

Doctoral Milestones Reached | May 2017 – May 2018

Degrees Conferred in 2017

Doctoral

Lauren Bonilla (May 2017)

Teresa Bornschlegl (August 2017)

Juan Luis Dammert Bello (August 2017)

Arthur Elmes (May 2017)

Dexter Locke (May 2017)

Padini Nirmal (May 2017)

M.A. en route to Ph.D.

Bernadette Arakwiye

Melishia Santiago

Laura Sauls

Kaner Turker

Degrees Conferred in 2018

Doctoral

Nathan Gill (August 2018)

Young-Long Kim (August 2018)

M.A. en route to Ph.D.

Carlos Dobler Morales

Wenjing Jiang

Tong Jiao

David Lukens

Alex Moulton

Scott Odell

Michelle Wenderlich

Leslie Wyrzten

Progress to Degree Milestones Reached as of May 2017

Dissertation Defenses

5/8/17 – Arthur Elmes

2/7/18 – Nathan Gill

5/3/18 – Young-Long Kim

Doctoral Examination (Orals)

5/8/17 – Wenjing Jiang

5/8/17 – Yifan Cai

5/10/17 – David Lukens

5/11/17 – Michelle Wenderlich

5/15/17 – Scott Odell

5/15/17 – Carlos Dobler

5/19/17 – Dylan Harris

12/4/17 – Leslie Wyrzten

12/8/17 – Rich Kruger

3/28/18 – Alex Moulton

5/14/18 – Yu Zhou

5/16/18 – Janae Davis

Dissertation Proposal Defenses

5/9/17 – Tong Jiao

9/6/17 – Leslie Wyrzten
11/17/17 – Alex Moulton
11/20/17 – Dylan Harris
12/7/17 – Janae Davis
1/30/18 – Ben Fash
5/3/18 – Su Ye
5/4/18 – Yu Zhou
5/31/18 – Jacob Chamberlain

Doctoral Student Grants and Awards

May – Dec 2017

William Collier - Received a U.S. Fulbright Student Research award for his fieldwork in Kenya for AY 2017-2018.

Leslie Wyrzten – Received a Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad award for AY 2017-2018

Carlos Dobler - Received a Geller Student Research award for his dissertation fieldwork.

Carlos Dobler - Received a CLAG student research travel award at the Boston AAG Annual Meeting for his project "Drought in the New Rurality: Linking Livelihoods and Landscapes in a Changing Climate."

Jan – May 2018

Benjamin Fash- Received a U.S. Fulbright Student Research award for his fieldwork in Honduras for AY 2018-19

Benjamin Fash- Received a CLAG student research travel award at the New Orleans AAG Annual Meeting for his project "Networked Community Economies as Alternatives to Extractivism in Honduras."

Laura Sauls- Received a Scholar Award given by the International Chapter of the P.E.O Sisterhood. Laura is one of 100 doctoral students in the U. S. and Canada selected to receive the Scholar Award.

Janae Davis – Received a Fulbright Student Research award for her dissertation research entitled: Strategies for Improving Labor Opportunities Through Social Equity in Integrated Conservation and Development Projects.

Brittany Wheeler – Edna Bailey Sussman Award (Summer 2018): "Climate-Induced Migration to the United States "

Dylan Harris – Edna Bailey Sussman Award (Summer 2018): "Telling the Story of Climate Change: Cultural Politics and Climate Communication"

Surendra Shrestha – Edna Bailey Sussman Award (Summer 2018): "Modeling Land-Atmosphere Feedbacks from Drought and Wildfire Disturbances using Community Earth System Model (CESM)"

Nick Geron – Edna Bailey Sussman Award (Summer 2018): "An Urban Tree Planting Program for a Changing Climate"

Roopa Krithivasan – Albert, Norma and Howard Geller '77 Endowed Research Award (2018) for her project entitled: Farmer-Wildlife Conflict as Consequences and Drivers of Land System Change in the Indian Himalayas

Mario Machado – Albert, Norma and Howard Geller '77 Endowed Research Award (2018) for his project entitled: The Revolution within the Revolution: Understanding the Landscape and Livelihood Dynamics of the Cuban Agroecological Transition

Helen Rosko – Albert, Norma and Howard Geller '77 Endowed Research Award (2018) for her project entitled: Climate Information Services for Development and Livelihoods: Investigating Adaptation Subjects in Mali

Dan Santos – Albert, Norma and Howard Geller '77 Endowed Research Award (2018) for his project entitled: Genome Engineering and Human-Environment Interactions: Implications for Sustainability?

Laura Sauls – Albert, Norma and Howard Geller '77 Endowed Research Award (2018) for her project entitled: Constructing Territory: Regional Coalitions, International Environmental Governance, and the Quest for Development Alternatives in Mesoamerica

Wenjing Jiang – Received a grant from the Association for Asian Studies (AAS) China and Inner Asia Council (CIAC) for her project entitled “Contemporary Agrarian Transformation in China: Empowerment, Valuation and Distributive Justice in the Transfer of Farmland Use Rights (TFUR)”

Dylan Harris – Received a 2018 Switzer Fellowship (2018-19)

Benjamin Fash – Received a Research Grant from the Institute of Human Geography for his dissertation work in Honduras

2017-18 Employment of Recent Ph.D. Graduates

Pheakkdey Nguon: Forest Governance Expert, European Forestry Institute, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

John Lauermann: Assistant Professor of Geography, Medgar Evers College, City University of New York

Alida Cantor: Assistant Professor, Portland State University

Katherine Foo: Assistant Teaching Professor, Interdisciplinary and Global Studies, Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI)

Kelly Kay: Assistant Professor, Dept. of Geography, UCLA

Miles Kenney-Lazar: Hakubi Assistant Professor, Center for Southeast Asian Studies, Kyoto University, Japan

Oona Morrow: Assistant Professor in Food Sociology (Tenure Track), Rural Sociology Group, Wageningen University & Research, The Netherlands

MS-GIS ADP Milestones Reached

May 2017 – May 2018

Degrees Conferred in August 2017

Savannah Cooley

Katherine Landesman

Warren Scott

Chung Nguyen Bao Truong

Degrees Conferred in May 2018

Shirin Esmaeili Chinchilla

Alexandra Filipovic

Will Heikes

Saira Khan

Isabel Miranda

*Edward Peluso
Daniela Reyes Saade
Thomas Smith*

**Degrees Conferred in August 2018
(Pending August 1 completion)**

*Saraneh Fitzgerald
Anela Layugan
Mary Molloy
Eli Simonson
Rishi Singh*