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SGIS Students curate an exhibit at the International Quilt Museum

During the fall semester, students enrolled in Anthropology 292: Stitching Culture: US-Japan Quilt Exhibit Collaborative had a chance to gain experience in museum exhibit design, curation and cross-cultural communication.

Co-taught by Emira Ibrahimpasic, Associate Professor of Practice and Assistant Director of Global Studies and Marin Hanson, Curator of International Collection at the International Quilt Museum, this unique class helped connect students from UNL and Saitama University in Japan to curate an exhibit.

"Stitching and Sharing Culture: Molas from Panama's Guna People," exhibit opened on Sept. 15th with over 75 guests in attendance. Read **more HERE**.

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Message from the Director

Friends, Faculty, Staff, Students and supporters of SGIS,

As we approach the end of our Fall 2023 semester and eagerly anticipate the rest and respite of winter break, I wanted us to take a moment to congratulate the hard work of our faculty, students and staff. The School of Global Integrative Studies at UNL (Anthropology, Geography and Global Studies) continues to thrive.



We got official notification that our Social Entrepreneurship Certificate is now approved, as well as our new SGIS Ph.D.. We now offer the first and only PhD specialization in anthropology and geography in Nebraska. The commitment to student success and promoting a more inclusive learning community on our campus shows in our stellar analytics for rising SCH (student course hours) and low DFW rates (failing grades and withdrawals), meaning that are students take lots of our courses and stay the course!

We are so proud of Katie Schmitz who was invited to serve in Peace Corps Benin as part of the 2nd cohort of UNL's Peace Corps Prep program for which SGIS is the academic home. Read **more HERE**.

Big congratulations also to our SGIS Awardees Maggie Wallace, Jim Benes, Michael Djan, Robert Hawkins and Savannah McAdow. Donor funds make a huge difference to the lives and careers of our hard-working student scholars, and we could not thank you more for your support.

Three of our faculty, Emira Ibrahimpasic, Julia Reilly and LuAnn Wandsnider have been awarded Grand Challenges Catalyst Awards for their respective projects. Dr. Wandsnider is also part of the Mellon Foundation funded project "Walking in the Footsteps of Our Ancestors: Re-Indigenizing Southeast Nebraska" (with Prof. Margaret Jacobs as PI).

Those accomplishments and many more that you will see in the pages of this newsletter would have been wonderful regardless, but for me they are even more meaningful because of the budget uncertainty that envelopes UNL and many other state funded institutions.

At SGIS while we are bracing to see how the next semester anticipated budget cuts will affect the university, we are also determined to keep on working hard to serve our students and community. If you have ever thought about supporting our students, there is no better time! We are especially seeking support for our graduate students. To find out how to help go to page 9.

As always you are invited to join us at our events or volunteer days at Reller Prairie! Enjoy the upcoming holidays and all the best for health, happiness and productivity! See you all next year!

Sophia

Faculty news

Dr. David Wishart

Dr. Wishart's book, *An American Corner of the World*, a historical geography of Richardson County, Nebraska has been accepted by History Nebraska for publication!



Dr. Phil Geib

Phil R. Geib, along with Faith Podzimek (UNL anthropology major) and Ben Kreimer (UNL Journalism BA) recorded a large and inaccessible petroglyph panel in Moqui Canyon of SE Utah during late May. A drone was used to capture over 1000 images that were then digitally combined to generate a 3D model of the panel. This model is currently being used to create a detailed iconographic inventory that allows comparisons with other rock art panels of Utah for making probable age assessments and content interpretations. Faith used the field and lab work of this project for her McNair Scholar learning opportunity. She made two presentations on our efforts this summer as part of the McNair Program and is scheduled to present a paper at the Society for American Archaeology meetings this coming April.

The main laboratory work that I am currently directing involves an analysis of flaked stone artifacts from the Hoyt Site near Boulder, Utah. This site was partially excavated by the 2019 UNL archaeology field school. Faith is also involved in this research effort as a UCARE student.



University of Utah Press will soon publish *Barrier Canyon Style Rock Art: Thousands of Years of Painting on Rock*. I collaborated on this book with Goodloe Sutter, a professional photographer who supplied well over 100 color images of this visually stunning rock art tradition. Two research papers about Shrine Caves of the Chihuahuan Desert in the Southwest are currently in press: one will appear in American Antiquity and another in Kiva.

Dr. Andrew Husa

On September 18th, Andrew presented his Missouri Roots Migration Survey research as part of the University of Missouri's Department of Geography Colloquium Series. In his talk, "Place Attachment and Residential Decision-Making among Urban and Rural Missourians," he discussed the difference in values between rural and urban residents, as well as the different considerations that must be made in both rural and urban settings in the decision to stay, leave, or return to a place.

Faculty News

Dr. Sophia Perdikaris

It has been a very busy year and fall semester indeed. In May I was awarded the 2023 Alumni Achievement Award from my alma matter CUNY Graduate Center for my work in the field of archaeology and our understanding of environmental sustainability. I was able to participate inperson at the event on my way to Barbuda for the first season of the NSF IRES grant in June 2023.

It was a very successful season, and the student participants will be presenting on their work in the April 2024 SAA meetings in New Orleans. Students in this 12-month program conduct field work designed to train them in interdisciplinary methodologies.



GSUC CUNY Award Ceremony, May 2023

This year's (summer 2024) project will focus on maritime archaeology of historic sites, archival research and garbology. The application for 2024 has just gone out. Interested graduate students can find information and apply at: **GO.UNL.EDU/SGISIRES**

Two new publication are hot off the press:

- Perdikaris, S., S. Grouard, R. Boger, A. Bain, A. Jallon, E. Gonzalez, E. Ibrahimpasic 2023 Long-Term Perspectives on Sustainability, Resilience and Change on the Island of Barbuda. In Sustainability in Ancient Island Societies: An Archaeology of Human Resilience, S. M Fitzpatrick, J. M. Erlandson and K. M. Gill (eds.) University of Florida Press 3(77-131).
- Rivera-Collazo, I. C. and Sophia Perdikaris 2023 Climate Change, site formation and indigenous use of coastlines in Barbuda. The Holocene HOL-23-0055.RIS

Over the Spring of 2024, I will be teaching the Museum Exhibit class, and we will focus on developing content for the Eloise Kruger collection of miniatures. We expect to have the official opening at the end of the spring semester as part of the first Friday events on May 3 from 3-5pm. It is a fantastic opportunity to create a space where our students can develop transferable skills in 3D digitization, augmented and virtual reality and participate in exhibits that bring together history, journalism, interior design, architecture and anthropology, while honoring the legacy of Eloise Kruger.



Team Dinner at the Barbuda Research Complex. June 2023 left to right Sophia Perdikaris, William Belcher, Maggie Klemm, Hannah Quaintance, Edith Gonzalez, Isabel Rivera and Ethan Jensen.

> With UNL colleague Dr. Emira Ibrahimpasic, participated in the first National Hero ceremony and the 10th International Garifuna Conference in St. Vincent and the Grenadines, warrior Sardo Sutherland at the ceremony. March 9-11th, 2023.



Faculty news

Dr. LuAnn Wandsnider

Antiochia ad Cragum is a Roman city on the southern coast of Turkey that was founded by a client king Antiochus IV about 52 CE. Under the direction of Dr. Michael Hoff (UNL Art and Art History) and Field Director Asena Kızılarslanoğlu (Kastamonu Üniversitesi), the University of Nebraska-Lincoln with partner institutions has been excavating here since 2010.



One of the questions that we attempted to answer in 2023 concerned the backstory of this city. Did the power and authority emanating from a prior Hellenistic (323-31 BC; i.e., post Alexander the Great and pre-Roman Empire) occupation draw the establishment of the city here? Or, did Antiochus IV of Commagene (friend of Roman Emperor Gaius) signal his presence in an unquiet land by deliberately establishing a city outfitted with distinctive Roman trappings at a location with no Hellenistic presence? And, where might an earlier habitation be situated, given that the Turkish coast then hosted pirates who may have attempted to hide from sea-going prosecutors of Rome?

To answer this question, LuAnn Wandsnider, with a team that included Zachary Kozak (Indiana University) and Hayley Mullin (recent graduate of Waterloo University) as well as Maggie Wallace (UNL), sought to address this using modified pedestrian survey. We targeted areas with good surface visibility and then scoured those areas for evidence of pre-Roman settlement. In all, about 17 h (42 acres) were inspected. We found several new inscriptions as well as some evidence for Late Hellenistic ceramics in a mortuary or tomb context as well as in domestic contexts. But, we could not definitively identify any pre-Roman structures.

The Antiochia ad Cragum cityscape is mantled in thorny Mediterranean scrub. Our next attempt to address this question will recruit the power of LiDAR to penetrate this brush and hopefully identify structures that might then be further inspected.

Dr. Heather Richards-Rissetto

For the 2023 summer, Dr. Heather Richards-Rissetto focused on fieldwork carrying out archaeological survey and excavation in Belize and Honduras for her collaborative research on "Applying 3D Deep Learning to Lidar for Automated Detection of Archaeological Sites in Tropical Regions." In July, she co-presented on the presentation "Mapping and Modeling Ancient Maya Settlements in NW Belize with Remote Sensing and Lidar" at the "XXI INQUA Congress: Time for Change" in Rome, Italy. She co-authored a chapter, published this fall 2023, on "Multisensory Experiences & Narratives in Archaeological Landscapes—Sound, Vision, and Movement in GIS and Virtual Reality" in *Capturing the senses: digital methods for sensory archaeologies*, G. Landeschi and E. Betts (Eds). Springer Press (2023).

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Staff Updates

Former SGIS Coordinator, Kat Krutak-Bickert, spent the fall semester adapting to her new role as Program Coordinator for the WHT Learning Community here at UNL. Kat had over 40 new freshman students to mentor and advise, along with 120 upper-class scholars. Kat enjoys the student-facing aspect of her new position, especially teaching two sections of the College Major Forum course, EDPS 97.

Kat enrolled in a mini course over fall break where she learned a variety of wildlife field techniques including VOR, telemetry tracking, a variety of trap setting, aging/sexing duck wings and banding Northern Bobwhites (quail). She is in the midst of prepping the WHT section of ANTH 110, which she will teach in the spring semester. She and her family are planning a road trip to AZ over winter break to visit family and the National Parks.







Introducting Hailey McCord, our new SGIS Administrative Technician

Hailey McCord (FKA Davidson... she got married in May!) graduated from UNL in May 2023 with a Bachelor of Science in Education & Human Sciences (Secondary Social Science Education... which included anthropology and geography content) with minors in economics, history, and international studies (CEHS). As a student, she held clerical roles at the College of Business Dean's Office, Department of Economics, and the Nebraska Council on Economic Education. She also worked in the Student Organization Financial Services office in the Union and served as a Finance & Field Intern for a Lincoln mayoral campaign. She has studied abroad in Spain, Cuba, and Finland. Immediately prior to her current position, she was the ACH Specialist for First Lincoln Federal Credit Union. She is passionate about the educational administration field and is excited to be working at UNL and for SGIS!





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Peace Corps Prep

SGIS is the academic home to UNL's Peace Corps Prep program which was launched in Fall of 2022. The program integrates UNL coursework, hands-on experience, and professional development, to prepare undergraduates for international development fieldwork and potential Peace Corps service. This fall, PC Prep celebrated its second graduating class.

Fall 2023 PC Prep Certificate Recipients and Graduates:

- 1. Carolina Castro (heading to Panama as Youth Health Facilitator)
- 2. Claire Gillespie (heading to Nepal as Food Security Volunteer)
- 3. Katie Schmitz (heading to Benin as Rural Community Health Volunteer)





Student Awards

Six Graduate Students in Geography presented a paper or poster at the **American Association of Geography Great Plains Regional Meeting** in October at South Dakota State University. SGIS provided partial funding for them to attend.

Students: Jason Yoo, Jessica Long, Alex Mohr, Uzma Jabeen, Will Helmer, Michael Djan

Erik Shultz, SGIS PhD Student was awarded 2nd place for his GIS Map on "Nebraska's Missing Soldiers from the Vietnam War" at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Libraries <u>GIS Day 2023 GIS Map Competition on Nov. 13th.</u>

Ella Axelrod, SGIS PhD Student, and **Heather Bloom**, GEOG PhD Student, gave presentations on their research at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Libraries <u>GIS Day 2023 Mini-Conference On Nov. 13th</u>.

Summer 2023 Archaeological Field School

Seven undergraduates and 3 graduate students participated in the 2023 Summer Field School in Archaeology. This three-week intensive course introduced students to the basics of archaeological discovery, excavation, documentation and curation. All students experienced the joy of pedestrian survey in a grassland setting and using a GPS to map locations.



All were introduced to using a transit to make a site map and establish excavation units. All became adept with atlatl and dart. Half the students focused on extending our understanding of 25LC265, which was first defined by Dr. Phil Geib in 2019. The other half, interested in gaining experience in forensic archaeology, and guided by PhD student Ella Axelrod, practiced discovery and excavation of human remains, i.e., plastic skeletons that simulate informal burials. Students visited the NPS Midwest Archeological Center to learn about how artifacts are treated in a laboratory setting. Nolan Johnson (History Nebraska) shared his insights on Nebraska archaeology and Dr. Phil Geib introduced students to knapping.

Summer 2023 Faculty Led Study Abroad

Dr. Becky Buller, Associate Professor of Practice in Geography, co-led a faculty-led study abroad trip to Iceland titled "Iceland: People, Landscapes, and Sustainability in the Land of Fire and Ice." The program allowed students to learn about language, innovation in politics, geothermal energy policy, and Icelandic practices and customs and how human and physical elements came together to create Iceland as it is today.







Congratulations

Spring 2023 Dean's List

Anthropology

Nour Al-janabi Samantha Grove Sydney Huynh Yarden Nachmias Hailee Nelson Ashley Novak Molly Nowak Abbey O'Brien Justus Olsen Haleigh Ortega Lucy Parizek Alexander Pastor Faithleigh Podzimek Jordyn Rogge Nora Santelman Zachary Schenk Wren Shawhan Skylar Solomon

Anthropology

Leah Stirrup Emma Todd Nayla Torres Ruiz Shelby Van Holland Hudson Windrum

Geography

Isabella Bialas Harit Boonyarakyotin Benjamin Byers Ayden Davis Nick Schroeder

Global Studies

Shahla Abrahim Alex Aistrope Marsileen Alawdi Zahraa Al-Jabery Sebastian Cardenas Kayleigh Casey

Global Studies

Alex Doan Collin Dunn Helen Duong Kyrstin Eastman Danielle Ferrigno AbbyHeffner Brooklyn Krahl Ben Lechtenberger Skylar Rouch Anna Little Carsyn Loncke Francine Mace Adi Mehlin Graham Meyer Hannah Moseman Gretchen Muth Lauren Nanninga McKenzie Nelson

Global Studies

Maggie Nielsen Julia Claassen-Criscuolo Maria Nunes Dias Emma Provence Alexandria Rinne Sadie Ritter Tory Roubidoux Rowen Satterfield Katie Schmitz Hannah Smallhouse Chase Tabor Lillyan Uhlmann Kate Wandsnider Gabby Witkowski ClaraYoulden Elizabeth Young

December Graduates-Undergraduate

Anthropology

Olivia Andersen Evan Balch Whitney Graham Susan Koch Hannah Miller Lucy Parizek Elisabeth Wright

Global Studies

Rosalie Dougherty Danielle Ferrigno Rylan Korpi **KatieSchmitz** ClaraYoulden Helen Duong

December Graduates-Graduate Students

Mariska Molnar, MA Anthropology (Advisor: Effie Athanassopoulos) Allegra Ward, MA Anthropology, Professional Archaeology Specialization (Advisor: Phil Geib)

Supporting Student Success

Help SGIS reach its goal of providing students with meaningful experiences that boost their professional prospects. Your donation, however big or small, will go directly into supporting student internships with community partners and graduate students in need of funding for research and conference presentations. With your support, we can double the impact to the current and future SGIS students.

Please consider an end of the year donation to the SGIS Development Fund at **GO.UNL.EDU/SGISFUND**



SCAN & DONATE

STUDENT STORIES

Ahmed AlSayid

Organization: Asian Community and Cultural Center Majors: Global Studies and Political Science

Year: Junior

As an aspiring diplomat, Ahmed will work on implementing the City of Lincoln Welcoming & Belonging Strategic Plan. The plan aims to outline strategies to successfully integrate immigrants and refugees into the area. This spring, Ahmed will assist Welcoming Communities Coordinator with research and projects that support the work of the Welcoming Plan.





Sydney Hyunh

Organization: International Quilt Museum

Majors: Anthropology

Year: Senior

Sydney was a student in ANTH 292: Stitching Culture: US-Japan Quilt Exhibit Collaborative earlier this fall. As an Anthropology major with a passion for museum studies, Sydney loved the class and immediately upon its completion secured an internship with the International Quilt Museum. She will continue working in museum collections this coming spring. Your donation will ensure that Sydney will receive financial support during her internship.

Alumni Engagement

You, the alumni, are our greatest and most important advocates. From helping donate to providing expertise about career paths, you are one of our greatest assets and resources. This fall, we launched SGIS Alumni Coffee Chat, an opportunity for current students to connect with our alumni. These hour long informal events are a great way for students to learn and connect with our alumni, while at the same time gain confidence that their major will land them on the right career path. If you would like to join us for one of the upcoming chats in spring or fall of 2024, please sign up at GO.UNL.EDU/COFFEECHAT



SCAN & SIGN UP

Our first Alumi Coffee Chat was with 2021 Global Studies graduate Saadi G. Al Saadi Bu'alaq, an international affairs professional currently based in DC. Saadi shared his journey since graduation, his graduate school experience, and, most importantly, different ways in which students can leverage their experiences towards a career in federal service.

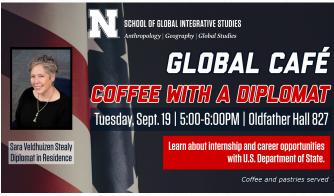


Fall 2023 Events

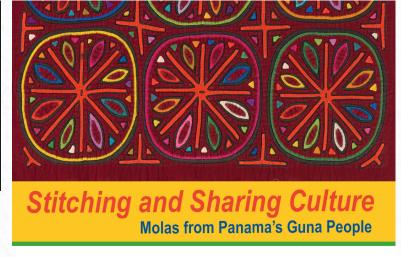
We had a busy fall semester. Below is a sampling of many of the events held.











Come celebrate the opening of a collaborative, cross-cultural textile exhibition at the International Quilt Museum, curated by UNL School of Global Integrative Studies students in collaboration with students from Japan's Saitama University.

Held in conjuction with Lincoln's city-wide celebration of Welcoming Week!





Join US!

Opening Reception

Sept. 15, 4:30-6 p.m.

Student presentations:

5:00 p.m.

Free Admission

Nebraska Lincoln SGIS Newsletter Events

Spring 2023 End of Semester Celebration and McGuiness Awards

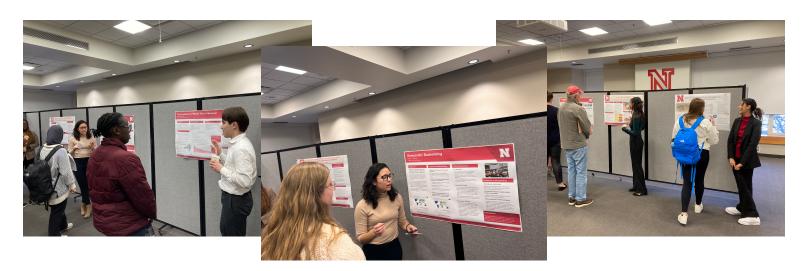




Fall 2023 End of Semester Celebration



Fall 2023 Global Studies Student Research Showcase



SGIS Spring Research Seminar Series









All events are scheduled in Bessey 117, 4:00-5:00pm Open to community members, alumni, faculty, staff and students.

January 30th

Uzma Jabeen: Social Vulnerability to Flooding in Pakistan
Dakota Taylor: Interobserver Error Using CIL Standard Measurements and Other Procedures

February 13th

Dr. Tim Sefczek: Feeding and positional behaviors of aye-aye in a continuous Malagasy forest Dr. Michael Shambaugh-Miller: To be determined

February 27th

Annie Davis: From Miniatures to Models: Digitizing a Miniature Exhibit
James Benes: Records of Burning & Drought During the Euro-American Settlement Period in the
Nebraska Sand Hills

March 5th

Drs. Julia Reilly & Emira Ibrahimpašić: *Refugee Resettlement in Nebraska*Dr. Zhenghong Tang: *Unoccupied Aircraft System (UAS) for Environmental Monitoring & Assessment*

March 19th

Dr. Becky Buller: Reading the Text of the US Forest Service's Oldest Nursery: Field Guide to a Hybrid Landscape

Maggie Klemm: Intra-Observer and Inter-Device Reliability in Osteometric Data

April 2nd

Kyle Treddnick: Connecting Academic Content to Wider Audiences Using Popular Mediums Amy Peterson: Integrating Linguistics into Cultural Anthropology Courses

April 30th

Emmi Berski: Motivations & Perceptions in Green Infrastructure Usage in Local Climate Adaptation Dr. Elizabeth Clausing: Biological embodiment of psychosocial stress in Latinx immigrant families



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Upcoming Courses

Interested in Field Archaeology or Forensic Archaeology? Plan to attend the **2024 Field School in Archaeology (ANTH 497/897)**! The 2024 Field School in Archaeology is scheduled for the first **3-week session in Summer 2024**. We will be working at Reller Prairie, 30 minutes south of Lincoln, to describe and define archaeological sites here.



Students will learn to conduct pedestrian survey, to read stratigraphy, to excavate, and to document, including photography and the use of GPS and other mapping tools. Students will prepare a final report describing their findings.





INTRODUCTION TO THE CONCEPT OF CONTEMPORARY GLOBAL HUMAN RIGHTS USING HISTORICAL, PHILOSOPHICAL, CULTURAL AND POLITICAL PERSPECTIVES.

STUDY ABROAD WITH SGIS IN SOUTH KOREA SUMMER OF 2024.

