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Thursday, April 13, 2023

Annual Wallace W. Atwood Lecture

Kendra McSweeney, Ph.D.
Professor of Geography and Distinguished Scholar
Department of Geography
The Ohio State University

Pre-Atwood Reception:

5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

Clark Labs: Introducing *New Center for Geospatial Analytics at Clark Labs*
932 Main Street, Worcester, Mass.

7:00 p.m.

Razzo Hall, Traina Center for the Arts
92 Downing St., Worcester, Mass.

Free and open to the campus community and the public.

Topic: "Prohibition Geographies"

In the U.S., prohibition is often considered a thing of the past, evoking speakeasies and Al Capone. Yet the prohibition of other plant- and animal-based commodities has not only endured but expanded. Professor McSweeney's talk explores the geographies that arise from the global prohibitory regime targeting one such commodity: cocaine.

Professor McSweeney's primary interest is in human-environment interactions, with focus on issues in cultural and political ecology, conservation and development, resilience, demography, and land use/cover change. Her current projects include tracing the socioecological impacts of drug trafficking through Central America, and studying the nature and implications of demographic change among Latin America's indigenous populations.

Post-Atwood Reception:

Immediately following the talk
Lobby of Razzo Hall, Traina Center for the Arts
932 Main Street, Worcester, Mass.

Free and open to the campus community and the public.

Friday, April 14, 2023

Registration/Welcome

11:00 a.m.

Tilton Hall

Kick-off Luncheon

Noon–1:30 p.m.

Tilton Hall

Limited to GSG undergraduate and graduate alumni, faculty, staff, and invited guests.

[Register for Lunch by March 31, 2023](#)

Session 1 (Two Tracks)

2:00–3:15 p.m.

Track 1: *The Clark Graduate School of Geography's Leadership in and Contributions to GiScience and Earth Systems Science*

Jefferson 320

This panel will focus on the essential contributions of GSG faculty and alumni to the fields of GIScience and earth system science, including the foundational work of Clark Labs, key research contributions in landscape ecology, and the essential and growing role of climate science and communication.

Moderator: [Gil Pontius](#), Ph.D., Professor, Graduate School of Geography

Panelists:

- [Ron Eastman](#), Ph.D., Director of Clark Labs IDRISI/TerrSet; Professor Emeritus and Former Director, Graduate School of Geography
- [Karen Frey](#), Ph.D., Professor, Graduate School of Geography
- [Jim Thatcher](#), Ph.D. '14, Associate Professor, University of Washington, Tacoma
- [Dominik Kulakowski](#), Ph.D., Professor, Graduate School of Geography
- [Suzie Birdsell](#), '15, M.S. GIS '16, Senior Associate, Nelson/Nygaard Consulting Associates

Track 2: *The Clark Graduate School of Geography's Leadership in and Contributions to Human-Environment, Development, and Urban-Economic Geography*

Jefferson 218

The important contributions of GSG faculty and alumni to the fields of urban-economic, development, and human-environment geography are considered, including the GSG's central role in the

development of radical geography and political ecology, its stewardship of *Economic Geography*, and multiple key editorial roles.

Moderator: [James McCarthy](#), Ph.D., Professor and Director, Graduate School of Geography

Panelists:

- [Lisa Stoddard](#), Ph.D. '14, Associate Professor of Teaching, The Global School, Environmental Sustainability Studies and International and Global Studies, WPI
- [Yuko Aoyama](#), Ph.D., Associate Provost and Dean of Research and Graduate Studies; Professor of Geography, Graduate School of Geography
- [John Lauermann](#), Ph.D. '14, Associate Professor, Pratt Institute, School of Information; Faculty Director, Spatial Analysis and Visualization Initiative (SAVI)
- [Dylan Harris](#), Ph.D. '20, Assistant Professor, Department of Geography and Environmental Studies, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs
- [Kevin St. Martin](#), Ph.D. '99, Professor and Chair, Department of Geography, Rutgers University
- [Dianne Rocheleau-Malaret](#), Ph.D. Professor Emerita Graduate School of Geography

Break With Refreshments

3:15–3:45 p.m.

Jefferson Hallway

Session 2 (Two Tracks)

4:00–5:15 p.m.

Track 1: *A CUGS-Sponsored Conversation: Bobby Wilson, Black Geographies, and Clark University*
Jefferson 218

The legacy of Bobby Wilson, Ph.D. '74, illustrious Clark alumnus, emeritus professor of geography at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, and pioneer of radical Black scholarship, is reviewed and celebrated as panelists explore its connections to the rapidly growing field of Black geographies.

Moderator: [Gisselle Vila-Benites](#), Doctoral Student, Graduate School of Geography

Panelists:

- [Alex Moulton](#), Ph.D. '20, Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of Tennessee
- [Brittany Meché](#), Ph.D, Assistant Professor of Environmental Studies, Williams College

Track 2: *Clark Graduate School of Geography's Contributions to Public Policy, Institutions, and the Discipline of Geography*

Jefferson 320

This panel will explore the leadership roles that GSG faculty and alumni have played and continue to play in the discipline and in institutions and arenas beyond the academy, including scientific and advisory panels and institutions, NGOs, governments, and the private sector.

Moderator: [Jim Murphy](#), Ph.D., Professor of Geography, Graduate School of Geography

Panelists:

- [Anthony \(Tony\) Bebbington](#), Ph.D. '90, Milton P. and Alice C. Higgins Professor of Environment and Society, Graduate School of Geography; International Program Director, Natural Resources and Climate Change, Ford Foundation; Member, National Academy of Sciences; Member, American Academy of Arts and Sciences
- [Jacqueline \(Jackie\) Vadjunec](#), Ph.D. '07, Professor, Department of Geography, Oklahoma State University
- [Rinku Roy Chowdhury](#), Ph.D. '03, Professor, Graduate School of Geography
- [Andrew Schiller](#), Ph.D. '01, Principal, SchillerGroup

Reception

5:30–6:30 p.m.

Tilton Hall

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Dinner

6:30–8:00 p.m.

Tilton Hall

Remarks by President David B. Fithian '87 and

Sebastián Royo, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

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Saturday, April 15, 2023

Continental Breakfast

9:00 a.m.

Abrahms Gallery

First Floor

Higgins University Center

Roger Kasperson's Legacy

Presented by the George Perkins Marsh Institute

9:30–10:45 a.m.

Grace Conference Room, Higgins University Center

The influential legacy of Roger Kasperson in and beyond Clark and the Graduate School of Geography, including his substantial contributions to public policy, is reviewed and celebrated, with participation from former students and colleagues.

Moderator: [Robert \(Rob\) Johnston](#), Ph.D., Director of the Marsh Institute; Professor of Economics

Panelists:

- [Samuel \(Sam\) Ratick](#), Ph.D., Professor Emeritus, Graduate School of Geography, Former Director of the Marsh Institute
- [Billie Turner II](#), Ph.D., Regents Professor, School of Sustainability, College of Global Futures, Arizona State University; Distinguished Research Professor and Former Director, Clark Graduate School of Geography; Member, National Academy of Sciences
- [Susan Hanson](#), Ph.D., Distinguished Professor Emerita, Graduate School of Geography; Member, National Academy of Sciences
- [Kirstin Dow](#), Ph.D. '96, Carolina Trustees Professor, Department of Geography, University of South Carolina

Tour Clark's Hadwen Arboretum with Geography Professor John Rogan and Clark Students

10:30–12:30 p.m.

Depart by Bus: Clark University Main Gate, 10:30 a.m.

Arrive: Hadwen Arboretum, 10:45 a.m.

Tour: 11 a.m.–noon

Depart by Bus: Historic Stearns Tavern on Mill Street, 12:15 p.m. Arrive: Clark University, 12:30 p.m., in time for 1 p.m. Lunch

Break With Refreshments

10:45–11:15 a.m.

Abrahms Gallery

First Floor

Higgins University Center

Session 3 (One Track)

The Future for Engaged Research on Risks, Hazards, and Sustainability Science

Panelists will explore the continuities and trajectories between Clark Geography's formative work on risks, hazards, and sustainability science in relation to the contemporary work on those and related topics — in and beyond the domain of adaptation and other responses to climate change.

11:30 a.m.–12:45 p.m.

Grace Conference Room, Higgins University Center

Moderator: [Robert \(Rob\) Johnston](#), Ph.D., Director of the Marsh Institute; Professor of Economics

Panelists:

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- [Ed Carr](#), Ph.D., Professor and Director, International Development, Community, and Environment
- [Susanne \(Susi\) Moser](#), Ph.D. '97, Affiliate Faculty, University of Massachusetts, Amherst; Faculty, Antioch University of New England
- [Bonnie Ram](#), M.A. ES&P '82, Strategic Consultant in Renewable Energies for NGOs, Government Agencies, and the International Energy Agency; Senior Researcher and Associate Director of the Center for Research in Wind, University of Delaware
- [Seth Tuler](#) Ph.D. '86, Associate Professor-Interdisciplinary, The Global School, WPI

Keynote Luncheon

1:00–2:30 p.m.

Tilton Hall

Introduction

[James McCarthy](#), Director of the Graduate School of Geography and Leo L. '36 and Joan Kraft Laskoff Professor of Economics, Technology, and Environment

Keynote Speaker

[Mona Domosh](#) '79, M.A. '83, Ph.D. '85

Joan P. and Edward J. Foley Jr. Professor, Department of Geography, Dartmouth College, and Clark University Trustee

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Session 4 (Two Tracks)

2:45 –4:00 p.m.

Track 1: *Feminist Geography and the Clark Graduate School of Geography*

Grace Conference Room

Higgins University Center

The contributions of Clark Geography, and especially of many of its prominent female faculty and alumni, to the development of feminist geography, are discussed, with particular attention to feminist economic geography and feminist political ecology.

Moderator: [Deborah \(Deb\) Martin](#), Ph.D., Professor, Graduate School of Geography

Panelists:

- [Susan Hanson](#), Ph.D., Distinguished Professor Emerita, Graduate School of Geography; Member, National Academy of Sciences
- [Melissa Gilbert](#), Ph.D. '94, Professor and Department Chair, Geography and Urban Studies, Temple University
- [Ibipo Johnston-Anumonwo](#), Ph.D. '87, Professor, Geography Department, SUNY-Cortland
- [Winifred Curran](#), Ph.D. '04, Professor, Geography/Sustainable Urban Development, DePaul University
- [Ioni Seager](#), Ph.D. '88, Professor, Global Studies, Bentley College

Track 2: *Clark Geography and Transformed Environments: Past, Present and Future*

Lurie Conference Room

Higgins University Center

This panel will review Clark Geography's long history of influential research on human transformations of environments and responses to those transformations, ranging from the risk-hazards tradition and the pivotal volume *Earth Transformed* to contemporary work on climate change dynamics, impacts, and responses.

Moderator: [Lyndon Estes](#), Ph.D., Associate Professor, Graduate School of Geography

Panelists:

- [Billie Turner II](#), Ph.D., Regents Professor, School of Sustainability, College of Global Futures, Arizona State University; Distinguished Research Professor and Former Director, Clark Graduate School of Geography; Member, National Academy of Sciences
- [Susanne \(Susi\) Moser](#), Ph.D. '97, Affiliate Faculty, UMass Amherst; Faculty, Antioch University of New England
- [Christopher \(Chris\) Williams](#), Ph.D., Professor, Graduate School of Geography
- [Karen Frey](#), Ph.D., Professor, Graduate School of Geography

Break With Refreshments

4:00–4:15 p.m.

Abrahms Gallery

First Floor

Higgins University Center

Session 5 (Two Tracks)

4:15–5:30 p.m.

Track 1: *Clark Geography in and for Worcester*

Lurie Conference Room

Higgins University Center

This panel will review the many ways in which Clark geographers have conducted and connected research, teaching, and service in and around the city of Worcester, from revitalizing the Hadwen Arboretum, fostering tree-planting programs, and tracking invasive species (through the [HERO Program](#)) to working with city planners to improve the public transit system ([read story about the transit project](#)).

Moderator: [John Rogan](#), Ph.D., Professor, Graduate School of Geography

Panelists:

- [Deborah \(Deb\) Martin](#), Ph.D., Professor, Graduate School of Geography
- Sarah Hughes '23
- [Nicolas \(Nick\) Malizia](#) '05, M.A. Geography '06, Ph.D. '13 Arizona State
- Madeline (Regs) Regenye '22, M.S.-GIS '23

4:15–5:30 p.m.

Track 2: *The Future of the Clark Graduate School of Geography*

Grace Conference Room

Higgins University Center

This panel will explore the substance and role of the GSG going forward, in part by featuring current assistant professors in the department discussing their research and visions of the fields as a way to glimpse emerging approaches, areas of inquiry, and the future of the GSG in a diverse and changing world.

Moderator: [Mark Davidson](#), Ph.D., Professor, Graduate School of Geography

Panelists:

- [Abby Frazier](#), Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Graduate School of Geography
- [Gustavo Oliveira](#), Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Graduate School of Geography

- [Max Ritts](#), Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Graduate School of Geography
- [Hamed Alemohammad](#), Ph.D., Associate Professor, Graduate School of Geography; Director, Center for Geospatial Analytics at Clark Labs

Closing Reception

5:30–6:30 p.m.

Wetzel Terrace

Tilton Hall

Higgins University Center

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