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The American Geographical Society Awards 2021 Council Fellowship to Ms. Alana Rader

Description: The American Geographical Society (AGS) awards Ms. Alana Rader of Rutgers University the 2021 AGS Council Fellowship.

[New York City, NY] – [March 16, 2021] — The American Geographical Society (AGS) announced the recipients of the 2021 AGS Council Fellowships to support master’s and doctoral research. Ms. Alana Rader, a Ph.D. candidate at Rutgers the State University of New Jersey, is one of four recipients of the 2021 Fellowship. Established in 2013, graduate students from universities around the world are eligible to apply for the $1,500.00 award. AGS will recognize the Fellowship recipients during its annual Fall Symposium, streaming online November 15-19, 2021.

Ms. Alana Rader will use the fellowship funds to facilitate a community mapping exercise to analyze the relationship of historical to current land uses and patterns of forest regeneration in Mexico to complete her dissertation, Beyond Deforestation: Dynamics of Tropical Forest Regeneration and Land Use in the Mesoamerican Biological Corridor, Mexico. Ms. Rader said, "My research interests lie at the intersection of ecology, land use, and landscape recovery across scales. I examine this intersection in tropical forests of the Mesoamerican Biological Corridor in Mexico for my dissertation, to assess how the process of tropical forest regeneration following environmental and human disturbances is driven by the feedback of biophysical processes and land use."

"Members of the American Geographical Society Council believe that supporting researchers who address contemporary issues is fundamental. To ensure the health of the discipline, we must support young scholars" said Dr. Marie Price, Chair of the Selection Committee and President of AGS. "We are delighted to fund four promising young scholars in their field investigations through the AGS Council Fellowships and we look forward to reading about their discoveries," added Dr. Price.

The American Geographical Society 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 170 years. The mission of AGS is to convene a diverse global community of innovators, thinkers, and practitioners; create and curate geographical knowledge, learning and exploration; and advance geographic science and technologies to address society’s challenges and opportunities. The Society maintains its headquarters in New York City.

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