

Special Concentrations (2009-2023)

Name	Concentration Title	Faculty Advisor	Thesis Title
2023			
Kayla Blankenship	Mathematics and Education	Brendan Kelly	Non-Honors
Roger Cawdette	Technological and Social Innovation	Sheila Jasanoff	Non-Honors
Aysha Emmerson	Resilience Studies	Arthur Kleinman	TBD
James Rose	Law, Finance, and Political Economy	Ya-Wen Lei	TBD
Henry Cerbone	Ontology of Autonomous Systems	Sean Kelly	TBD
2022			
Jonas Nelle	Rationality	Joshua Greene	TBD
Ana Luiza Nicolae	Geography and Identity	Paul Kosmin	TBD
Kavya Koppurapu	Computer Science and Healthcare Innovation	Milind Tambe	TBD
2021			
Tony Shu	Urban Studies	Chris Herbert	Non-Honors
Catriona Zaniewski	Food and Sustainability	Pia Sorensen	Non-Honors
2020			
Jasper Johnston	Strategic Social Behavior	Daniel Shapiro	Prioritization in Negotiation: Systemic Prioritization Theory and the Case of International Climate Change Negotiations
Molly Leavens	Food and the Environment	Pia Sorensen	The Bittersweet Route to Chocolate: The Private Sector Role in Improving the Social and Environmental Outcomes of Cocoa Production
Russell Reed	Geography and Development	Jerold Kayden	Savage Gorilla, Sacred Ape: The Necropolitics of Conservation in the Kivu Mountain Gorilla Borderlands
Natalie Swartz	Health and Society	Flavia Perea	Evidence-Based Care for the Most At-Risk: Exploring Access to Medication Treatment Among Opioid Users Experiencing Homelessness
2019			
Matthew Cappucci	Atmospheric Sciences	Eric Heller	Non-Honors

Nick DiGiovanni	Food and Climate	David Weitz	Cooking Up Change: Exploring the Role of the Global Restaurant Industry in Climate Change Mitigation
Zaria Smalls	Design Engineering and Social Change	Anne Harrington Chris Lombardo	Driver Safety and the Usability of Input Devices on in-Vehicle Displays
2018			
Marcus Granderson	Rhetoric and Oratory	James Engell	Black Hope: The Rhetoric of Racial Progress in the Speeches of Frederick Douglass, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Barack Obama
Ilana Harris	Music Cognition and Perception	Richard Wolf	Alleys of Your Mind: Ideasthetic Immersion in Electronic Dance Music
Priscilla Guo	Technology, Policy, and Society	Latanya Sweeney	The Judgment of Black Boxes: Articulating a Right to Technological Due Process within Sentencing Algorithms
2017			
Isabella Chiu	Multilingualism in Urban Studies	Peter Rowe	Reading Between the Signs: How the Presence in Taipei's Urban Linguistic Landscape Changed from the 1950s until the Lifting of Martial Law in 1987
Mattea Mrkusic	Human Security and the Environment	Sunil Amrith	Collapse the Distance: Climate Change Migration and Frontline Storytelling in the Republic of Kiribati
Joy Nasr Jonathan Roberts	Nuclear Geopolitical Studies Organizational Behavior	Carolann Koleci Bart Bonikowski	The Role of Domestic Politics in Iran's Nuclear Program The Leadership Class: An Analysis of the Participation Trajectories of University Students Following the Chilean Student Protests
2016			
Sarah Cole Sofie Rose Seymour	Education and American Society Social Change and the Arts	Kay Merseth Doris Sommer	Non-Honors Non-Honors
2015			
Adam Joseph	Organizational Behavior	Mark Moore	Hacking for Higher Purpose: The Rise of the Hackathon Movement
Mark Mauriello	Theater Arts and Performance	Jill Johnson	<i>Oscar @ the Crown and the Love that Dare not Speak Its Name</i> (A Play)
2014			

Matthew Alpert	Virtual Daoism	Edward Hall/ Michael Puett	A PART OF 'A PART OF' subobject classifiers and mereologies
Jacob Brandt	Drama: Theory and Practice	Martin Puchner	<i>The Adam Project</i> (A Play)
Natalie Doyle	Global Health and Development	Thomas Burke	Non-Honors
Laura Evans	Computer Science & Innovation	James Waldo	Non-Honors
Marissa Grenon	Environmental Health	John Spengler	Promoting Social & Psychological Wealth in the Urban Public R Realm: An Examination of Successful Social Bridges in Three Thriving Regions
Thomas Hwang	Biomedical Innovation	Daniel Carpenter	Essays on Innovation and Infectious Disease
Anise Molina	Dramatic Mediums and Practice	Carol Oja	Non-Honors
2013			
Jose Bengochea	Comparative Imperial History	Emma dench	A Reawakening of Ancient Empires: An economic Challenge to Imperial Thought
Rachel Byrd	Cinedramatic Arts	Marjorie Garber	Non-Honors
Adriana Colon	Performance and the Body	Deborah Foster	<i>How we Choose to End the World</i>
Margaret Kerr	Dramatic Theory and Practice	Robert Scanlan	<i>Deirdre of the Sorrows</i>
Ariel Rubin	Geospatial History	Peter Bol	Breaking Down Borders: Multiple Perspectives on Land Transactions in Mandatory Palestine, a Case Study of the Wadi Hawarith Affair
Benjamin Woo	Cognitive Science and Music	Guyen Guzeldere	Music, Emotion and the Architecture of Thought
2012			
Samuel Bakkila	Inequality and Health	Mary Ruggie	Africa and HIV/AIDS: A Colonial and Neoliberal Epidemic
Priscilla Cosgrove	Urban Studies	Alex Krieger	Controlling a Loveable Freakshow: Social Disorder, Identity, and Collective Efficacy in Venice Beach California
Elizabeth Kinsey	Global Health and Entrepreneurship	Arthur Kleinman	Complexities of Donor Response to Women's Reproductive Heal Health Needs in Sub-Saharan Africa
Justin Lanning	Organization Studies	Jal Mehta	Designing Effective Feedback Systems for Organizations: Effects on Feedback Given
Penn Lawrence	Philosophy and Formal Systems	Philip Koellner	The Indispensability Argument and Epistemological Challenges
Elizabeth Mak	Performance and Theatre Arts	Robert Scanlan	<i>The Graveyard Book</i>
Karen Schoenherr	Social Epidemiology	Charles Rosenberg	Non-Honors
Olivia Shopshear	Bio-medicine and Society	Kenneth Chien	Keeping the Promise of Stem Cell Therapeutics in the United States and China
Sanyee Yuan	Rhetoric and Performance	James Engell	Gambler's Genes: An Autoethnography of Love

2011

Hui Feng	Regional Urban Studies	Susan Fainstein	Santa Fe or Fanta Se? The Transfer of Ownership in a Gentrifying Place
Tracy Han	Global Health	Judith Palfrey	Non-Honors
Michael Henderson	Global Health	Jeremy Greene	A Critical examination of governmental efforts in Chiapas, Mexico
Marco Iannuzzi	Architecture and Environmental Science	Michael McElory	Non-Honors
Alexander Karadjian	Architecture	Eve Blau	Between Order and License: Ornament in Serlio's Treatise on Architecture
Cecelia Raker	Theater Arts	Elizabeth Lyman	<i>Skinwalking</i>
Logan Pritchard	Neuroeconomics	David Laibson	Non-Honors
Tobias Stein	Urban Studies	Kathryn Edin	Leaders and Laggards: The Story of Public Housing, Real Estate Development, and Organizational Change in Boston, Massachusetts and Portland, Oregon
George Stubbs	Organizational Behavior	J. Richard Hackman	The Language of Team Leadership: An Analysis and Comparison of Language Patterns in Ultimate Frisbee
Hemali Thakkar	Global Health	Jeremy Greene	Tales of Zwedru: A Qualitative Study Assessing Mental Health Care in Rural Liberia

2010

Christine Bendorf	Dramatic Literature & Practice	Robert Scanlan	Non-Honors
Charles Frentz	Postcolonial Development	Naill Ferguson	The Econic Decoloniation of Hong Kong, 1949-1979
Intiya Isaza-Figueroa	Urban Studies	Susan Fainstein	The Legacy of Modernist Planning: The Slums of Medellin And the Impact of the Metrocable
Dilyana Karadzhova	Organizational Studies	Peter Marsden	Organizational Detriments of Economically Viable Sustainable Design
Forrest O'Connor	Sociomusicology	Kay Shelemay	Cultural Action, The Art of Tone and Sonic Brokerage: An Inquiry into Lloyd Loar's F-5 Mandolin Design
David Rice	Esoteric Studies	Nicholas Watson	A Year in the Woods: Wandering, Horror and Home
Caitlin Rottman	Earth Science and Media	David Rodowick/ Sujoy Mukhopadhyay	Under the City Upon a Hill: The Glacial Heritage of Boston
Shawna Sinnott	Understanding Terrorism	Peter Heymann	Alienation and Allegiance: Establishing a Framework for Analysis of the Root Cause of Terrorism
John Vogel	Ecology and Land-Use Planning	Richard Froman	Growing our Cities Greener: The Biophilic Basis for Designing with Nature
Devon Youngblood	Visualization Studies	Stephen Kosslyn	QUESTIONING THE FOUNDATIONS OF UNIVERSAL COLOR CATEGORIES: A Neurobiological, Linguistic, and Cultural Analysis of the Existence of Basic Color

2009

Alex Breaux
Edmund "Ned" Levin

Dramatic Arts
Silk Road Studies

Alison Rich
Adam Singerman

Dramatic Arts
Linguistics and Latin America

Bianca Stifani
Catherine Calla Videt

Global Health/African Studies
Physics and Theatre

Elizabeth Lyman
Mark Elliott

Elaine Scarry
Gary Urton

Arthur Kleinman
Melissa Franklin/
Robert Scanlan

Non-Honors

Making the Past Serve the Present: Reshaping the Urban
Landscape in a Xinjiang City

Non-Honors

The Influence of Spanish in the Numeral System of Tz'utujil
Maya

Global Health: Anatomy of a Fashionable Movement

The Space Between