



Academic Affairs

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The Division of Academic Affairs at SUNY Geneseo is organized into 2 schools and 18 academic departments which provide a variety of majors, minors, and concentrations for our students. The division also includes several support units that complement our academic programs, enhance programmatic study, and ensure the development and completion of degree programs.

Center for Digital Learning Created in April

New to Academic Affairs is the Center for Digital Learning, which was created to bring needed coordination to the college's growing yet distributed support for online instruction, hybrid pedagogy, digital pedagogy in the face-to-face classroom, and digital scholarship and creative activity conducted by faculty.

In his capacity as Professor of English and Assistant to the Provost for Digital Learning & Scholarship, Paul Schacht agreed to serve as the Center's inaugural director.

Paul assembled a team of faculty and student affiliates to assist in planning professional development opportunities and support for learning and to help engage the full campus in drafting a strategic plan for digital learning consistent with the mission, values, and historic character of SUNY Geneseo as a public liberal arts college.

As Paul stated, "Education and knowledge-creation in the twenty-first century are unimaginable without digital tools for research and creative expression, classroom learning, and learning at a distance."

The Center for Digital Learning not only works to put these digital tools within reach of all faculty, staff, and students, it also works to ensure that these tools are used responsibly and effectively in ways that advance student success, promote equity, respect diversity, and foster inclusiveness.

The Center supports the college's mission to foster transformational learning, a rich co-curricular life, and a dynamic and inclusive scholarly environment in its role as an incubator for innovative digital approaches to teaching and scholarship, and as a resource to faculty, staff, and students seeking to understand and benefit from the latest technology-driven developments in their fields.

The Center works in close coordination with the department of Computing and Information Technology, Milne Library, the Center for Integrative Learning, the Teaching and Learning Center, and the Office of Accessibility Services.

For more information about the Center for Digital Learning, and to read its blog posts (<https://cdl-geneseo.github.io/>), visit <https://www.geneseo.edu/cdl>.

Faculty and Professional Staff Hired September 2, 2019 - September 1, 2020

Tenure-Track Faculty:

Mohammad Ansari, Assistant Professor of History
(Islamic World)

Amy Braksmajer, Assistant Professor of Sociology

Hanna Brant, Assistant Professor of Political Science
and International Relations

Whitney Brown, Assistant Professor of Psychology
(Clinical/Counseling Psychology)

Elizabeth Felski, Assistant Professor of Accounting in
the School of Business

Chinmay Jain, Assistant Professor of Finance in the
School of Business

Varuni Jamburuthugoda, Assistant Professor of Biology
(Biochemist)

Lydia Kertz, Assistant Professor of English (Global
Medieval Literatures)

Bradley Taber-Thomas, Assistant Professor of
Psychology (Cognitive and Affective Neuroscience)

Paul Yan, Assistant Professor of Finance in the School of
Business

Visiting Faculty:

John Jones, Visiting Assistant Professor of Education

Bruno Renero-Hannan, PRODiG Fellow in Anthropology

Shandeepa Wickramasinghe, Visiting Assistant
Professor of Mathematics

Library Faculty:

Becky Leathersich, Research Instruction Librarian

Professional Staff:

Emily Cooper, Associate College Registrar

Amy Fisk, Assistant Dean for Accessibility

Valerie Smith, Senior Information Security Analyst

Keely Soltow, College Registrar

Madelyn Schwartz, Technology Support Associate

Marcus Watts, Director of Access Opportunities
Programs

Kevin Wojick, Lead Programmer Analyst

Faculty and Professional Staff Granted Promotion or Tenure During Academic Year 2019-2020

Faculty Promotions:

James Aimers, Anthropology, to Professor
Jason Ozubko, Psychology, to Associate Professor
Stephen Tulowiecki, Geography, to Associate Professor

Faculty Promotions to Associate Professor and Continuing Appointment:

Cesar Aguilar, Mathematics
Ryan Jones, History
Michael Masci, Music
Amanda Roth, Philosophy
Pouya Seifzadeh, School of Business
Michael Restivo, Sociology
Nicholas Warner, Geological Sciences



Faculty Continuing Appointment:

Leah McGray, Music
Melanie Medeiros, Anthropology
Christine Merrilees, Psychology

Librarian Faculty Continuing Appointment:

Alana Nuth, Milne Library

Administrator Promotion:

Joseph Cope, Office of the Provost, to Associate Provost
for Academic Success

Professional Staff Promotions:

Emily Cole, Study Abroad, to Associate Director of
Study Abroad/International Programs
Jeremy Hall, Institutional Research, to Assistant
Director of Institutional Research
Nicholas Hardy, Computing & Information Technology,
to Senior Desktop Services Analyst

Professional Staff Promotions and Permanent Appointment:

Brian Galliford, Computing & Information Technology,
to Senior Desktop Services Analyst
Travis Kershner, Computing & Information
Technology, to Senior Network Analyst

Professional Staff Permanent Appointment:

Allison Brown, Milne Library
Amy Freese, Office of the Registrar
Courtney Havens, Access Opportunity Programs
Bryan Rivera, Access Opportunity Programs
Leah Root, Milne Library

Professional Staff Permanent Appointment, cont.

Suzanna Rubright, Sponsored Research
Florence Stephens, Access Opportunity Programs

Award Winning Faculty and Staff 2019-2020

Distinguished Teaching Professor

Harry Howe, School of Business

Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching

Kodjo Adabra, Languages & Literatures
Joan Floriano, Music
Melanie Medeiros, Anthropology

Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Adjunct Teaching

Beata Golec, Music
Kristi Krumrine, Anthropology

Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activities

Avan Jassawalla, School of Business

Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Librarianship

Sheryl Larson-Rhodes, Milne Library

Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Faculty Service

David Levy, Philosophy

Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service

Anne Baldwin, Sponsored Research
Laurie Fox, Computing & Information Technologies

Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Classified Service

Kathy Gibson-Moore, Academic Planning & Advising

Academic Affairs Awards for Outstanding Commitment to Geneseo's Values

Melanie Medeiros, Anthropology, Award for Learning
Lytton Smith, Center for Integrative Learning & English,
Award for Creativity
Irene Belyakov-Goodman, English, Award for Inclusivity
Edward Pogozelski, Physics & Astronomy, Award for
Civic Responsibility
Andrea Klein, Scheduling, Events, & Conferences
Services, Award for Sustainability

2020-2021 Sabbatical Leaves

The following faculty were granted sabbatical leave during the 2020-21 academic year. Some were then granted a deferral due to the effects of the pandemic or other previously unforeseen circumstances on their scholarship.

Name	Department	Semester Request	Sabbatical Title
Mark Broomfield	Theatre & Dance	Academic Year 2020/2021	Black Queer Masculinities in American Contemporary Dance: Passing for Almost Straight
Gregg Hartvigsen	Biology	Academic Year 2020/2021	Advances in Quantitative Ecology
Travis Bailey	Biology	Fall 2020	Chaf1b function in zebrafish development
Scott Giorgis	Geological Sciences	Fall 2020	Geology of the La Sal Mountains, UT and Testing the Effectiveness of Digital vs. Physical Models for Learning 3D Visualization Skills
Andrew Herman	Communication	Fall 2020	The Importance of Communication in the Job Search Process
Avan Jassawalla	School of Business	Fall 2020	Developing Three Research Projects
Lytton Smith	English	Fall 2020 (deferred)	Dreamland: Self Help Manual for a Frightened Nation: a translation from the Icelandic by Andri Snaer Magnason
David Aagesen	Geography	Spring 2021	Renew, Represent, and Redirect: Landscape Change in Patagonia, Strengthening Ties at the University of Groningen, and Exploratory Fieldwork in Southern Mexico
Lynette Bosch	Art History	Spring 2021 (deferred)	Arturo Rodríguez and Jake Fernandez
Anne Eisenberg	Sociology	Spring 2021	Exploring Identity Processes for Women and Minorities in STEM Fields
Elizabeth Hutchison	Biology	Spring 2021	Characterization of the <i>fsd-1</i> transcription factor in the fungus <i>Neurospora crassa</i>
Beth McCoy	English	Spring 2021	"The Sad Aperture of the Dead": Anti-Blackness and the Book as an Object
Jeffrey Peterson	Chemistry	Spring 2021 (deferred)	The Chemistry of Renewable Energy
Karleen West	Political Science & International Relations	Spring 2021 (deferred)	The Political Foundations of Community-Based Bioremediation in Sucumbios, Ecuador



2020 Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence



The Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence is the highest honor bestowed upon a student by the State University of New York.

Created in 1997, the award recognizes students who have best demonstrated, and have been recognized for, the integration of academic excellence with accomplishments in the areas of leadership, athletics, community service, creative and performing arts, campus involvement, or career achievement.

Former SUNY Chancellor Kristina Johnson honored the following Geneseo students in a virtual video celebration:

- ◆ James Canning, an applied mathematics major with a minor in physics and the Honors Program
- ◆ Conlan Keenan, a communication major and three-year captain of the Geneseo men's ice hockey team
- ◆ Angel Qiu, an accounting major with minors in finance and mathematics, with 141 credits earned

2020-2021 Presidential Scholars

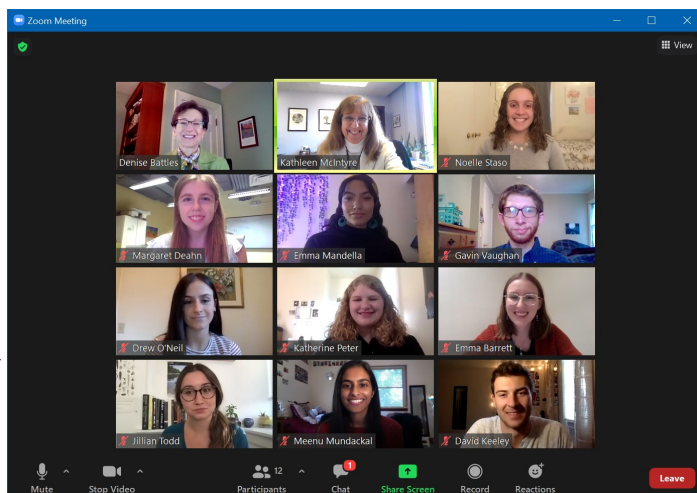
SUNY Geneseo's Presidential Scholars are top-achieving members of the senior class who exemplify Geneseo's institutional values and serve as ambassadors for the College. To be considered for the honor, a student must hold a minimum grade point average of 3.6, have earned at least 70 credits (at least 24 of which at Geneseo), and plan to graduate in May or August of the following year. Additionally, the student must demonstrate academic achievement across the curriculum, affirming Geneseo's values of excellence and innovation with experiences such as major directed studies, substantial overseas studies, independent research, conference presentations, significant artistic projects and/or record of creativity, and demonstrate Geneseo's value of integrity in academic and community life.

Students are nominated in January by members of their academic department or program and are reviewed by a panel of faculty and high-achieving senior students before being recommended to the Provost for final approval. During the fall semester, students and their nominators are invited by the President to attend a reception where the students are presented with a certificate. The Presidential Scholars meet regularly with the Provost and/or the Associate Provost for Academic Success during the academic year and assist with various campus activities.

The following students were selected to serve as Presidential Scholars for the 2020-21 academic year:

- ◆ Emma Barrett, a Geography major with a minor in Urban Studies
- ◆ Margaret Deahn, a Geological Sciences major with minors in Geography and Mathematics
- ◆ David Cameron Keeley, a Biochemistry major
- ◆ Emma Mandella, a dual English and Philosophy major
- ◆ Meenu Mundackal, a Biology major with a minor in Human Development
- ◆ Drew O'Neil, a Sociomedical Sciences major with minors in Environmental Studies and Public Administration
- ◆ Katherine Peter, a dual History and American Studies major with minors in Political Science and the Edgar Fellows Honors Program
- ◆ Sophia Piazza, a dual Communication and French major with a minor in Mathematics
- ◆ Noelle Staso, a Mathematics major with a minor in Biology
- ◆ Jillian Todd, a Women's and Gender Studies major with a minor in Native American Studies
- ◆ Gavin Vaughan, a Psychology major with a minor in Cognitive Science
- ◆ Laura Williams, a Biochemistry major with minors in Spanish and the Edgar Fellows Honors Program

This year's photo with President Battles after their congratulatory reception (right) took on a new look from the typical President's Residence front porch background. Presidential Scholars were encouraged to pick up their certificates from the President's Office following the Zoom ceremony.



2020 Major Fellowships & Scholarships

The following Geneseo students have won major external fellowships and scholarships for undergraduate and graduate study and for travel in many parts of the world:

Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship

- ◆ Tshering Sherpa (Trinidad and Tobago)
- ◆ Michael Suchyna (France)

Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange for Young Professionals

- ◆ Alberta Eshenour

DAAD German Academic Exchange Fellowships

- ◆ Wady Jacoby (RISE)
- ◆ Laura Williams (RISE)

Freeman-Asia Program

- ◆ Sharmila Biswa

Fulbright US Student Program

- ◆ Bizzy Coy (Ireland)
- ◆ Connor Widmaier (Germany)
- ◆ Anna Charny (Spain)
- ◆ Rickie Mixon (Vietnam)
- ◆ Sean Welch (Taiwan)
- ◆ Sean McAneny (Czech Republic)
- ◆ Isabelle Cirulli (Colombia)
- ◆ Rachel Britton (Iceland)