

# Maxwell School of Citizenship & Public Affairs

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## GRADUATE CONVOCATION

May 9, 2025



# Program

## WELCOME

David M. Van Slyke, Dean, Maxwell School

## STUDENT SPEAKER

Muhammad Mustafa Mian  
Executive Master of Public Administration

## PRESENTATION OF THE 2025 DANIEL PATRICK MOYNIHAN AWARD

Carol Faulkner  
Senior Associate Dean, Maxwell School

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Ryan Monarch  
Assistant Professor of Economics

## RECOGNITION OF FACULTY AWARDS AND FACULTY FAREWELL

Gladys McCormick  
Associate Dean, Maxwell School

## PRESENTATION OF DOCTORAL AWARDS

Shana Gadarian  
Associate Dean, Maxwell School

## RECOGNITION OF DOCTORAL AND MASTER' S CANDIDATES

Anthropology  
Economics  
Geography and the Environment  
History  
Political Science  
Public Administration and International Affairs  
Social Science  
Sociology

## CLOSING

David M. Van Slyke, Dean, Maxwell School

# Doctoral Candidates

## DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY

Christopher DeCorse, Chair

### **Tony Chamoun**

Advisor: Shannon A. Novak

*Estranged Bodies, Race, and Sectarianism: An Historical Bioarcheology of Ottoman and French Beirut*

### **Taylor Harman**

Advisor: Shannon A. Novak

*Evolution on High: A Comparison of the Physiology and Narrative Representation of Two Native High Altitude Populations*

**Doctoral Prize Winner**

### **Mariel M. Rivera-Piluso**

Advisor: Robert A. Rubinstein

*Reproductive Justice in Motion: Community Doula Work in Central New York*

## DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

Devashish Mitra, Chair

### **Kyuhan Choi**

Advisor: Alfonso Flores-Lagunes

*Three Essays on Teacher Retention and Minority Health in the U.S.*

### **Jingxuan Du**

Advisor: Alfonso Flores-Lagunes

*Essays on Internal Migration, Education, and Trade Liberalization*

**Doctoral Prize Winner**

### **Brian Green**

Advisor: Ryan Monarch and Jeffrey Kubik

*Essays on Multinational Behavior*

### **Jooyoung Kim**

Advisor: Devashish Mitra

*Location Choice of Same-sex Couples*

### **Andrew Smith**

Advisor: Hugo Jales

*Investigations of Sorting and Non-Wage Market Clearing: Three Essays in Labor Economics*

### **Jorge Valdebenito**

Advisor: Kristy Buzard

*The Other Side of the Coin: Effects of Anti-Dumping Duties on Targeted Firms*

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**Yinhan Zhang**

Advisor: Devashish Mitra

*Essays on Foreign Direct Investment, Trade, and Export Quality*

**DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

Peng Gao, Chair

**R. Tina Catania**

Advisor: Natalie Koch

*Writing the Self with Immigrant Girls in Rhode Island*

**Claudia Diaz-Combs**

Advisor: Thomas Perreault

*"When the Water Stops but the Bills Never Do": Contentious Water Politics and Collective Action in El Salvador*

**Akemi Inamoto**

Advisor: Thomas Perreault

*Governing the Paddies: Emotions, Dispossession, and Gendered Struggles for Resource Access in Rice Farming in Tolima, Colombia*

**DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY**

Susan Branson, Chair

**Erqi Cheng**

Advisor: Norman Alan Kutcher

*Curing Bodies with Bodies: Renyao (Human-derived Drugs) in Late Imperial China*

**Doctoral Prize Winner**

**DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE**

Seth Jolly, Chair

**Whitney Baillie-Berring**

Advisor: Renée de Nevers

*When Politics no Longer Stops at the Water's Edge: Exploring the Effects of Asymmetric Partisan Polarization on the United States Senate's Treaty Approval Process*

**Farrah Lamour Demoya Brown**

Advisor: Daniel McDowell

*The Political Economy of Developing Country Categorization*

**Doctoral Prize Winner**

**Samantha Call**

Advisor: Seth Jolly

*Explaining Authoritarian Populist Behavior During Episodes of Democratic Backsliding*

**Elizabeth Davis**

Advisor: Audie Klotz

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*Democratic Transition and Migration and Refugee Policy in Tunisia and In Comparative Perspective*

**Katherine Burrage Russell**

Advisor: Brian Taylor

*Femme Fatale: Explaining the Tactical Deployment of Female Operatives by Terrorist Organizations*

**Prakhar Sharma**

Advisor: Margaret G. Hermann

*Explaining Weak National Identification in Afghanistan*

**Honggang Tan**

Advisor: Dimitar Gueorguiev

*Dancing in Chains: Policy Influence of Social Organizations in China*

**Kari Waters**

Advisor: Seth Jolly

*Infringing on Democracy: The European Union and Democratic Backsliding*

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS**

Leonard Lopoo, Associate Dean and Chair

**William Fannin**

Advisor: Colleen Heflin

*Three Essays on Administrative Burden and the Social Safety Net*

**Myriam Gregoire-Zawilski**

Advisor: David Popp

*Technology Policy for Meeting Net-Zero Carbon Goals by 2050: Accelerating Innovation in Complementary Technologies to Decarbonize the Electrical Grid*

**Abdela Hilo**

Advisor: John McPeak

*Three Essays on Improving Access to Healthcare in Ethiopia.*

**Jiho Kim**

Advisor: Tina Nabatchi

*Promoting Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion through Collaborative Governance*

**Anna Wiersma Strauss**

Advisor: Emily Wiemers

*Three Essays on the Implications of U.S. Social Welfare Spending through the Tax Code.*

**Doctoral Prize Winner**

**SOCIAL SCIENCE PROGRAM**

Amy Lutz, Chair

**El Java Abdul-Qadir**

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Advisor: Rebecca Schewe

*The Sociological Determinants of Entrepreneurial Performance: A Study of Structural Barriers, Creative Strategies, and Heterogeneity Amongst REMI Entrepreneurs in the United States*

### **Baurzhan Bokayev**

Advisor: Amy Lutz

*"Making a Bridge Between Countries": Kazakh Students' Socialization and Professional Development within American Universities*

### **Mary Elizabeth Helander**

Advisor: Peng Gao

*Disparate Patterns in U.S. Emergency Medical Services and Data Missingness as a Socio-Technical Determinant of Health*

### **Fitore Hyseni**

Advisor: Peter Blanck

*Three Essays on Socio-Spatial Exclusion of Disabled People*

### **Harneet Kaur**

Advisor: Sarah Hamersma

*Exploring the Interplay of Restorative Justice, Mental Health, and Support Structures in Shaping Student Outcomes*

### **Doctoral Prize Winner**

### **Krushna Ranaware**

Advisor: Rebecca Schewe

*(In)Visible Work: Gender, Labour, and Agricultural Markets in India*

### **Taveeshi Singh**

Advisor: Chandra Talpade Mohanty

*Domestic Exertions: Soldier-Servants, Military Elites, and Securitized Labor in India*

### **Wendy Wicker**

Advisor: Margaret G. Hermann

*Who are we? What do we do? How do we Engage with Others? U.S.-based Private Philanthropic Foundations and Their Stakeholder Relationships through the Lens of Identity*

### **Shiyang Xiao**

Advisor: Yilin Hou

*Three Essays on the Policy Process of Subnational Industrial Policymaking in China*

## **DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY**

Merril Silverstein, Chair

### **Jeung Hyun Kim**

Advisor: Merrill Silverstein

*Multiculturalism and the Wellbeing of Older U.S. Immigrants*

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**Sujung Lee**

Advisor: Yingyi Ma

*A Mixed Methods Study of Chinese and Korean International Student Satisfaction and Experience in American Higher Education*

**Doctoral Prize Winner**

**Claire Pendergrast**

Advisor: Madonna Harrington Meyer

*Social Determinants of Aging Service Use and Home and Community-Based Service Availability: Do Childhood Disadvantage and Local Characteristics Matter?*

**Yue Sun**

Advisor: Shannon M. Monnat

*Explaining Geographic Disparities in Cardiovascular Disease Mortality: The Roles of Physical Environment, Industry Structures, and State Policies*

**Ibrahim Emre Yanik**

Advisor: Edwin Ackerman

*Stranded in Transit: Migrants' Borderland Experiences En Route to Europe*

# Master's Degree Candidates

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## DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

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### **M.S. SUSTAINABLE ORGANIZATIONS AND POLICY**

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**Conflict and Collaboration**

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**Data Analytics for Public Policy**

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### **Health Services Administration and Policy**

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### **Leadership of International & Non-Governmental Organizations**

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### **Population Health and Aging**

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### **Postconflict Reconstruction**

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Marriler Wilson  
Jakob Zemba

**South Asian Studies**

Sophia Kathleen Van Wormer

# Athenian Oath

WE WILL EVER STRIVE FOR THE IDEALS AND SACRED THINGS OF  
THE CITY, BOTH ALONE AND WITH MANY; WE WILL UNCEASINGLY SEEK TO  
QUICKEN THE SENSE OF PUBLIC DUTY; WE WILL REVERE AND OBEY THE CITY'S  
LAW; WE WILL TRANSMIT THIS CITY NOT  
ONLY NOT LESS, BUT GREATER, BETTER AND MORE BEAUTIFUL THAN IT WAS  
TRANSMITTED TO US.

*From the Oath of the Athenian City-State, inscribed in the lobby of Maxwell  
Hall Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University*



# Alma Mater

WHERE THE VALE OF ONONDAGA MEETS THE EASTERN SKY.

PROUDLY STANDS OUR ALMA MATER ON HER HILLTOP HIGH.

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- Junius W. Stevens, Class of 1895

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