

STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

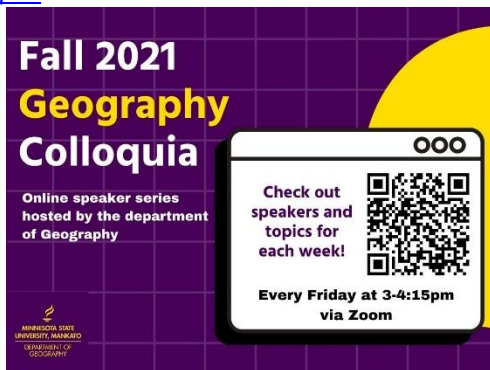
The final MavPASS leader celebration was held on May 5 at Highland Park. **Karim Diab**, **Raymond Huang**, and **Paige Nixt** served as SBS MavPASS leaders for two or more semesters and earned honors cords to wear at graduation.



SBS MavPass Leaders

► GEOGRAPHY

The Geography Colloquia is the longest running speaker series at Minnesota State University, Mankato. New presentations by various speakers take place online every Friday at 3- 4:15 p.m. throughout the semester. More information: <https://sbs.mnsu.edu/geography-colloquia>



A graduate student, **Alyssa Sims** has received the following awards over the summer:

- *Geological Society of America Graduate Student Research Grant* – Alyssa received \$2,500 to support her thesis research
- *Geological Society of America on to the Future Award* – she received financial support to attend the GSA national meeting and participate in a variety of mentorship and networking opportunities
- *Peter Birkeland Soils Geomorphology Award* – she received this prestigious national award (open to all graduate students studying soils in the U.S.) based on her thesis research proposal titled "Reconstructing regional paleoenvironments and geomorphic history of High Plains playa-lunette systems"



Alyssa Sims collecting soil sample



Aaron Pacheco

Aaron Pacheco has won a national scholarship from the United State Geospatial Intelligence Foundation ([USGIF](https://www.usgif.org/)). He submitted his research paper for **Dr. Su Bordoloi**'s Human Migration class to this scholarship program.

► HISTORY

Megan Hawkins and **Kyle Tomlinson** (Social Studies Teaching) virtually attended the Stanford History Education Group's summer teacher institute.



Raoul Blackman

A former graduate student, **Raoul Blackman** was offered and has accepted a fully funded Ph.D. program at the University of Sheffield, U.K. starting October 2021. He will work on the research project "Remote Sensing Tree Functionality in Urban Infrastructure" for his doctoral study.

► GOVERNMENT

Andrew Ansel (Political Science alumni) was promoted to the managing director of development for [the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights](#). His experiences include fundraising positions for a variety of nonprofit organizations, and he has worked diligently to cultivate and solicit private institutional funding for The Leadership Conference and The Education Fund.

Yamlak Abitew, Nolan Bessler, Alexis Couter, and Chris Russert (Political Science) received the Spring 2021 21st-Century Citizenship Award. Students who complete four courses with Professor Berkenpas are eligible for this award.

► PSYCHOLOGY

The School Psychology Doctoral Program is collaborating with Truman Public Schools to provide school psychological services in the district. Through this contract, students work in school placements under the supervision of licensed faculty to provide support to students and the district.

► SOCIOLOGY

Jenny Arndt (Applied Leadership) was appointed to serve on [Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities](#) replacing a Minnesota Senator. She plans to attend law school after her graduation next year to focus on representing individuals and families of Minnesotans with disabilities.



Jenny Arndt

A recent graduate, **Dena Maounis** (Applied Leadership alumna) is running for city council in Lancaster, PA. Her campaign website: <https://www.denaforunity.com/>



NPL students on hike

Students in **Dr. Kristi Rendahl's** NPL 273 class went on a hiking excursion for their self-care and wellness!

FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS

► ANTHROPOLOGY

Dr. Chelsea Mead taught Ojibwe language classes as part of the American Indian Virtual Language Camp with Professor Alphonse Pitawanakwat from the University of Michigan. High school students to community members across Minnesota and the U.S. participated in this summer program.



American Indian Virtual Language Camp

She also carried her tradition even on sabbatical. She brought in her famous pencil cake to Ojibwe language class to celebrate the first day.



Ojibwe language class

► PSYCHOLOGY

Dr. Elyse Farnsworth joined the department of Psychology as a new tenure-track faculty member. She has worked for several years in the school psychology program at the University of Minnesota, and prior to that as a school psychologist in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area. The department of Psychology is excited for Dr. Farnsworth to join as they support their students' professional development.



Dr. Elyse Farnsworth

Dr. Eric Sprankle, and former clinical psychology graduate students **Zane Hensel**, **Todd Jennings**, **Taylor Lyng** had their research manuscript, "Mark of the Beast: The Relationships Between Satanist Identity, Stigma, and Mental Health" accepted for publication in the *International Journal for the Study of New Religions*.

► SOCIOLOGY

Dr. Afroza Anwary has been invited to join the Feminist Judgement Project-International Criminal Court (ICC) which focuses on the contribution of judges to the Court's poor conviction record for sexual and gender-based crimes and their application of gender-sensitive judging in general.



Dr. Afroza Anwary

New publications by **Dr. Afroza Anwary**

- Anwary, A. (2021). Sexual violence against women as a weapon of Rohingya genocide in Myanmar. *The International Journal of Human Rights*, 1–20.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/13642987.2021.1931136>
- Anwary, A. (2022). Agency of Rohingya Muslim Women Survivors of Genocide in Myanmar. *Muslim Women's Writing: Negotiating Conflicts and Controversies*, Routledge.



Dr. Kristi Rendahl

Dr. Kristi Rendahl (Non-profit Leadership) wrote a [commentary](#) article about issues related to caregivers in *MINNPOST* published on September 10, 2021.



Dr. Carol Glasser

Dr. Carol Glasser received the 2021 Clifton Bryant Animals and Society Course Award from the Animals & Society Section of the American Sociological Association for her Animals and Society course taught in the Department of Sociology.

She was also elected to be the Chair of the Animals & Society section of the American Sociological Association in the 2021-2022 academic year.