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## The American Geographical Society Awards 2019 Council Fellowships

*Description: The American Geographical Society (AGS) awards Ms. Mara van den Bold, of Clark University, the 2019 AGS Council Fellowship.*

[New York City, NY] – [March 20 2019] — The American Geographical Society (AGS) announced the recipients of the 2019 AGS Council Fellowships to support master’s and doctoral research. Among four recipients to be selected is Ms. Mara van den Bold, a Ph.D candidate at Clark University. She is joined by recipients, Mr. Jacob Dein, a Master’s Student at the University of Tennessee, Ms. Ileana Diaz, a Ph.D candidate at the University of Waterloo, and Ms. Megan Mills-Novoa, a Ph.D Candidate at the University of Arizona. AGS Councilors selected the winners from a highly competitive field and a record number of applicants. The AGS will recognize the Fellowship recipients at its annual Fall Symposium at Columbia University on November 21 and 22, 2019.

For Ms. Mara van den Bold, the fellowship award will allow her to continue her study , *“Greening energy: the politics of solar power in Senegal.”* When asked about her award, Ms. van den Bold replied, “I will use the AGS Council Fellowship towards funding my field work in Senegal, which will examine the implications of large-scale renewable energy development for rural livelihoods.”

“The future of geographic research and innovation is bright as long as we support young scholars,” said Dr. Marie Price, Chair of the Selection Committee and President of AGS. “The AGS Council Fellowship is one of the ways that our society encourages graduate students to pursue original research around the world.”

The American Geographical Society (AGS) is a 21st-century learning society dedicated to the advancement of geographic thinking, knowledge, and understanding across business, government, academe, social sectors, and most importantly with teachers and students. Established in 1851, AGS is the oldest professional geographical organization in the United States. It is recognized worldwide as a pioneer in geographical research and education for over 168 years. The mission of AGS is to advance and promote geography in business, government, science, and education. Our goal is to enhance the nation’s geographic literacy so as to engender sound public policy, national security, and human well-being worldwide. AGS seeks to engage the American public, from its youngest to its oldest citizens, with new and amazing ways to understand and characterize our changing world. The Society maintains its headquarters in New York City.



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