

Mu Kappa 2018/19 annual report

Submitted by Mu Kappa Faculty Sponsor Dr. Kari Jensen, June 14, 2019

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https://www.hofstra.edu/academics/colleges/hclas/geog/geog_mukappa_goals.html

Highlights of Activities of 2018-2019 Academic Year (200-800 words):

Mu Kappa increased its student influence, as six student members were elected to hold positions on the executive committee for fall 2018 and spring 2019. The Director of Events position was retained by Dr. Craig Dalton, and Dr. Kari Jensen is continuing as Faculty Sponsor although she chose to pass on the Presidency to student members: Rachel Scarpino was elected President for the fall and Christina Paccadolmi for the spring.

Emeritus of Geography at Youngstown State University) was co-sponsored with the departments of Economics, Political Science, and Geography (YHU\GD\ /LIH¶ E\ /HDK 0HLVWHUOLQ \$VVLVWHDQW 3URIHVVF Thursday, November 15, and we had a luncheon afterwards where invited students and faculty could talk with the speaker. The lectures were co-sponsored by the Hofstra Cultural Center and were very well attended, with many students asking questions during the Q&A sessions.

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On March 9, 2018 at the annual Hofstra University Honors College Accepted Students Expo and Dinner, Mu Kappa members Julianna Cirafesi, Ryan Leighton and Lois Paquette helped Mu Kappa faculty sponsor Dr. Kari Jensen represent the Department of Global Studies and Geography by presenting their research posters and answering questions from admitted students and their families about Geography, GIS and Global Studies.

On April 15, 2019, we organized the annual Mu Kappa initiation ceremony where 18 new members were initiated. The ceremony was held as a luncheon at the University Club. The event was attended by both new and old members of Mu Kappa, along with Global Studies and Geography faculty and staff. Keynote speaker, Dr. Mona Domosh, Professor of Geography at Dartmouth College and past President of the AAG, gave a short speech about her journey to the world of geography. She later gave a well- DWWHQG HG W DON WR VWXGHQ WV DQ 'HYHORS PHQW LQ WKH -LP &UHZ 6RFXWK¶ 7KH FKDSWHU together to recruit and communicate with the speaker and apply for funding from the Hofstra Cultural Center. Students Christina Paccadolmi and Julianna Cirafesi

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