Geographers analyze space and spatial processes, context, place, location and scale, to understand and act on urgent global challenges around impoverishment, housing, health and well-being, labor rights, racial justice, immigration, sustainability and more. We use interdisciplinary theories and methods and we connect research to action, in close collaboration with policy makers, communities, students and activists.

**Highlights**

- Geography faculty hold 4 UW Distinguished Teaching Awards and the Distinguished Graduate Mentor Award.
- Geography faculty lead units across campus, including the UW Honors Program; the Department of Law, Societies and Justice; and the Harry Bridges Center for Labor Studies.
- Geography graduate students have received the UW Graduate School Medal, the UW Distinguished Dissertation Award, and over 35 National Science Foundation fellowships.
- Undergraduate Geography majors have won McNair Scholar awards, Mary Gates Research Fellowships, and research and writing prizes from the Washington Association of Geographers.

**Education**

Teaching and learning in the Department of Geography combines advanced analysis and communication skills with research on urgent social and environmental problems. Students learn powerful concepts, modes of analysis, and quantitative, qualitative, and data visualization methods that prepare them to intervene in the spatial processes shaping our world. Students extend their learning through experiences such as service learning, participatory action research, creative digital scholarship, and internships. Our annual undergraduate symposium shares individual, team, and community-engaged research with audiences from campus and beyond, and our undergraduate journal, *Plenum*, publishes students’ outstanding research.

Our graduate students win prestigious grants and awards for their research and writing. Many go on to faculty positions at universities around the world. Other M.A. and Ph.D. graduates do research and policy work for local, national, and international agencies, or work as attorneys, teachers, small business owners, activists, founders of nongovernmental organizations, planners, software engineers, and artists.

**STUDENTS (Autumn 2018)**

- 283 Undergraduate majors
- 8 Master of Arts students
- 14 MGIS students
- 24 PhD students

**DEGREES AWARDED (July 2017-June 2018)**

- 115 Bachelor of Arts degrees
- 3 Master of Arts degrees
- 14 MGIS degrees
- 3 PhD degrees

**MAJOR STUDENT AWARDS (Since 2010)**

- National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowships
- National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Grants
- Ronald E. McNair Fellowship
- Ford Foundation Fellowship
- Fulbright-Hayes Awards
- Spencer Foundation Award
- Presidential Management Fellowship
- Chester Fritz Foundation Fellowships
- Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships
- American Association of University Women Fellowship
- Center for Engaged Scholarship Fellowship
- Mary Gates Undergraduate Research Awards
Faculty

Awards and honors include:

Harry S. Bridges Endowed Chair in Labor Studies
Antipode Foundation Scholar Activist Award
National Science Foundation Research Coordination Network Grant
National Science Foundation Research Grants
Spencer Foundation Research Grant
MacArthur Foundation Research Grant
Guggenheim Fellowships
UW Research Royalty Foundation Grants
President, Association of American Geographers
President, North American Regional Science Council
President, University Consortium for Geographic Information Science
Association of American Geographers GIS/Aangeenbrug Distinguished Career Award

Research

Geographers are interested in the reciprocal interactions and relationships between people, place, and environments. Our faculty, graduate students, and undergraduates study spatial dimensions of economic, cultural, social, political, and ecological processes. Our research themes, methods, and conceptual frameworks cross disciplinary boundaries and we have long-lasting connections to other units on campus, including the School of Public Health; the Jackson School of International Studies; the Center for Studies in Demography and Ecology; the Simpson Center for the Humanities; and the Departments of Gender, Women and Sexuality Studies and Law, Societies, and Justice.

Faculty scholarship covers a wide range of inquiry. Recent research projects examine processes of urbanization and migration in China; social and spatial politics of care work in Seattle, the U.S., and other countries; creative poverty politics of homelessness activism; public health geographies and the spatial regulation of gay people's bodies and spaces; transnational migration and activist struggles against immigrant detention; spatial patterns of residential segregation and racial diversity in U.S. cities; spatial-temporal dynamics of ecological resilience; and spatial patterns in opioid prescriptions and mortality in the State of Washington.

Outreach

The Department of Geography has an enduring commitment to public scholarship with communities near and far. Our faculty and students are involved in countless community-based research and action projects, educational partnerships, and public service activities. We share our research through online and print media and teach courses that support community-driven research in the Puget Sound region and beyond. We use diverse digital and geovisual media for outreach and advocacy, such as a documentary video short on immigrant detention, a mixed media virtual walking tour of historic LBGT Seattle, online “story maps” for public science education and learning, and many student-led GIS projects for local communities.

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