

Special Concentrations (2009-2025)

Name	Concentration Title	Faculty Advisor	Thesis Title
2025			
Lena Ashoo	Animal Studies	Cass Sunstein	TBD
Alice Cai	Human Augmentation	Conor Walsh	TBD
Karen Choi	Urban Studies and Social Justice	Megan Panzano	TBD
		Bruno Carvalho	
Navin Durbhakula	Sustainable Food and Health Systems	Pia Sørensen	TBD
Julia Freitag	Information Science, Design, and Policy	Kzyysztof Gajos	TBD
Nikola Jurkovic	AI and Society	Josh Greene	Non-Honors
AnhPhu Nguyen	Human Augmentation	Conor Walsh	TBD
Robert Wachen	Decision Science	David Laibson	Non-Honors
2024			
Aishani Aatresh	Complex Biosocial Systems	Sheila Jasanoff	TBD
Luis Sueiro	Group Dynamics	Josh Greene	TBD
2023			
Haley Benbow	Food, Health, and Society	Jospeh Nagy	Non-Honors
Kayla Blankenship	Mathematics and Education	Brendan Kelly	Non-Honors
Henry Cerbone	Ontology of Autonomous Systems	Sean Kelly	On Organisms: A multi-disciplinary approach to understanding phenomena at the organismal level, particularly the water-running of basilisk lizards
Aysha Emmerson	Resilience Studies	Arthur Kleinman	Once Upon a Time in Fairy Creek: Resilience and Ruination in the Anthropocene
James Rose	Political Economy and Institutional Design	Ya-Wen Lei	Structures of Imagination: Varieties of Innovation Finance Institutions and the Experimental Promise of the Venture Studio
Josías Salvador	Architecture and Ethnic Studies	Patricio Del Real	House/Home: Processes of Material and Conceptual
		Bruno Carvalho	Place-making
2022			
Jonas Nelle	Rationality	Joshua Greene	Dynamic Consideration Set Construction in Open Ended Problems: How Option Generation and Evaluation Are Inextricably Interwoven
Ana Luiza Nicolae	Geography and Identity	Paul Kosmin	The Earth's Stretchmarks: Winds as directional systems generated from the ground in Mesopotamia and Greece (11 th c. to 1 st c. BCE)

Kavya Kopparapu	Computer Science and Healthcare Innovation	Milind Tambe	Towards the Adoption of Machine Learning for Automated Echocardiography Analysis
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

Mattea Mrkusic	Human Security and the Environment	Sunil Amrith	Lifting of Martial Law in 1987
Joy Nasr	Nuclear Geopolitical Studies	Carolann Koleci	Collapse the Distance: Climate Change Migration and Frontline
Jonathan Roberts	Organizational Behavior	Bart Bonikowski	Storytelling in the Republic of Kiribati
			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	Education and American Society	Kay Merseth	Non-Honors
Sofie Rose Seymour	Social Change and the Arts	Doris Sommer	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
Jacob Brandt	Drama: Theory and Practice	Martin Puchner	mereologies
Natalie Doyle	Global Health and Development	Thomas Burke	<i>The Adam Project</i> (A Play)
Laura Evans	Computer Science & Innovation	James Waldo	Non-Honors
Marissa Grenon	Environmental Health	John Spengler	Non-Honors
			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	Guvén Guzeldere	Music, Emotion and the Architecture of Thought
2012			
Samuel Bakkila Priscilla Cosgrove	Inequality and Health Urban Studies	Mary Ruggie Alex Krieger	Africa and HIV/AIDS: A Colonial and Neoliberal Epidemic 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 Health Needs in Sub-Saharan Africa
Justin Lanning	Organization Studies	Jal Mehta	Designing Effective Feedback Systems for Organizations: Effects on Feedback Given
Penn Lawrence Elizabeth Mak Karen Schoenherr Olivia Shopshear	Philosophy and Formal Systems Performance and Theatre Arts Social Epidemiology Bio-medicine and Society	Philip Koellner Robert Scanlan Charles Rosenberg Kenneth Chien	The Indispensability Argument and Epistemological Challenges <i>The Graveyard Book</i> Non-Honors
Sanyee Yuan	Rhetoric and Performance	James Engell	Keeping the Promise of Stem Cell Therapeutics in the United States and China 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 Michael Henderson	Global Health Global Health	Judith Palfrey Jeremy Greene	Non-Honors A Critical examination of governmental efforts in Chiapas, Mexico
Marco Iannuzzi Alexander Karadjian	Architecture and Environmental Science Architecture	Michael McElory Eve Blau	Non-Honors Between Order and License: Ornament in Serlio's Treatise on Architecture
Cecelia Raker Logan Pritchard Tobias Stein	Theater Arts Neuroeconomics Urban Studies	Elizabeth Lyman David Laibson Kathryn Edin	<i>Skinwalking</i> Non-Honors 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 Charles Frentz Intiya Isaza-Figueroa	Dramatic Literature & Practice Postcolonial Development Urban Studies	Robert Scanlan Naill Ferguson Susan Fainstein	Non-Honors The Econic Decolonization of Hong Kong, 1949-1979 The Legacy of Modernist Planning: The Slums of Medellin

Dilyana Karadzhova	Organizational Studies	Peter Marsden	And the Impact of the Metrocable 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	Dramatic Arts	Elizabeth Lyman	Non-Honors
Edmund "Ned" Levin	Silk Road Studies	Mark Elliott	Making the Past Serve the Present: Reshaping the Urban Landscape in a Xinjiang City
Alison Rich	Dramatic Arts	Elaine Scarry	Non-Honors
Adam Singerman	Linguistics and Latin America	Gary Urton	The Influence of Spanish in the Numeral System of Tz'utujil Maya
Bianca Stifani	Global Health/African Studies	Arthur Kleinman	Global Health: Anatomy of a Fashionable Movement
Catherine Calla Videt	Physics and Theatre	Melissa Franklin/ Robert Scanlan	<i>The Space Between</i>