik C. Aspril  Physical/Environmental Geography
Branden J. Belajac  G I S
Kelly L. Brawn  Physical/Environmental Geography
Sean M. Cooley  G I S
Jonathan S. Daugherty  Physical/Environmental Geography
Sarah K. Decker  Human Geography
Jay M. Degregorio  General
Josephine R. Farinelli  Human Geography
Charles Crismel S. Ferrer**  General
Spring 2013
B.S.

Nicholas R. Fink       G I S
Harrison R. Forbes     G I S
John S. Galaydick      Physical/Environmental Geography
Merle C. Gilliam***++ G I S, marshal
Peter E. Gorman+       Human Geography
Benjamin J. Grove      Physical/Environmental Geography
Sarah L. Hanson*       General
Evan M. Kieber**       Human Geography
Helena D. Kotala       General
Andrew S. Machemer     General
   Jill M. Mailloux    Physical/Environmental Geography
   Kendra R. Martz    Physical/Environmental Geography
   Katlynn M. O'Malley Physical/Environmental Geography
   Chiara A. Orsini  General
   Jonathan D. Poler Physical/Environmental Geography
   Wing Sze Poon*    Physical/Environmental Geography
   Clare Price       General
Anthony T. Ruane       G I S
Kevin A. Sparks        G I S
Daniel J. Tauriello    G I S
Aaron R. Wolff         Human Geography
Andrew Yacina          General
Haiyun Ye*             G I S

*** Graduating with Highest Distinction
** Graduating with High Distinction
* Graduating with Distinction
+Schreyer Honors College
Graduating Students

GRADUATES

Ph.D.

Summer 2012
Shaunna L. Barnhart
Gregory R. Lankenau
Rui Li
Melissa Y. Rock

Fall 2012
Elizabeth A. Crisfield
Jeremy H. Fisher
Peter D. Howe
Margaret N. Mwangi

Spring 2013
Jennifer C. Collymore
Kathleen A. Dietrich
Christopher C. Karmosky
Chelsea L. Teale

M.GIS

Summer 2012
Vanessa M. Damato
Theresa A. Firestine
Ryan D. Hippenstiel
Jason R. Laura
Jeri D. Ledbetter
Thu-Huong Nguyen
Beth A. Norton
Michael D. Rink
Tomislav C. Urban
John C. Wolf

Fall 2012
William H. Dietze
Tiernan Erickson
Patricia A. Hansen
Valerie K. Johnson
Jessica J. Karste
William A. Ostrander
Shane M. Seitz
Benjamin D. Shelton
Todd D. Spangler
Collin P. Strine-Zuroski
Lawrence J. Svien
Richard G. Tinnell

Spring 2013
Bryce E. Batchman
Timothy C. Dewland
Matthew D. Garrod
Michael Giangrande
Tim L. Gibbs
Wendy S. Gross
Ashley Hayes
Gary R. Huffman
David R. Marquardt
Loren D. Pfau
Jeffery S. Reichman
Leta J. Rogers
Wendy B. Welch

M.S.

Summer 2012
Eleanor S. Andrews
Jenna M. Christian
Patrick T. Hammons

Fall 2012
Elaine M. Guidero

Spring 2013
Jase E. Bernhardt
Graduating Students

ONLINE GEOSPATIAL PROGRAMS

Certificate Program in G I S

Spring 2012

Justin Alford  Brett Hurm  Ingrid Orvedal
Nidhi Arora    Joel Irish    James Rebilas
Aziza Baan     Dimitrichka Karpova  Susan Rhodes
Nobuko Conroy  Emmet Keveney  Brady Scribner
Jenine Cordon  Scott Kiel     Donna Shannon
Anna Deetz     Azung Kim      Tanis Steed
Carrie Dolan   Elizabeth Kwicinski  Max Stier
Lisa Dubas     David Lange     Kimberly Struthers
Amy Guptill    David Mattens  Kirstin Twardon
Adam Hale      Cheryl McIntyre  Carrie Van Den Broeke
John Harding   Jaime McKeown  Sarah Weber
Jason Harshman  Joshua Moss    Elise White
Kris Hartin    Berkley Myers  Susan Williams
Janet Hatfield  Caitlin O’Connor  Robert Winkler
Josie Holmes   Pamela Ordung   Bradford Wirt
Daniel Hunter  Laurie Orell

Summer 2012

Katherine Battle  Steven Husted  Gina Radieve
Timothy Black    Daniel Joseph  Miles Saunders
Alexander Brown  Hans Knoepfel  Fletcher Schneeflock
Scott Dane       Jason Leachman  Richard Schwering
Doel Day         Thomas Linsz    Owen Scott
Jeanette Doil    Gary Lucas      Jay Searles
Jeffrey Doty     Andrea May      Julie Simmons
Stacy Farrar     David McIntire  Donnette Thayer
Juliette Fitzsimmons  Lauren Medsker  Katrina Veltman
Karen Hastings   Rhonda Perry    Cheraki Williams
Jerry Holton     Carl Preusser   Jo Williams
Emmett Husa
Fall 2012

David Anderson  Lynn Berni  Tammy Bohanan  Deloris Casey  Sujot Chawla  Nicholas Coppola  Andrew Dolch  Kevin Ebright-McKeelhan
Jeffrey Pereira  Charles Philbrick  Rebecca Putman  Hope Rieden  William Robb  Joshua Ryan  Carl Seaberg  John Shinsky  Chad Shuskey  Kyle Snow  Caitlin Sungur  John Synoski  Chad Tinsley  Angela Torres  Richard Townsend  Chase Van Valkingburg  Nancy Velez  Chris Viani  Ryan Warne  Nyssa Whitford  Matthew Woodworth  Callie Zuck

Spring 2013

Craig Amey  David Bliss  Jeffrey Bonnerwith  Elizabeth Bouton  Alexander Boyd  Richard Branscomb  Valerie Campbell  John Ciruccci  Kelly Duncan  Stacy Foster  Gary Goccek  Charles Gosser  Vera Green  Nathan Heiderich  Timothy Hong  Japhia Huhndorf  Nouman Hussain  Daniel Interrante  Sarah League  Natalie Martinez Vega  Jill Mayo  Karen Miller  Emanuel Moss  Dustyn Palmer  Valyn Paouncic  Brendan Poffenbaugh  Christopher Pounds  Robert Qi  Freeman Reschke  Aaron Saulls  Kyle Schatz  Jeffrey Schweriner  Emily Sechny  Michael Shaffer  Ryan Spencer  Rebecca Stout  Kevin White  Joseph Whiteman  Matthew Winslett  Tamara Yoder
Graduating Students
Certificate Program in Geospatial Intelligence

Spring 2012
Michael Blandford
Brendan Bray
Gary Breon
Eric Burley
Alexa Crocombe
Eric Dastrup
Christopher Farmer

Stephen Grady
Catherine Hall
Robert Kleinv
Spencer Larson
Steven Marks
Levi Pless
Kyle Snyder

Kristyn Sullivan
Patricia Swenor
Gabriel Valdez
Adrianna Wilson
Michael Zvara

Summer 2012
Daniel Beinke
Robert Bosshart
William Campbell
Jeanette Doil
James Dorough
Lucelle Marie Espine

James Hanna
Jeffrey Madore
Kristen Mitchell
Richard Moran-Thomas
David Novak
Mark Smith

Daniel Uhrhan
Eric Weston
Gregory White
Sean Young

Fall 2012
Bianna Bennett
Emily Brockway
Jennifer Burrell
Matthew Esteves

Mallory Gill
Kevin Hamlin
Phillip Henrikson
David Johnston

Scott Kanzelmeyer
Kristina Kwiatkowski
Michaella Mesquite
Christopher Parrett

Spring 2013
Scott Baker
Thomas Brown
Travis Hammer
Nitya Hariharan

William Heitshusen
Allison Johnson
Christine Lewis
Stefan Majeski

Joseph Robichaud
Renee Stepler
Francisco Tobio
OFFICERS OF STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Undergraduate Department of Geography Students (UnderDoGs)

Outgoing:
President: Branden Belajac
Vice President: Riley O’Donnell
Secretary: Erik Aspril
Treasurer: Emily Connor (fall)
Jay DeGregorio (spring)
Social/Web Chair: Melissa Peterson

Gamma Theta Upsilon (GTU)

Outgoing:
President: Kendra Martz
Vice President: Branden Belajac
Secretary: Stacy Nowicki
Treasurer: Jinlong Yang

Graduate Representatives

Outgoing:
Russel Hedberg
Arielle Hesse
David Retchless
Jennifer Smith

Supporting Women in Geography (SWIG)

Outgoing:
President: Amanda Young
Vice President: Catherine Jampel
Secretary: Arielle Hesse
Treasurer: Jenna Christian

INTERNS AND WORK STUDY

Fall Teaching Interns
GEOG 124 ... Alexander Bedrin, Robyn Behar, Sade Blount, Siobhan Brady, Rachel Passmore, Megan Ruffe, Zachary Zern
GEOG 120 ... Ariel Alvarez, Peter Gorman, Kevin Sparks
GEOG 361 ... M. Chelsea Gilliam, Yiting Ju, Daniel Tauriello
GEOG 363 ... Shan Ye

Spring Teaching Interns
GEOG 124 ... Robyn Beha, Edward Cody, Rachel Passmore, Sabrina Volpe
GEOG 160 ... Michael Koon
GEOG 363 ... Timothy Gould, Megan Kohlhaas

Department Work Study
Adeline Chimel (fall and spring) Stacy Nowicki (fall)