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May 9, 2025



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Executive Master of Public Administration

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RECOGNITION OF DOCTORAL AND MASTER'S CANDIDATES

Anthropology
Economics
Geography and the Environment
History
Political Science
Public Administration and International Affairs
Social Science
Sociology

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Doctoral Candidates

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Christopher DeCorse, Chair

Tony Chamoun

Advisor: Shannon A. Novak

Estranged Bodies, Race, and Sectarianism: An Historical Bioarcheology of Ottoman and French Beirut

Taylor Harman

Advisor: Shannon A. Novak

Evolution on High: A Comparison of the Physiology and Narrative Representation of Two Native High Altitude Populations

Doctoral Prize Winner

Mariel M. Rivera-Piluso

Advisor: Robert A. Rubinstein

Reproductive Justice in Motion: Community Doula Work in Central New York

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

Devashish Mitra, Chair

Kyuhan Choi

Advisor: Alfonso Flores-Lagunes

Three Essays on Teacher Retention and Minority Health in the U.S.

Jingxuan Du

Advisor: Alfonso Flores-Lagunes

Essays on Internal Migration, Education, and Trade Liberalization

Doctoral Prize Winner

Brian Green

Advisor: Ryan Monarch and Jeffrey Kubik

Essays on Multinational Behavior

Jooyoung Kim

Advisor: Devashish Mitra

Location Choice of Same-sex Couples

Andrew Smith

Advisor: Hugo Jales

Investigations of Sorting and Non-Wage Market Clearing: Three Essays in Labor Economics

Jorge Valdebenito

Advisor: Kristy Buzard

The Other Side of the Coin: Effects of Anti-Dumping Duties on Targeted Firms

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Yinhan Zhang

Advisor: Devashish Mitra

Essays on Foreign Direct Investment, Trade, and Export Quality

DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Peng Gao, Chair

R. Tina Catania

Advisor: Natalie Koch

Writing the Self with Immigrant Girls in Rhode Island

Claudia Diaz-Combs

Advisor: Thomas Perreault

"When the Water Stops but the Bills Never Do": Contentious Water Politics and Collective Action in El Salvador

Akemi Inamoto

Advisor: Thomas Perreault

Governing the Paddies: Emotions, Dispossession, and Gendered Struggles for Resource Access in Rice Farming in Tolima, Colombia

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

Susan Branson, Chair

Erqi Cheng

Advisor: Norman Alan Kutcher

Curing Bodies with Bodies: Renyao (Human-derived Drugs) in Late Imperial China

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Whitney Baillie-Berring

Advisor: Renée de Nevers

When Politics no Longer Stops at the Water's Edge: Exploring the Effects of Asymmetric Partisan Polarization on the United States Senate's Treaty Approval Process

Farrah Lamour Demoya Brown

Advisor: Daniel McDowell

The Political Economy of Developing Country Categorization

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Samantha Call

Advisor: Seth Jolly

Explaining Authoritarian Populist Behavior During Episodes of Democratic Backsliding

Elizabeth Davis

Advisor: Audie Klotz

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Democratic Transition and Migration and Refugee Policy in Tunisia and In Comparative Perspective

Katherine Burrage Russell

Advisor: Brian Taylor

Femme Fatale: Explaining the Tactical Deployment of Female Operatives by Terrorist Organizations

Prakhar Sharma

Advisor: Margaret G. Hermann

Explaining Weak National Identification in Afghanistan

Honggang Tan

Advisor: Dimitar Gueorguiev

Dancing in Chains: Policy Influence of Social Organizations in China

Kari Waters

Advisor: Seth Jolly

Infringing on Democracy: The European Union and Democratic Backsliding

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

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William Fannin

Advisor: Colleen Heflin

Three Essays on Administrative Burden and the Social Safety Net

Myriam Gregoire-Zawilski

Advisor: David Popp

Technology Policy for Meeting Net-Zero Carbon Goals by 2050: Accelerating Innovation in Complementary Technologies to Decarbonize the Electrical Grid

Abdela Hilo

Advisor: John McPeak

Three Essays on Improving Access to Healthcare in Ethiopia.

Jiho Kim

Advisor: Tina Nabatchi

Promoting Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion through Collaborative Governance

Anna Wiersma Strauss

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Three Essays on the Implications of U.S. Social Welfare Spending through the Tax Code.

Doctoral Prize Winner

SOCIAL SCIENCE PROGRAM

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The Sociological Determinants of Entrepreneurial Performance: A Study of Structural Barriers, Creative Strategies, and Heterogeneity Amongst REMI Entrepreneurs in the United States

Baurzhan Bokayev

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"Making a Bridge Between Countries": Kazakh Students' Socialization and Professional Development within American Universities

Mary Elizabeth Helander

Advisor: Peng Gao

Disparate Patterns in U.S. Emergency Medical Services and Data Missingness as a Socio-Technical Determinant of Health

Fitore Hyseni

Advisor: Peter Blanck

Three Essays on Socio-Spatial Exclusion of Disabled People

Harneet Kaur

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Exploring the Interplay of Restorative Justice, Mental Health, and Support Structures in Shaping Student Outcomes

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(In)Visible Work: Gender, Labour, and Agricultural Markets in India

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Domestic Exertions: Soldier-Servants, Military Elites, and Securitized Labor in India

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Who are we? What do we do? How do we Engage with Others? U.S.-based Private Philanthropic Foundations and Their Stakeholder Relationships through the Lens of Identity

Shiyang Xiao

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Three Essays on the Policy Process of Subnational Industrial Policymaking in China

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Multiculturalism and the Wellbeing of Older U.S. Immigrants

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A Mixed Methods Study of Chinese and Korean International Student Satisfaction and Experience in American Higher Education

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Social Determinants of Aging Service Use and Home and Community-Based Service Availability: Do Childhood Disadvantage and Local Characteristics Matter?

Yue Sun

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Explaining Geographic Disparities in Cardiovascular Disease Mortality: The Roles of Physical Environment, Industry Structures, and State Policies

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Stranded in Transit: Migrants' Borderland Experiences En Route to Europe

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Athenian Oath

WE WILL EVER STRIVE FOR THE IDEALS AND SACRED THINGS OF
THE CITY, BOTH ALONE AND WITH MANY; WE WILL UNCEASINGLY SEEK TO
QUICKEN THE SENSE OF PUBLIC DUTY; WE WILL REVERE AND OBEY THE CITY'S
LAW; WE WILL TRANSMIT THIS CITY NOT
ONLY NOT LESS, BUT GREATER, BETTER AND MORE BEAUTIFUL THAN IT WAS
TRANSMITTED TO US.

*From the Oath of the Athenian City-State, inscribed in the lobby of Maxwell
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Alma Mater

WHERE THE VALE OF ONONDAGA MEETS THE EASTERN SKY.

PROUDLY STANDS OUR ALMA MATER ON HER HILLTOP HIGH.

FLAG WE LOVE!

ORANGE!

FLOAT FOR AYE, OLD SYRACUSE, O'ER THEE.

LOYAL BE THY SONS AND DAUGHTERS TO THY MEMORY.

- Junius W. Stevens, Class of 1895

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