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The American Geographical Society Awards 2024 AGS Council Fellowship to Liana Katz

Description: The American Geographical Society (AGS) awards Liana Katz, a Ph.D. candidate at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, a 2024 AGS Council Fellowship.

[New York City, NY] – [April 2, 2024] — The American Geographical Society (AGS) announced the recipients of the 2024 AGS Council Fellowships to support master’s and doctoral research. The recipients are Mr. Abdulla Al Kafy, a Ph.D. candidate at University of Texas at Austin, Liana Katz, a Ph.D. candidate at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, Mrs. Sonia Kaufman, a Ph.D candidate at University of Arizona, and Ms. Zoe Rosenblum, a Ph.D candidate at Oregon State University. Masters and doctoral students from American universities are eligible to apply for the Fellowships. Established in 2013, each recipient receives a $2,000 award for their graduate research project. AGS will recognize the four Fellows during its annual Fall Symposium, Geography 2050, to be held November 21-22, 2024 in New York City.

Liana Katz is a fifth year PhD candidate in the Geography Department at Rutgers New Brunswick. She holds an MA in Urban and Regional Planning from UCLA. Katz’s fellowship funds will be used to cover engagement with community groups for her project, Warehouse in the Garden: Land, Labor, and the Human in New Jersey’s Warehouse Sector. She wrote, “...this research project builds a multi-scalar analysis of warehousing and logistics in New Jersey through three central research areas: the spatial politics of industrial land use; labor practices; and workplace experiences.” Katz remarked, “I am very grateful to receive the AGS Council Fellowship. It will help me interview temp workers and organizers in New Jersey, an integral part of my dissertation research.”

Dr. Marie Price, President of AGS and Chair of the Selection Committee, remarked, “The Council of the American Geographical Society is pleased to award four research grants to student members of the society. In our effort to support the next generation of scholars and practitioners we began the Council Fellowships ten years ago. We have awarded 37 Council Fellowship since 2014. Our intent is to expand the program in coming years to fund more awards through partnering with the AGS Champions program. Congratulations to this year’s winners.”

The AGS is a 21st-century learning society dedicated to the advancement of geographic thinking, knowledge, and understanding across business, government, academe, social sectors, and most importantly with teachers and students. The vision of AGS is to be the foremost champion of geography for the benefit of society. The mission of AGS is to convene a diverse global community of innovators, thinkers, and practitioners; create and curate geographical knowledge, learning, and exploration; and advance geographic knowledge and technologies to address society’s challenges and opportunities. Established in 1851, AGS is the oldest professional geographical organization in the United States and is recognized worldwide as a pioneer in geographical research and education. AGS seeks to engage the American public, from its youngest to its oldest citizens, with new and amazing ways to understand and characterize our changing world. The Society maintains its headquarters in New York City.
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