Program at a glance

Thursday 04/13

5:00-6:30 PM  Pre-Atwood Reception  Clark Labs
7:00 PM  Annual Wallace W. Atwood Lecture  Razzo Hall
         Kendra McSweeney, Ph.D.
9:00 PM  Post-Atwood Reception  Razzo Hall

Friday 04/14

11:00 AM  Registration/Welcome  Tilton Hall
12:00-1:30 PM  Kick-off Luncheon  Tilton Hall
2:00-3:15 PM  Session 1 (Track 1)  Jefferson 320
2:00-3:15 PM  Session 1 (Track 2)  Jefferson 318
3:15-3:45 PM  Break With Refreshments  Jefferson
4:00-5:15 PM  Session 2 (Track 1)  Jefferson 218
4:00-5:15 PM  Session 2 (Track 2)  Jefferson 320
5:30-6:30 PM  Reception  Tilton Hall
6:30-8:00 PM  Dinner  Tilton Hall

Saturday 04/15

9:00 AM  Continental Breakfast  Abrahms Gallery
9:30-10:45 AM  Roger Kaspersen’s Legacy  Grace Conf. Room
10:45-11:15 AM  Break With Refreshments  Abrahms Gallery
11:30-12:45 PM  Session 3 (One Track)  Grace Conf. Room
1:00-2:30 PM  Keynote Luncheon  Tilton Hall
Saturday 04/15 (cont.)

2:45–4:00 PM  
Session 4 (Track 1)  
Session 4 (Track 2)  
Grace Conf. ^HG
Lurie Conf. ^HG
Abrahms Gallery ^HG

4:00–4:15 PM  
Break With Refreshments  

4:15–5:30 PM  
Session 5 (Track 1)  
Session 5 (Track 2)  
Lurie Conf. ^HG
Grace Conf. ^HG
Tilton Hall/Terrace ^HG

5:30–6:30 PM  
Closing Reception  

^HG - Higgins University Center  
(Traina) - Traina Center for the Arts  
(Jefferson) - Jefferson Academic Center  

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Dear alumni and friends of the GSG, Welcome to the celebration of the 100th anniversary of Clark University’s Graduate School of Geography! We are thrilled to have you here on campus as we mark this momentous occasion. The centenary of the GSG is significant not only for the department itself, but for Clark as a university and for geography as a discipline in North America, since the GSG has played major roles in both.

This celebration of the GSG’s centenary is, above all, a celebration of all of the people who have passed through Clark Geography over the past century and made it the institution it is. Ten decades of superb faculty and students conducting research, teaching and learning together, mentoring each other and forging lifelong friendships, and working to use the insights of geography to build a better world, has created a community that connects GSG faculty, alumni, and students across time and space. That community gives us an enduring sense of collective identity tied to a particular place – something about which geographers know a thing or two. The GSG community has also been a dynamic, challenging, and supportive environment enabling the remarkable creativity and contributions to geographic scholarship that have given the GSG its richly deserved global reputation.

The GSG’s first hundred years contained more significant achievements, figures, and impacts than I can summarize here. At the disciplinary level, Clark geographers and the GSG have shaped academic geography in profound ways. From economic geography to behavioral, political, and urban geography; through the long arc of human-environment geography; and from radical and
The faculty of Clark’s Graduate School of Geography has included some of the most influential scholars in the discipline over the past century, as evident in their publications and citations, awards and memberships in learned societies and advisory organizations, and the subsequent careers of many of their students. Equally important are the GSG’s doctoral students, who are in many ways the heart of the program: Clark Geography consistently attracts innovative, integrative, and influential thinkers in geography. Personally, I can say that as a human-environment geographer, I chose to join the Clark Geography faculty largely because of the opportunity to work with the best doctoral students in the field, and each year’s cohort of new students validates that decision anew.

For over a hundred years, then, the GSG has been a leader in the discipline of geography and one of the main wellsprings of Clark’s reputation as a research university. We are thrilled to have you here on campus, and we look forward to our discussions of the GSG’s rich history and exciting future.

James McCarthy
Director, Graduate School of Geography
Leo L. and Joan Kraft Laskoff Professor of Economics, Technology and Environment
Annual Wallace W. Atwood Lecture

Kendra McSweeney, Ph.D.

Prohibition Geographies
Professor of Geography and Distinguished Scholar
Department of Geography
The Ohio State University

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 prohibitionary regime targeting one such commodity: cocaine.

Pre-Atwood Reception
5:00 PM – 6:30 PM Clark Labs
932 Main Street
Introducing New Center for Geospatial Analytics at Clark Labs.

Lecture
7:00 PM Razzo Hall, Traina Center for the Arts
92 Downing St.
Free and open to the campus community and the public.

Post-lecture reception
Immediately following lecture in Razzo Hall

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.
Registration/Welcome
11:00 AM Tilton Hall
Kick-off Luncheon
12:00-1:30 PM Tilton Hall
Limited to GSG undergraduate and graduate alumni, faculty, staff, and invited guests.

Session one
2:00-3:15 PM Jefferson 320
Track 1: The Clark Graduate School of Geography’s Leadership in and Contributions to GIScience and Earth Systems Science

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
Session One
2:00–3:15 PM Jefferson 218
Track 2: The Clark Graduate School of Geography’s Leadership in and Contributions to Human-Environment, Development, and Urban-Economic Geography

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 of Geography, Director Graduate School of Geography, Leo L. and Joan Kraft Laskoff Professor of Economics, Technology and Environment

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., Professor of Geography, Associate Provost and Dean of Graduate Studies and Research
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, Colorado Springs
Dianne Rocheleau, Ph.D., Professor Emerita, Graduate School of Geography
Break With Refreshments
3:15–3:45 PM Jefferson Hallway

Session Two
4:00–5:15 PM Jefferson 218
Track 1: A CUGS-Sponsored Conversation: Bobby Wilson, Black Geographies, and Clark University

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

4:00–5:15 PM Jefferson 320
Track 2: Clark Graduate School of Geography’s Contributions to Public Policy, Institutions, and the Discipline of Geography

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, Graduate School of Geography; Editor-in-Chief, Economic 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 PM Tilton Hall
Limited to GSG undergraduate and graduate alumni, faculty, staff, and invited guests.

Dinner
6:30–8:00 PM Tilton Hall
Limited to GSG undergraduate and graduate alumni, faculty, staff, and invited guests.

Remarks by President David B. Fithian ’87 and Sebastián Royo, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
Continental Breakfast
9:00 AM  Abrahms Gallery, Higgins University Center

Roger Kasperson’s Legacy
9:30–10:45 AM  Grace Conference Room, Higgins University
Presented by the George Perkins Marsh Institute

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 and Former Director, Graduate School of Geography; Member, National Academy of Sciences
Kirstin Dow, Ph.D. ’96, Carolina Trustees Professor, Department of Geography, University of South Carolina

Break With Refreshments
10:45–11:15 AM  Abrahms Gallery, Higgins University Center
Hadwen Arboretum Tour

Tour Clark’s Hadwen Arboretum with John Rogan, Professor of Geography, and Clark Students.

10:30 AM  Clark University Main Gate
Depart by bus
10:45 AM  Hadwen Arboretum
Arrive by bus

11:00 AM–12:00 PM Hadwen Arboretum Tour

12:15 PM  Historic Stearns Tavern on Mill Street
Depart by Bus
12:30 PM  Clark University
Arrive by bus (in time for luncheon)
Session Three
11:30 AM-12:45 PM Grace Conference Room, Higgins Univ. Center

The Future for Engaged Research on Risks, Hazards, and Sustainability Science
*Presented by the George Perkins Marsh Institute*

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.

**Moderator:** Robert (Rob) Johnston, Ph.D., Director of the Marsh Institute; Professor of Economics

**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
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
Clark Geography Milestones

1920s-1940s Transcontinental Field Trips/Field Camps

1920

1921 Founding of the Graduate School of Geography

1923 Undergraduate major established

1925 Founding of Economic Geography

1929 Saul Cohen

1951 Women at Clark

1956 Paul Siple Wind Chill Factor

1965 Saul Cohen

1969 Founding of Economic Geography
Keynote Luncheon
1:00–2:30 PM 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

Limited to GSG undergraduate and graduate alumni, faculty, staff, and invited guests
Session Four
2:45–4:00 PM Grace Conference Room, Higgins Univ. Center

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

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 and Former Director, 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
Joni Seager, Ph.D. ’88, Professor, Global Studies, Bentley College
2:45–4:00 PM Lurie Conference Room, Higgins University Center
Track 2: Clark Geography and Transformed Environments: Past, Present and Future

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 PM Abrahms Gallery, Higgins University Center
Session Five
4:15–5:30 PM Lurie Conference Room, Higgins University Center
Track 1: Clark Geography in and for Worcester

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.

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 PM Grace Conference Room, Higgins Univ. Center  
**Track 2:** The Future of the Clark Graduate School of Geography

This panel will explore the substance and role of the GSG going forward, in part by featuring current assistant and associate 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, Associate Director, 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 PM Wetzel Terrace, Tilton Hall, Higgins Univ. Center

*Limited to GSG undergraduate and graduate alumni, faculty, staff and invited guests.*
Stephen Young’s photography will be on display in the Abrahms gallery (Higgins University Center) for the duration of the centennial event. The show contains numerous retrospective works including pieces from the exhibit *Macro or Micro?*, as well as selections from the more recent, activist oriented project: *Climate Change: Taking Action with Modern Mapping Techniques*.

Stephen Young, Ph.D., is an alum of the Graduate School of Geography from which he earned his doctorate in 1997. For the past 28 years he has taught at Salem State University (SSU). He is the creator of numerous art and science exhibitions which have shown in over 25 galleries including the Museum of Science in Boston, headquarters of the National Science Foundation, Traina Center for the Visual and Performing arts at Clark University, and the Sazmanab Center for Contemporary Art in Tehran, Iran.
Saul B. Cohen
1925 - 2021
GSG Director and Faculty Member (1965-1978); AAG President (1989)

A prominent political geographer, Saul Cohen’s tenure as Director was marked by the significant upgrading of academic standards and increasing minority enrollment. Cohen anticipated the future of geography and began to develop new strengths in the areas of environmental cognition, international development, and environmental hazards management. Under his leadership, the school’s faculty doubled and the number of graduate students increased substantially. The School’s traditional environmental focus was rejuvenated and the number of geography undergraduate majors rose to more than 100. In addition, Cohen established teacher preparation programs, continuing the GSG’s long-standing contributions to geographic education, and built lasting ties to Israel and Israeli scholars through exchange programs and his research.

Robert “Bob” W. Kates
1929 – 2018
GSG Faculty Member (1962-1986); National Academy of Sciences (1975); American Academy of Arts and Sciences (1976); President’s Medal of Science (1991); AAG President (1993)

Bob Kates was a preeminent human-environmental scholar whose work focused on natural hazard and sustainability science. Kates was deeply committed to collaborative science and the challenge of mitigating the impacts of human use and transformation of the Earth. His early work examined the social dimensions of environmental change and technological hazards; his conceptual models being at the forefront of hazards research. Later, he advanced methods for assessing the impacts and societal responses of/to climate change, helping to establish the field of sustainability science. He was co-founder of the Center for Technology, Environment, and Development (CENTED), later the Marsh Institute, and a highly sought after Ph.D. advisor who taught courses on risk/hazards, resource management, and field methods, among others.
Roger E. Kasperson
1938 – 2021
B.A. Clark Geography (1959); GSG Faculty Member (1969-2003); Dean (1971-1974); Provost (1993-1997); National Academy of Sciences (2003); American Academy of Arts and Sciences (2004)

Roger Kasperson was a giant in the fields of risk analysis and communication, global environmental change, sustainability science, vulnerability, and resilience. His teaching and research recognized the intersection of environment, society, and technology at a time when environmental awareness among policy makers was only just beginning. Kasperson was a pioneer in risk perception studies, a co-founder of the Society for Risk Analysis and Clark’s Center for Technology, Environment, and Development (CENTED), later the Marsh Institute, serving as its director from 1978 to 1981. From 2000-2004 he was the Executive Director of the Stockholm Environment Institute. Kasperson mentored many Clark students during his tenure and taught courses on citizen participation, the politics of environmental management, and nuclear energy, among others.

William “Bill” A. Koelsch
1933 – 2022
GSG Faculty Member (1962-1998); Clark University Archivist

Bill Koelsch was a cultural and historical geographer who established Clark’s archives in the 1960s and 1970s. In 1987, in conjunction with the University’s centennial, Koelsch completed a definitive history of Clark’s first 100 years - Clark University, 1887-1987: A Narrative History – a book that remains the go-to guide to the University and the GSG’s early years. Koelsch was also a long-standing activist for LGBTQ+ rights who, in 1975, began teaching a course at Clark on the gay liberation movement. In addition, he served on the Massachusetts Gay Political Caucus, performed community activism for gay rights, and incorporated information on HIV/AIDS into his public health course as early as 1982. Koelsch’s courses on cultural/historical geography and geographical thought were ever-popular offerings during his tenure.
Robert C. Mitchell  
1935 - 2022  
GSG Faculty Member (1987-2002)

Robert Mitchell was a world-leading authority in the fields of environmental economics, environmental perception, and research methods. Mitchell pioneered the technique of contingent valuation—a method of using surveys to help monetize damages to health and the environment. His book, co-authored with Richard Carson, *Using Surveys to Value Public Goods*, is one of the most influential texts on methods in environmental economics, recognized as a Publication of Enduring Value by the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists. Beyond his influence on the fields of environmental economics and geography, Mitchell was a generous colleague, a superb educator and mentor, and a firm believer in interdisciplinary research as an essential means for understanding the values people place on environmental resources.
1. Walter Murphy
2. Harry Cummings
3. Ronnie Mason
4. Joe Thornton
5. Peggy Lentz
6. Sue Duquette
7. Judy Dworkin
8. Terry Laskowski
9. Al Hecht
10. Bob Beck
11. Norm Carpenter
12. Bill Carolan
13. Sister Annette Buttmer
14. Melsetta Harrison
15. Perry Massey
16. Bob Morrill
17. David Seamon
18. Kao Liaw
19. David McCauley
20. Duane Knos
21. Henry Warman
22. Darwin Kelsey
23. Jim Cerny
24. Graham Rowles
25. Larry Lewis
26. Bruce Ryder
27. Joe Copes
28. Diana Conyers
29. Tom Hinkins
30. Frank Mills
31. Connie Gediman
32. Bill Emerson
33. Dick Peet
34. Bobby Wilson
35. Nick Crawford
36. Mark Mujwahuzi
37. Len Berry
38. Gordon Hinzmann
39. Bill Koelsch
40. Gary Roboff
41. Dick Howard
42. Dutch Klugman
43. Walker Banning
44. Alan Marcus
45. Bob Cotti
46. Mary Lou Orcutt
47. George McCleary
48. Marc Eichen