



Geography

# Geography Newsletter

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## Geography Scholarships and Awards

The Geography Department would like to announce the following Awards and Scholarship winners for 2019-20, who will be recognized at the Awards Gathering on April 30:

- John F. Rooney, Jr. Scholarship for Outstanding Junior: **Ashlyn Amador**, Global Studies major with Philosophy and French minors.
- CAS Outstanding Senior: **Addison Van Zandbergen**, Geography/Global Studies double-major with Dance and Philosophy minors.
- Robert F. Norris Scholarship for Outstanding 1<sup>st</sup> Year Graduate Student: **Jaryd Hinch**, Geography MS Student.
- Jerry Croft and Family Award in Geographic Education: **Jacob Shepherd**, Global Studies major, Geography minor.
- ConocoPhillips GIS Certificate Enhancement Scholarship: **Stephanie Grace**, Geography major with GIS and Environmental Studies Certificates.
- Susan Shaul Medal for Outstanding GTA: TBA on April 30.

### Travel Awards for 2020-21:

- Robert F. Norris Conference Travel Awards: **Jesse Andrews** and **Kianoosh Hassani**, Geography PhD students.
- Stephen W. Tweedie Travel Award: **Monique Walker**, Global Studies major with Economics and Political Science minors.
- Alyson L. Greiner Undergraduate Travel Award: **Monique Walker** and **Caitlin Brooks**, Global Studies major, ASL minor.

## Upcoming Events

While March was a little slow, April is humming with events!

- Thursday, April 2, 2 PM – 009 AG Hall – **Nicole Pauley**, thesis defense. Title: “Assessment of functional diversity across a managed pine-oak forest landscape using remote sensing techniques.” Dr. Jon Comer, Chair, and Dr. Bryan Murray (NREM), Research Advisor.
- AAG, Denver – CANCELLED on March 11! Be sure to go to [AAG.org](http://AAG.org) and find the Cancellation page under Annual Meeting. Also, don’t forget to cancel your hotel reservation...
- Wednesday, April 8, 6 PM – Student Union Ballroom – **2020 College of Arts & Sciences Undergraduate Awards Banquet.**
- Wednesday, April 29, 3:00 PM – Student Union Council Room (SU 412) – **Graduate College Awards Ceremony.**
- Thursday, April 30, 5:30 PM – Murray Hall Parlor – **2020 Geography Awards Gathering.** See last page for this newsletter for details.
- Friday, May 8, 7 PM – Gallagher-Iba Arena – **2020 Spring Graduate Commencement and Hooding Ceremony.**
- Saturday, May 9, 3 PM – Gallagher-Iba Arena – **2020 Spring Undergraduate Commencement (College of Arts & Sciences).**

## GIS Day at the Capitol

The OSU Department of Geography was extremely well-represented at the 2020 GIS Day at the Capitol, the 26<sup>th</sup> year for the event, on March 3. A large number of OSU personnel and alumni was on hand to answer questions about the department's degree programs, the GIS certificate program, and information about our student organizations.



Pictured above (L-R) – Haden Harrison\* (ACOG), Lauren Wood\* (ACOG), Dr. Yuting Zhou, Parker J. Smith, Emily Gile, Greg Hackman\* (City of Midwest City), Stephanie Grace, Adam Littlefield, Maria Sol Ramirez Sáenz, Shellie Willoughby\*, and Michael Larson\*.

Note: \* indicates Geography Department alumni.

For more information, photos and information about past events, and other matters relating to the Oklahoma Geographic Information Council, visit their website: [http://okmaps.onenet.net/GIS\\_day.htm](http://okmaps.onenet.net/GIS_day.htm)

## 2019-20 Awards Gathering

On April 30, the annual Geography Awards Gathering will take place in the Murray Hall Parlor. Light refreshments will be served starting at 5:00 PM, with the Awards Ceremony starting at 5:30 and Gamma Theta Upsilon inductions immediately thereafter. Nearly \$10,000 of awards and scholarships will be distributed:

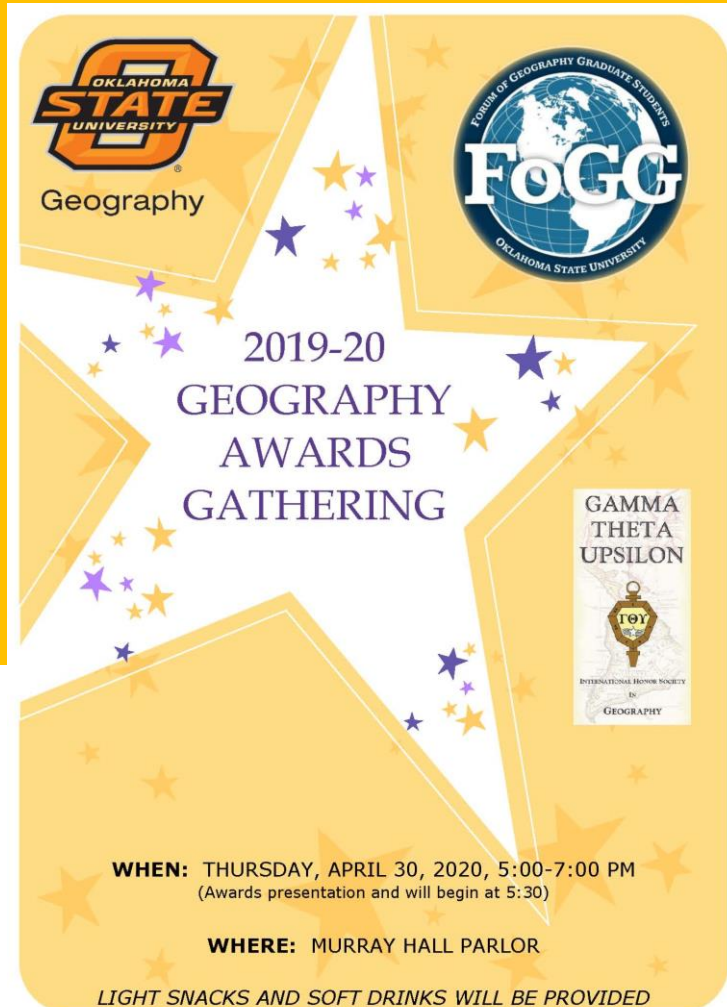
### 2019-20 Recognition Awards:

- John F. Rooney, Jr., Scholarship for Outstanding Junior
- A&S Outstanding Senior
- Robert E. Norris Memorial Scholarship for Outstanding 1<sup>st</sup> Year Graduate Student
- Jerry Croft and Family Award in Geographic Education
- ConocoPhillips GIS Certificate Enhancement Scholarship
- Susan Shaul Medal for Excellence in Teaching

### 2020-21 Travel Awards:

- Alyson L. Greiner Undergraduate Travel Scholarship
- Stephen W. Tweedie Travel Award
- Norris Conference Travel Award

Other awards and honors earned by students, staff, or faculty (on campus or off) will be recognized, so if you received some type of award or scholarship in the past year, please let [Jon Comer](#) know so he can add it to the list to be announced at the Gathering.



The poster features a yellow background with a large white star in the center. Inside the star, the text reads "2019-20 GEOGRAPHY AWARDS GATHERING". Surrounding the star are several yellow and purple stars. In the top left corner, there is the Oklahoma State University logo with the word "Geography" below it. In the top right corner, there is the logo for the Forum of Geography Graduate Students (FOGG) at Oklahoma State University. In the bottom right corner, there is a small image of the Gamma Theta Upsilon International Honor Society in Geography logo. At the bottom of the poster, the following information is provided:

**WHEN:** THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2020, 5:00-7:00 PM  
(Awards presentation and will begin at 5:30)

**WHERE:** MURRAY HALL PARLOR

LIGHT SNACKS AND SOFT DRINKS WILL BE PROVIDED

