

# DIVISION OF INTERDISCIPLINARY PROGRAMS

*at the University of Iowa*



**2017-2018 ANNUAL REPORT**



# MESSAGE FROM THE DEO

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*Dear Friends and Colleagues:*

*AY 2017-18 was another impressive year for the University of Iowa's Division of Interdisciplinary Programs (DIP). As a collection of majors, minors, certificates, outreach programs, and student organizations that rely heavily on collaboration between departments and faculty across our diverse campus, DIP once again proved that the willingness to work together for the greater good of our collective institutional mission can yield incredible results.*

*From the more than 1,600 students who enrolled in our academic credentials this year to the visionary work our faculty and staff continue to produce, the Division of Interdisciplinary Programs is supporting the University of Iowa's student body in unique and unprecedented ways. This 2017-18 annual report demonstrates the ways in which DIP remains a shining example of an academic unit that meets the goals of our University's strategic plan, with particular emphasis on student success and engagement with the state as a whole to broaden educational opportunities and increase the visibility of our institution. We are tremendously proud of what we do, and we hope you are as inspired by the work as we are.*

*Helena Dettmer*

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Departmental Executive Officer  
Division of Interdisciplinary Programs  
The University of Iowa*

# GLOBAL HEALTH STUDIES

N° of majors

106

N° of minors

79

N° of certificates

11

## GLOBAL HEALTH STUDIES STUDENT SUCCESSES

### GILMAN AWARDS

*Kristina Hernandez and Emily Smith were awarded Gilman Study Abroad Scholarships to the Dominican Republic (Hernandez) and South Africa (Smith).*

### GHS SVYM INTERNS

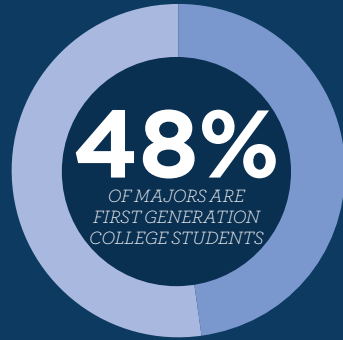
*Anger Dok, Kuann Fawkes and Laura Villarreal interned with the Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement in Mysuru, India, with funding from the UI Ananthamurthy endowment.*

### MHIRT INTERNS

*Six Global Health Studies students participated in the Minority Health and Health Disparities International Research Training program in Romania and Armenia.*

### STANLEY AWARDS

*Stanley Awards for International Research were awarded to Margaret Dressel (going to Jordan) and Lucas Fagre (going to Ukraine).*



**ALBERTO ORTIZ DÍAZ**  
*The Global Health Studies Program welcomed Alberto Ortiz Díaz as a visiting assistant professor. Ortiz Díaz's courses include Introduction to Global Health Studies, Health and Incarceration, and Health in the Global South.*



**Mariola Espinosa, Ph.D.**  
*Global Health Studies Program Faculty Director  
Surviving Hurricanes in Puerto Rico*



**Ashleigh Wallace**  
*Global Health Studies Program Student  
Health Care in South India*



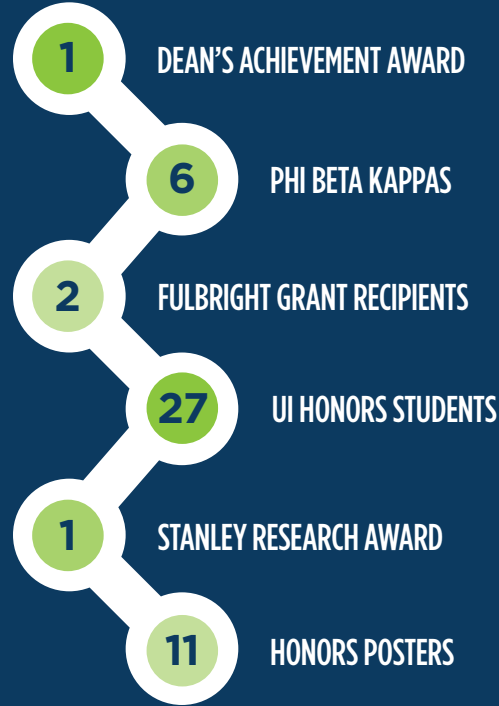
**Ted Powers, Ph.D.**  
*Global Health Studies Program Assistant Professor  
HIV/AIDS in Post-Apartheid South Africa*



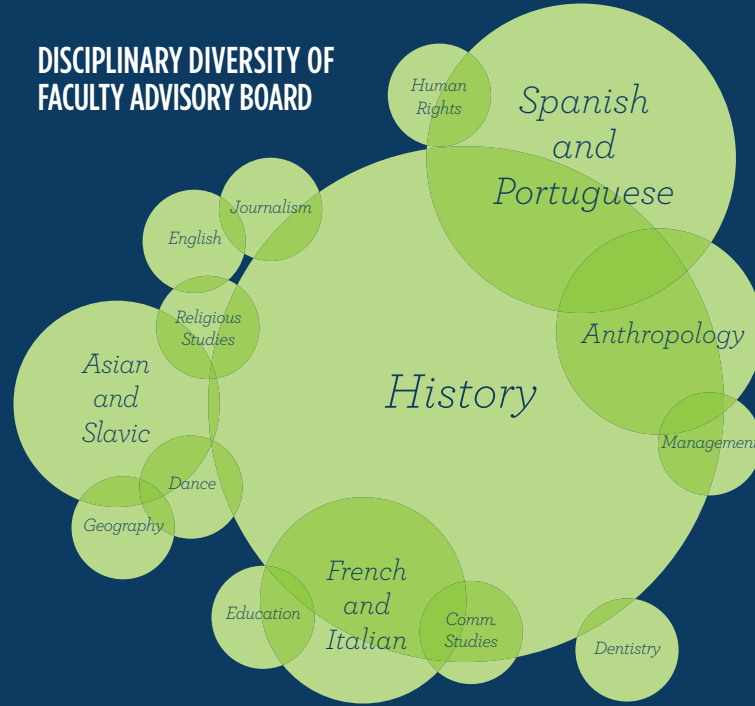
**Paul Greenough, Ph.D.**  
*Global Health Studies Program Professor Emeritus  
Urban Crows in India*

## IOWA CITY FOREIGN RELATIONS COUNCIL LECTURES

# INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

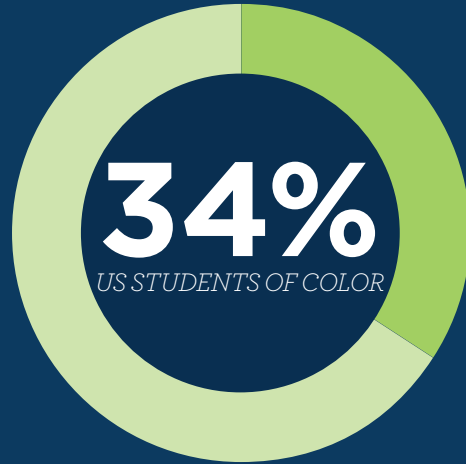


## DISCIPLINARY DIVERSITY OF FACULTY ADVISORY BOARD



## ALUMNI HIGHLIGHT

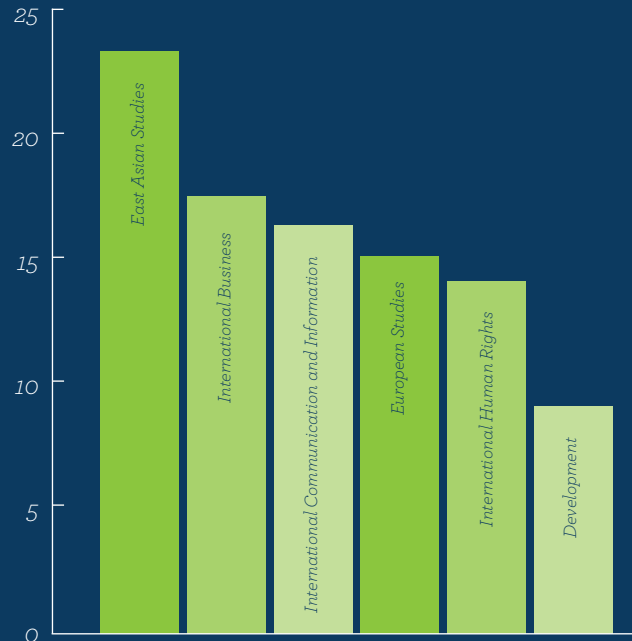
*Grace Coleman (Spring 2017) was awarded a Fulbright U.S. Student Program grant. Coleman will go to the Czech Republic to teach English to high school students.*



N° of declared majors

143

## TOP INTERNATIONAL STUDIES TRACKS



**MIKE ŽMOLEK**

*International Studies  
Lecturer Mike Žmolek  
presented on the legacy  
of the Russian Revolution  
at the University of  
Iowa International  
Program's November  
2017 World  
Canvass Event.*



84%

INCREASE IN MINORS  
SINCE AY 2016-2017

N° of declared minors

27



### LILIÁN M. SÁNCHEZ GARCIA

*First generation Latina/o Studies student Lilián M. Sánchez García served as vice president of Student Government, and received both the Dean's Achievement Award and the Hancher-Finkbine Medallion.*



### SAMARIA PARADA

*Little Village Magazine published Latina/o Studies student Samaria Parada's bilingual essay "Finding Strength in my Spanish-Speaking Heritage."*





### BARBARA BAQUERO

*Latina/o Studies-affiliated Assistant Professor Barbara Baquero was awarded the UI Diversity Catalyst Award. The award honors faculty who have promoted the development of an inclusive, diverse campus community.*



### ARIANA RUIZ & CLAIRE FOX

*Latina/o Studies-affiliated faculty members Ariana Ruiz (L) and Claire Fox (R) are pursuing a research project titled "Building Sustainable Worlds: Latinx Placemaking in the Midwest" with other scholars across the Midwest as part of the Humanities Without Walls Consortium.*



### JASON DANIEL-ULLOA

*Latina/o Studies-affiliated Assistant Professor Jason Daniel-Ulloa taught a new course in the spring titled Health/Intersectionality of Latinx Peoples, which explored health disparities as they impact US Latinx peoples.*



# LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES



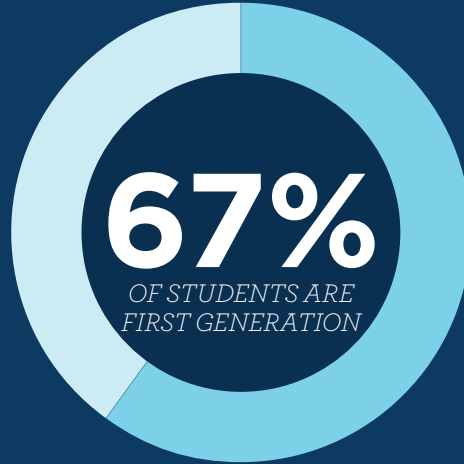
## AMBER BRIAN

*Latin American Studies Faculty Director Amber Brian received an honorable mention for the 27th annual Katherine Singer Kovacs Prize for an outstanding book published in the field of Latin American and Spanish literatures and cultures.*



## ABBY HELLEM

*International Studies/Latin American Studies track student Abby Hellem studied abroad for a year in Peru, then wrote her honors thesis on the topic: "The Medellin Miracle: Urban Legend or Model of Urban Renewal?"*



N° of declared LAS students

**23**



## KRISTINA HERNANDEZ

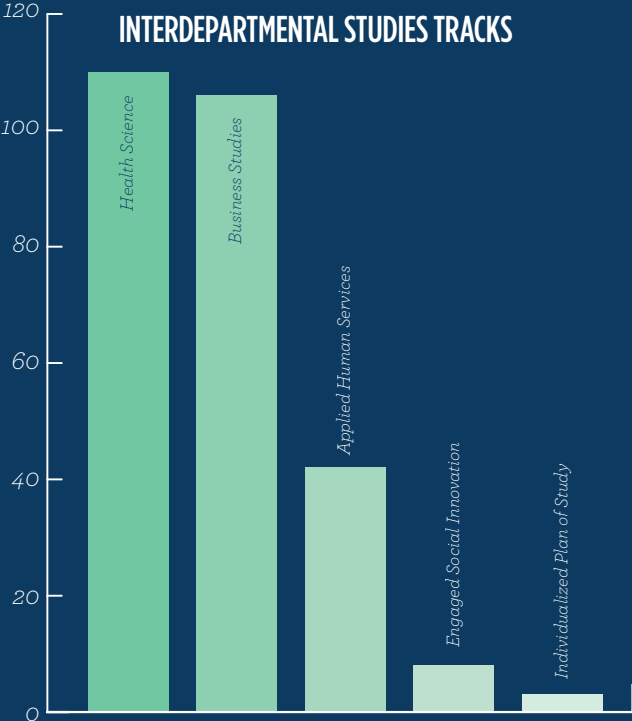
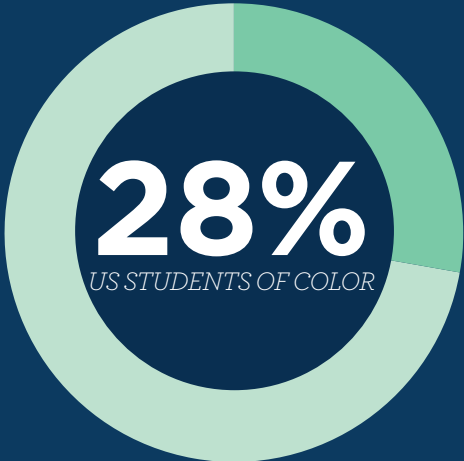
*Latin American Studies minor student Kristina Hernandez won a Gilman International Scholarship, which allowed her to participate in the International Hawkeye Service Team in the Dominican Republic.*



### SHANNON NOLAN

*Interdepartmental Studies student Shannon Nolan was a teaching assistant for Prompt for the Planet, a community call to action project which leads local workshops to create and collect responses from community members to create change.*

N° of majors  
**270**



# MAGID CENTER FOR UNDERGRADUATE WRITING



## MAGID FAMILY ENDOWMENT

*In 2017, Marilyn Magid and family contributed a generous \$2 million gift to establish an endowment for the Center in honor of the late Frank N. Magid. The funding will allow for more student learning opportunities as well as additional academic and staff support.*

N° of writing certificate students ———

# 234

SPONSORED EVENT

## LITERARY COFFEE BREAKS

ANDREA LAWLOR, PETER BOGNANNI,  
AND SPENCER GRIFFIN

# 2nd

Largest enrolled certificate in CLAS ———



## AMY PARKER

*Lecturer Amy Parker is a graduate of the Iowa Writers' Workshop. Her debut collection of stories, Beasts and Children, was published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt in 2016. In 2017 and 2018, Amy has taught multiple Writing Commons and Fast Fixes sections while also mentoring numerous capstone projects.*



## ELIZABETH WEISS

*Lecturer Elizabeth Weiss is a graduate of the Iowa Writers' Workshop. Her debut novel, The Sisters Sweet, is forthcoming from The Dial Press. In 2017 and 2018, Elizabeth redeveloped the online Writing Commons course while also teaching multiple Writing Commons and Fast Fixes sections.*

# MAGID CENTER FOR UNDERGRADUATE WRITING

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# ENTERPRISE LEADERSHIP

N° of declared students

# 714

# #1

Fastest growing major in the last 5 years

N° of grads AY 17-18

# 190

## ABOUT THE ENTERPRISE LEADERSHIP MAJOR

### IOWA JPEC & CLAS

*This major is a partnership between CLAS and the John Pappajohn Entrepreneurial Center (Iowa JPEC).*

### HONORS IN THE MAJOR

*Students are now able to earn Honors in Enterprise Leadership, allowing top students to stand out to future employers.*

### EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

*Students have access to all Iowa JPEC programs and resources. Beyond hands on learning in the classroom, our students often travel abroad, start a business, connect with alumni mentors, or take on consulting projects for real companies.*



### STUDENT HIGHLIGHT

*Two University of Iowa Student Businesses were awarded first place prizes at prestigious national business competitions.*



**LYRIC HARRIS**

*“Enterprise Leadership has brought me into the entrepreneurial mindset and allowed me to connect with innovative, creative, and forward-thinking people.”*

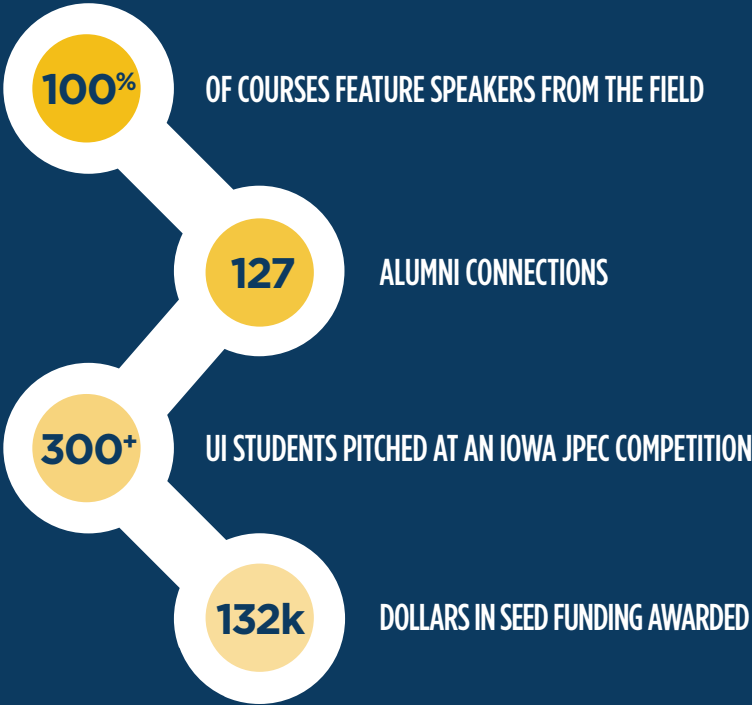
*Lyric Harris (‘18) started two businesses during her time as a student. Since graduating, she has committed full time to pursuing both businesses.*



**BOB WALKER**

*Director of Undergraduate Studies,  
Iowa JPEC*

*“Enterprise Leadership students graduate as experts in business leadership. Our alumni accept competitive positions in general management, business analysis, marketing and communications, management consulting, project management, and more.”*





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