

Faculty in History and Sociology

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Kate Pride Brown	Globalization and Environmental Sociology
Douglas Flamming	Race, Labor, and Politics in U.S. History
Lawrence Foster	U.S. Religious and Social History
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Kenneth Knoespel	History of Science; Visualization and Design
John Krige	History of Technology; Cold War Politics
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Mary McDonald	Sociology of Sport and Inequality; Gender
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Sherie M. Randolph	African American History; Gender; Politics
Jonathan Schneer	Modern British and European History
Jennifer Singh	Sociology of Health and Medicine
John Matthew Smith	History of Race, Sports, and Culture in the U.S.
John Tone	Spanish and Cuban Military History; Medicine
Steven Usselman	History of Technology; U.S. Political Economy
Bill Winders	Sociology of Development; Political Sociology



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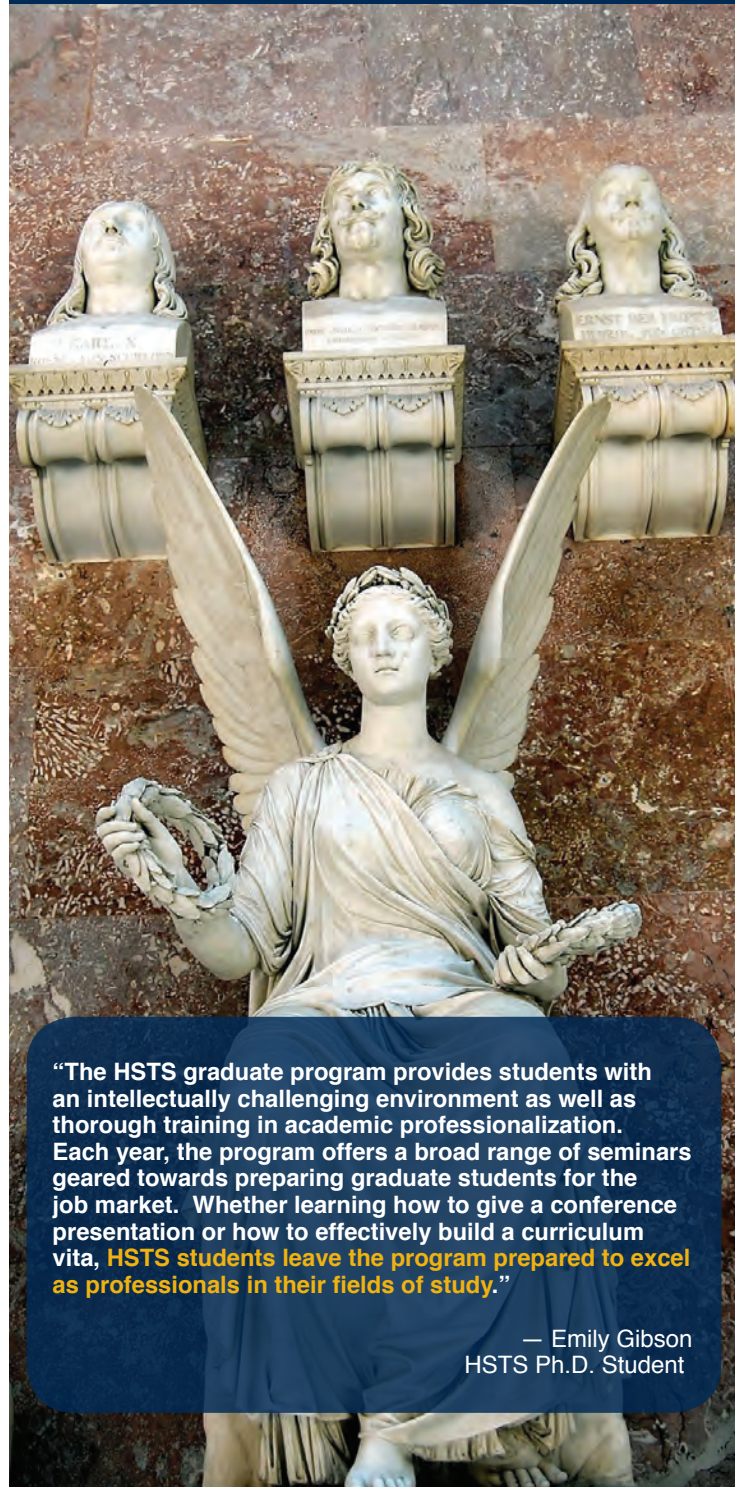
Graduate Study
History and Sociology of
Technology and Science

Georgia Tech consistently ranks among the top ten public universities in the United States. The campus occupies 450 acres in the heart of Atlanta, where more than 20,000 students receive a focused, technologically based education. Students come to Georgia Tech from all fifty states and from dozens of countries.

A lively city with a population of approximately five million, Atlanta offers many cultural and economic opportunities. The Georgia Tech campus is located near the High Museum, the Georgia Aquarium, the Carter Center, the King Center, Centennial Olympic Park, CNN, and Turner Field. Students are encouraged to supplement their academic education with the resources available in this bustling international center.



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“The HSTS graduate program provides students with an intellectually challenging environment as well as thorough training in academic professionalization. Each year, the program offers a broad range of seminars geared towards preparing graduate students for the job market. Whether learning how to give a conference presentation or how to effectively build a curriculum vita, **HSTS students leave the program prepared to excel as professionals in their fields of study.**”

— Emily Gibson
HSTS Ph.D. Student



Research in the School of History and Sociology

The School of History and Sociology (HSOC) is an **interdisciplinary unit** in the Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts, consisting of scholars and educators from history and sociology.

As part of a **world-renown technological university** situated in the heart of a global city, we focus on the dynamics of modern globalization, examining societies and nations as they experience rapid scientific discovery and profound technological change.

As a component of a **premiere public research university** located in the economic and cultural hub of the U.S. South, we analyze and address the enduring legacies and emerging challenges of our communities, our state, and our region.

Because of our **commitment to outstanding teaching and research**, HSOC faculty have won numerous awards in these areas.



Faculty in HSOC have a broad array of interests and expertise and are widely published in their fields. Among the diversity of specializations, the HSOC faculty has particular strengths in **five areas of scholarship:**

- History of Technology/Engineering in Society
- Global Cities and Urban Society
- Agriculture, Health, and the Environment
- Modern Global History/Science, Technology, and Nationalism
- U.S. Society and Politics/Policy Perspectives

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Financial Support

We aim to ensure that students who perform satisfactorily in our program are **fully funded for at least four years**. Financial aid includes teaching and research assistantships, tuition waivers, and numerous fellowship opportunities. Students may also compete for national grants.

Prizes and Awards

The annual departmental award for graduate students is the **Homer Rice Award**, which is given to the graduate student who exemplifies excellence in scholarship in the history and sociology of technology and science.

Part-Time Students

Part-time students who can support their studies for a master's degree are **encouraged to apply**. The program allows students to acquire a master's degree by successfully completing the required number of courses or by combining coursework with writing a substantial master's research paper. Students who wish to continue to a Ph.D. must first complete the research paper.

Graduate Student Community and Research

The School of History and Sociology graduate students are **immersed in a culture of scholarly inquiry and research**.

Through courses, seminars, and individual meetings, they interact closely with faculty and colleagues who have earned international reputations for their outstanding scholarship. Numerous special initiatives and programs help HSOC sustain and reinvigorate this vibrant, creative atmosphere.

Specific Areas of Research Include:

- Science, Technology, and National Security
- Engineering and Society
- Global Agriculture and the Environment
- Urban Studies
- Race, Ethnicity, and Inequality
- Global Development and Diplomacy since 1900
- U.S. Economy, Politics, and Society
- Sport, Society, and Technology
- Gender and Technology
- Medicine, Disease, and Society
- Social Movements and Human Rights



Examples of Recent Dissertation Projects

Jonah Bea-Taylor, “The Science of Coastal Protection and Anticipatory Planning at the Ports of Houston and Miami, 1950-1984.”

Ron Dempsey, “Engineering’s Gateway or Gatekeeper: The Role of Engineering Technology.”

Emily Gibson, “Domesticating the Air: Feminism, Modernity, and the Rise of Commercial Aviation, 1920-1970.”

Brian Jirout, “One Space Age Development for the World: The American Landsat Civil Remote Sensing Program in Use, 1964-2013.”

Paul McKittrick, “Modernity and the Spirit of the Sea.”

Examples of Recent Masters Papers

Kera Allen, “‘I Was Supposed to Make Things Pretty’: Workplace Culture for Women in Computing and Information Technology.”

Mario Bianchini, “People Not Data: A Collective Biography of German Post-War Economists, East and West.”

Rebecca Watts Hull, “Organizational Variation in Change Agency: Explaining Sustainability at Three Georgia Universities, 1988-2010.”

Career Placements of Recent Graduates

Hyoung Joon An (Ph.D., 2015)
Associate Research Fellow, Science and Technology Policy Institute, Korea

Gloria Ross (Ph.D., 2014)
Research Analyst, Government Accountability Office (GAO)

Eric Hardy (Ph.D., 2011)
Assistant Professor of History, Loyola University, New Orleans, Louisiana

Joel Hewitt (M.S., 2011)
Research Associate, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Tennessee

Yu Tao (Ph.D., 2009)
Assistant Professor of Sociology, Stevens Institute of Technology, New Jersey