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The American Geographical Society Awards 2019 Council Fellowships

Description: The American Geographical Society (AGS) announces the recipients of 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. The recipients are Mr. Jacob Dein, a Master's Student at the University of Tennessee, Ms. Ileana Diaz, a Ph.D candidate at the University of Waterloo, Ms. Megan Mills-Novoa, a Ph.D Candidate at the University of Arizona and Ms. Mara van den Bold, a Ph.D candidate at Clark University. 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.

Mr. Dein will use the fellowship award to fund his Master's research *“Where do the city birds sing? The influence of green space on the urban soundscape.”* Upon receiving the scholarship, Mr. Dein wrote, “I am thrilled that the AGS fellowship will allow me to further explore urban soundscapes in the U.S. and Europe. My fieldwork enabled by this award will support solutions to increasing anthropogenic noise—improving the livability of cities for both humans and wildlife. I am extremely grateful to the AGS for their generous support!”

Ms. Ileana Diaz will use the Fellowship funds to support part of her initial fieldwork for her dissertation project titled, *“Navigating Food Futures: Post-Disaster Food Sovereignty in Puerto Rico.”* Ileana stated, “Being recognized with the AGS Council Fellowship helps me get closer to my goals, this is a wonderful opportunity and recognition. I am truly honored and grateful for this fellowship and for the society's support of my research.”

For Ms. Mills-Novoa, the Fellowship will allow her to advance her dissertation research, *“After Adaptation: A multi-scalar study of climate change adaptation projects in Southern Ecuador.”* Megan stated, “I am greatly appreciative for the support of the AGS Council Fellowship. This funding will enable me to return to southern Ecuador in Fall 2019 and complete a crucial second phase of dissertation research on the long-term impacts of climate change adaptation projects in highland communities.”

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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