

NEWSLETTER








# MACALESTER GEOGRAPHY



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## UPCOMING DATES

-  12/3 Geography Winter Dinner  
5:30-6:30 Weyerhaeuser
-  12/3, 12/5, and 12/10:  
GEOG 477 Capstone Presentations  
(see details below)
-  12/11 Final day of class
-  12/12 and 12/13 Study Days
-  12/14-18 Final Examinations

2019 DECEMBER						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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*Have a happy winter break!  
See you in January*



Geography capstone enjoying "heavy snacks" at Bill's house. See next page for presentation schedule!

## JOIN GTU: GEOGRAPHY HONORS SOCIETY

Requirements: Must have completed a minimum of 3 geography classes, have a B average in geography in the upper 35% of their class. Must have completed at least 3 semesters of college coursework

Why Join?

- Enables eligibility for GTU scholarships
- Provides evidence of your dedication and competency in geography
- Provides connections to a strong network of geographers

# **CAPSTONE PRESENTATION SCHEDULE**

## **Geog 477: Environment & Development Senior Seminar**

### **1:20-2:50, Carnegie 05**

**Each talk is 16-18 mins in length followed by 4-6 mins Q&A**

#### **TUESDAY, DEC 3**

**1) 1:20-42, Ben Trumble:**

Mining Masculinities: Political Ecology of the Mesabi Iron Range

**2) 1:43-2:04, Elliot Wareham:**

We Didn't Start the Fire...or Did We?: Fueling Understandings of Development, Deforestation, and the "Day of Fire" in the Brazilian Amazon

**3) 2:05-27, Ethan Ackerman**

Neoliberalism, Sùzhì (素质) and The Social Credit Score: The Rise and Decline of Vegetable Markets (菜市场) in Shanghai

**4) 2:28-2:50, Selma Osman**

Contradictory Urban Development: Inequality and Marginalisation in Cairo

#### **THURSDAY, DEC 5**

**1) 1:20-42, Sophia Alhadeff**

Canvas Totes and Plastic Bags: The Political Ecology of Food Assistance Effectiveness at Farmers' Markets in the Twin Cities

**2) 1:43-2:04, Anna Lewis-Workman**

The Eco-City of Masdar, Abu Dhabi: Urban Political Ecology and the Paradox of Sustainable Development

**3) 2:05-27, Tulsi Patel**

Rethinking the New Green Revolution: How Private and Foreign Involvement Propel Neoliberalism in Malawian Agriculture Systems

**4) 2:28-2:50, Dio Cramer**

From Soap to Cities: Biomimicry as a Tool for Mindful Design in the Anthropocene

#### **TUESDAY, DEC 10**

**1) 1:20-42, Maggie Jaenicke**

State of Extraction: A Tolerance for Environmental Degradation in Western Pennsylvania's Fracking Communities

**2) 1:43-2:04, Emma Heth**

This water is our water: Community irrigation in San Luis, Colorado

**3) 2:05-27, Sivan Tratt**

Coca Cultivators: the Political Ecology of an Illicit Crop

**4) 2:28-2:50, Natanya Schnyer**

Are Cities Ecological Black Holes? The Debate in the Global North and South

# GTU NEWSLETTER- STUDY ABROAD ADDITION

Study abroad can be an informative and exciting experience during your time in college. Especially for geography majors, gaining a global perspective and experiencing another culture can add insight to your classes back at Macalester. For those considering studying abroad, we gathered responses from several recent returnees- their emails are included if you want to reach out with further questions

## DIS COPENHAGEN

Ryan Cirillo ('20) and Dio Cramer ('19) both studied abroad in Copenhagen opposite semesters of 2018. This program would be best suited for geography students interested in food and agriculture, urban geography, transportation systems and/or GIS, depending on what track of courses you sign up for.

Dio's favorite parts of the program were living in the city, intense intro architecture program, and fun trips with school. Ryan liked the wide range of classes, a lot of flexibility. More challenging aspects of the program included a lack of cultural immersion.

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Dio on the streets of Copenhagen!



## IES ABROAD CAPE TOWN

Selma Osman ('20) studied abroad in Cape Town, South Africa in Fall of 2018. This program is well suited for students interested in urban geography. Her favorite parts of the program were the classes and the city itself. One challenging aspect of the program was that the classes were at a very big university, meaning less individualized attention than Mac. You have to be more self motivated to succeed in this program.

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Ethan jumping on the Great Wall of China!

## IFSA SHANGHAI

Ethan Ackerman ('20) studied abroad in Shanghai Spring 2019. This program could be of interest to many geography sub-disciplines, including regional geography, urban, nature-society, migration, food-and agriculture, population, and urban geography. The best aspects of the program were going on weekly field trips to different parts of the city. The program was also very inter-disciplinary, drawing on some aspects of political ecology, urban planning and anthropology. More challenging aspects were air pollution, getting used to life in a big city, adjusting to Shanghainese cuisine, and learning to become comfortable speaking Chinese.

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## SIT INDIA: AGRO-ECOLOGY AND FOOD SECURITY

Sophia Alhadeff ('20) studied abroad summer 2018 in Sikkim, India. Her program was mainly focused on food and agriculture, but students interested in regional, cultural, or human-environment geographies may also find it interesting. The experiential learning component was a real highlight, as well as the opportunity to farm with her homestay family. It was challenging to stay in a homestay without knowing the local language, but nevertheless was still able to form a strong bond with her host family.

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Sophia farming in the Himalayas!



## IFSA ARGENTINE UNIVERSITIES

Sivan Tratt ('20) studied abroad in Buenos Aires, Argentina in Spring 2019. Since this is a direct-enroll program, you can take classes in any interest area you might have within geography. The best parts of her experience abroad included living with an awesome host-mom and improving on her Spanish while having lots of free time to explore the city and volunteer at an urban farm. Some more challenging aspects are navigating a university system outside the US and in Spanish. She also wasn't particularly impressed by the quality of the required course taught by the program, but that's only one class!  
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Sivan at the Womens Day march in BA!

## GAW RECAP

Thanks to all those who came to Geography awareness week! We had a great turn out for our events and appreciate everyone's participation.

