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# Join GTU by March 1st!

GTU (Gamma Theta Upsilon) is *the* International Geography Society. Founded in 1975, Macalester is home to GTU's Epsilon Kappa chapter. There are many benefits of membership, which include:

- Opportunities for service and leadership in our department
- Eligibility for generous undergraduate and graduate education scholarships
- Exposure to an active international network of geography professionals
- Strong resume/CV enhancer that employers look for
- Special social and scholarly opportunities for GTU members
- Honor cords at graduation and a lovely certificate

See our [GTU webpage](#) for qualifications, though **most sophomore, junior, and senior majors and minors are eligible**. Applicants must pay a one-time joining fee of \$40 for lifetime membership. If this fee represents a barrier to your participation, please reach out to Laura Kigin ([kigin@macalester.edu](mailto:kigin@macalester.edu))

**The deadline to join this academic year is March 1st--** please reach out with any questions!



## A letter from your GTU co-presidents:

Greetings fellow geographers,

Thank you for perusing this February edition of our department newsletter! Read more to learn about our recent Lanegrans Days celebration, our annual Pathways event featuring Mac Geography alums, the newly completed COMPASS project, Module 5 course offerings, and much more. Saint Paul may be in the midst of a bone-chilling cold snap, but our hearts continue to be warmed by opportunities for input by our wonderful faculty and eager engagement from our peers. One such recent highlight was the thoughtful hour we spent with Dr. Naylor and several fellow majors (covered on page 9!), discussing scholarly interests and graduate school prep. It is always so exciting and restorative to connect and learn about the diverse and fascinating curiosities our department brings together! As always please reach out to us with questions, concerns, and ideas!

Be well and stay warm,  
Anisha and Jim  
GTU Co-Presidents

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# Upcoming Dates!

- ★ **Deadline to Join GTU!**
  - Monday, March 1st (more info on p. 1)
- ★ **GEOG 475 Medical Geography Seminar Capstone Presentations**
  - Tuesday, March 9th and Wednesday, March 10th
  - 1:45 pm - 3:00 pm both days
- ★ **Pre-Finals (Study Day) Geography Tea Time**
  - Thursday, March 11th (1:00 - 2:00 pm)
- ★ Lecture with **Kafui Attoh '06**, Assistant Professor at City University of New York, CUNY School of Professional Studies on **“Public Transportation and the Right to the City”**
  - Wednesday, March 24th (4:45 pm - 5:45 pm) – [Zoom Request](#)
  - \*More information on the talk [here](#)
- ★ **Midwest Undergraduate Geography Symposium (MUGS)**
  - Saturday, April 24th
  - \*Research presentation opportunity for students. More information on registration to come in the following newsletter!

## Department Course Offering Updates:

The Macalester Geography Department is excited to announce that we will be offering **two courses for Module 5 (Summer 2021)**:

- **GEOG 111-02: Human Geography of Global Issues** MTWRF 9:30 am-10:45 am with visiting faculty Jay Bowman
  - Mode of instruction: Remote
- **GEOG 294: The Political Geography of Urban Public Spaces** MTWRF 1:45-3:00 pm with Professor Dan Trudeau
  - Mode of instruction: Hybrid
  - \*More information on p. 3

Some new courses being taught by Professor Xavier Haro-Carrión to keep on your radar for the next academic year:

- This coming fall, Xavier will offer **GEOG 362: Intro to Remote Sensing** again and a new topics course called **GEOG/LATI 294: Neotropical Landscapes**.
- Next spring he will offer an advanced version of Remote Sensing which will be exclusively project-based. More information on Xavier's courses can be found [here](#).



## **GEOG 294: The Political Geography of Urban Public Spaces**

Summer 2021 - Module 5 MTWRF 1:45 - 3 pm

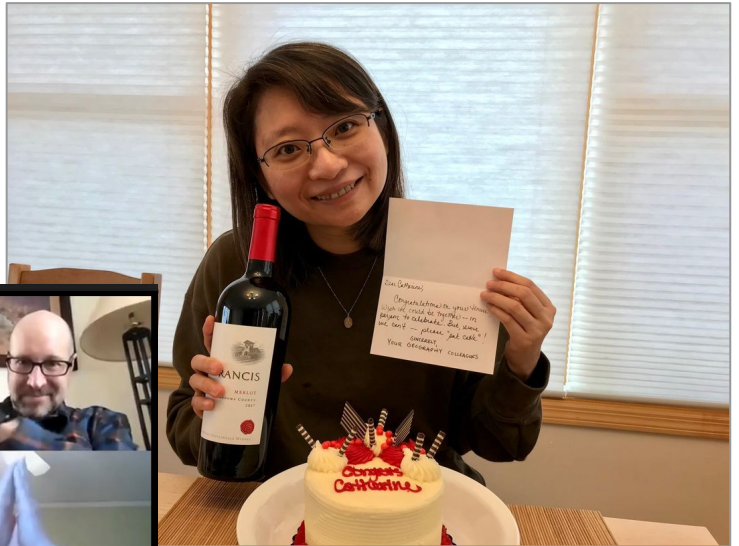
Professor Dan Trudeau

This course **investigates the ways that public spaces in cities function in theory and in practice to support democratic life.** Our investigation will critically assess geographer Don Mitchell’s provocative claim that we may be seeing “the end of public space.” Privatization trends in urban development (including “hostile design”) and a narrowing scope of who qualifies as part of “the public” has certainly born out this claim. At the same time, there’s also a renewed interest among citizens and urbanists alike in the importance of public space as well as grassroots and professional efforts to re-claim and re-program open space for public purposes and use digital technologies to create new types of space to support public engagement. These tensions **prompt questions about how to design socially inclusive public spaces.** Such questions are at the heart of this course. Toward this aim, the course examines theoretical and philosophical perspectives regarding the ways in which the design and use of public spaces are thought to support democratic citizenship and build inclusive cities. We will also learn about the social and political institutions that govern the decisions affecting how public spaces are created and managed in a variety of contexts.

Our consideration of the “end of public space” thesis will draw extensively on students’ field work in the Twin Cities and the course will take several field trips to public spaces in Minneapolis and St. Paul. Students will learn and practice field methods crucial to the study of public spaces and that follow personal and public safety protocols during the COVID-19 pandemic. Using frameworks and methods learned in the class, students will complete an independent field study project of a particular public space in the Twin Cities. This will entail routine visits to off-campus locations for several weeks in order to observe and study the use and design of public space. Individual work will be incorporated into *A Field Guide to Public Spaces*, linked in, a digital platform for public scholarship of public space. Collectively, the projects will inform our critical examination of the claim that in cities today, we are witnessing the end of public space. **Fieldwork is required. No prerequisites.** *Please feel free to contact Professor Trudeau with any questions.*

# Department Announcements!

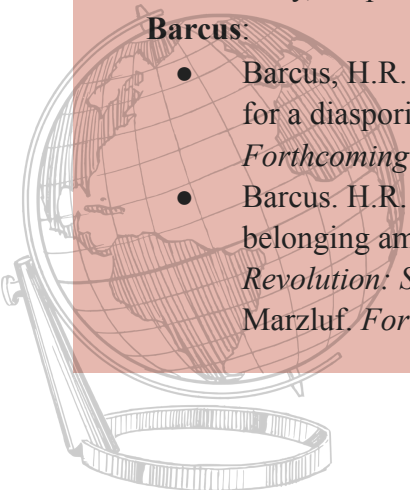
In December 2020, the Macalester Geography Department welcomed **Professor I-Chun Catherine Chang** as the newest tenured faculty member! Congratulations Catherine!



**Professor Holly Barcus** gave the keynote lecture for the Inaugural Conference of Alliance of Poverty Reduction and Development, ANSO International Conference of Global Poverty Reduction and Sustainable Development on November 17, 2020! The lecture was titled "From Global to Local: Considering the Importance of Place and Local Knowledge in Poverty Reduction and Rural Sustainability," and the conference, conducted virtually, was based in the Yunnan Province in China.

Additionally, keep an eye out for some notable forthcoming publications from **Professor Holly Barcus**:

- Barcus, H.R. and Amangul Shugatai. The role of nostalgia in (re)creating place attachments for a diasporic community. Invited article for a special issue of *The Geographical Review*. *Forthcoming*.
- Barcus, H.R. Boundaries and Peripheries: Shifting frames of identity, territoriality, and belonging amongst Kazakh ethnic minorities in Mongolia. In *The 1921 Mongolian People's Revolution: Social, Political, and Cultural Impacts* Eds. Simon Wickhamsmith and Phillip Marzluf. *Forthcoming*.





Macalester Today published an article on the ‘Democracy in Action’ course **Professor Eric Carter** co-led with Paul Schadewald during Fall 2020. INTD 394: Democracy in Action Community Based Seminar was an experimental course that offered Macalester students academic credit for directly engaging in political action. **Professor Dan Trudeau** was part of project’s steering committee.

- Access article [here](#)
- Find the class’s final project website [here](#)

**Professor Eric Carter**’s Fall 2020 Medical Geography class collectively worked on the project “The COVID-19 Pandemic Through the Lens of Medical Geography.” Geography Major **Aubrey Hagen** ‘21 was the class TA. View the [class project website](#) now!

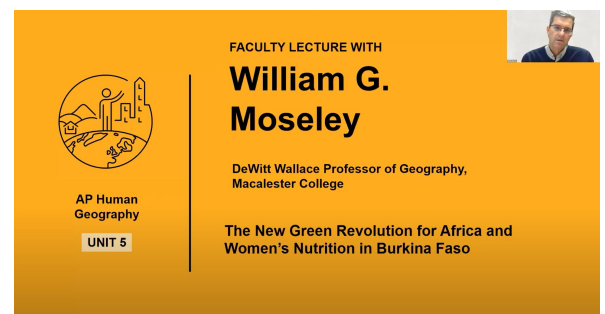


**Professor Xavier Haro-Carrión** recently published a paper on the long-term changes in vegetation greenness in Ecuador. It should be relevant to people interested in learning about how vegetation is changing in response to climate change:

- **Haro-Carrión, X.**, P. Waylen & J. Southworth. 2020 Spatiotemporal changes in vegetation greenness across continental Ecuador: a Pacific-Andean-Amazonian gradient, 1982-2010. *Journal of Land Use Science*, 1-16, <https://doi.org/10.1080/1747423X.2020.1866705>

**Professor Bill Moseley** released a lecture on the New Green Revolution for Africa to help high school students prepare for the national AP Human Geography exam. This lecture featured NSF’s ongoing supported work in Burkina Faso, including work by Geography Alums Julia Morgan and Eliza Jane. The lecture can be accessed [here](#).

Additionally, **Professor Bill Moseley**’s submission for the MINNPOST titled “The need for people-centered international engagement: Peace Corps in the post-Trump era” can be found [here](#).



Geography major **Finn Odum** ‘21 had their research for the SIT Africa, Chile program published online in Spanish! Access it [here](#).

# Introducing COMPASS

## *From the Geography Social Media Team:*

Hey everyone, **COMPASS is here!** We're so excited to share this with you all. This project is a collaborative effort that has submissions from students, alumni, and staff. COMPASS gives you a glimpse into cities across the country, showing you various homes in the form of visual art and writing. Take a look at the link below and share it with your friends. If you're interested in more COMPASS material, you can also follow us on Spotify @macgeography and listen to our home playlists.

Link here:

<https://www.flipsnack.com/macgeography/compass-by-mac-geography.html>

WELCOME TO  
**COMPASS**



A MACALESTER GEOGRAPHY ZINE

## CONTRIBUTIONS + ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

### IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE :

Finn Odum '21  
Laura Kigin  
Maggie Jaenicke '21  
Erin Webb '21  
Henry Beimers '20  
El Alcalá '24  
Caitlin Toner '15  
Oli Tierney '24  
Margaret Muligan '17

Sounds of Home  
by Finn Odum

Design + Layout  
by Juthi Dewan

## LOCATIONS LOVED

Amsterdam, Netherlands  
Bellingham, Washington  
Carnation, Washington  
Chicago, Illinois  
Colombo, Srilanka  
Evanston, Illinois  
Louisville, Kentucky  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
Saint Paul, Minnesota  
San Francisco, California

# Lanegran Days Recap



**Fair Rebels?**  
SOLIDARITY & FAIR TRADE IN MOVEMENT

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What is Fair Trade?  
Who is it for?  
Who gets to decide?  
Concluding Comments  
Introduction

FAIR TRADE REBELS  
COFFEE PRODUCTION & STRUGGLES FOR AUTONOMY IN CHIAPAS  
LINDSAY NAYLOR

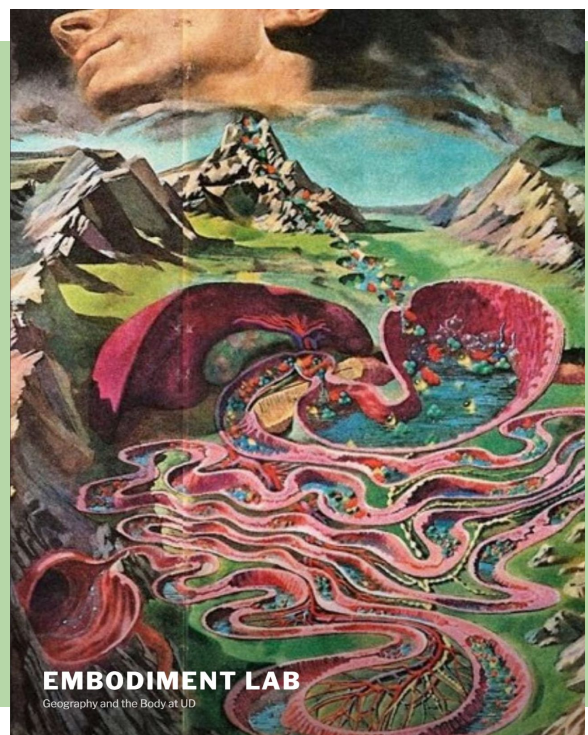
Lindsay Naylor (she/her)

In the second iteration of the Macalester Geography Department's 2020-2021 Speaker series and as the Keynote Speaker for the 5th Annual Lanegran Day event, on February 3rd, **Dr. Lindsay Naylor** from the University of Delaware gave a talk titled "Fair Rebels? Solidarity and Fair Trade in Movement."

If you missed the lecture, you can find a recording of it [here](#).

Additionally on February 4th, over an *informal Zoom lunch*, Dr. Naylor met with Geography students to discuss research done through the Embodiment Lab at the University of Delaware, share person fieldwork experiences, help connect students to resources related to their personal research interests, answer graduate school questions and more!

More information on the University of Delaware Embodiment Lab can be found [here](#).





# Pathways in Geography Recap

On Thursday January 28th, the Geography Department held a 'Pathways in Geography' event. Current and prospective Geography majors and minors met with the following Macalester alumni:

- **Caitlin Toner '15**
- **Jordan Lim '15**
- **Brianna Besch '13**
- **Matt Hyde '15**

After alumni panel introductions, everyone broke into smaller groups to directly ask questions regarding career pathways in Geography as the alumni panelists rotated between groups.

**A big thank you to all the alumni panelists!**

