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## FACES OF CSBS

### Student Spotlight



Meet Benjamin Marconi, a second year Ph.D. student in geography! Benjamin is working to apply a host of geochemical tools to study variability in large scale climate circulations throughout recent geologic history. "I'm interested in the intrinsic link between humans and their environment, and by studying the nature of past climate change, I hope to use my research as a tool for managing decisions concerning modern climate systems. If one can understand the climatic story of the past, we can use our knowledge to work for a better environmental future," explains Benjamin.

### Alumni Spotlight



Rocco C. Sicilano, son of Italian immigrants, decorated World War II veteran, and College of Social and Behavioral Science donor died on Tuesday, November 6, 2018 at age 96. Rocco grew up working in his parents' Salt Lake City restaurant. He enlisted in the Army during World War II and was awarded the Bronze Star for valor. He served four U.S. presidents. Rocco graduated with a degree in political science from the University of Utah. "Our nation needs good citizens, beginning with the very young, to commit, to maintain, and to serve present and future needs," he once stated. Rocco's legacy lives on in the Rocco C. Siciliano Auditorium in the Carolyn and Kem Gardner Commons. [READ MORE](#)

## FEATURED NEWS

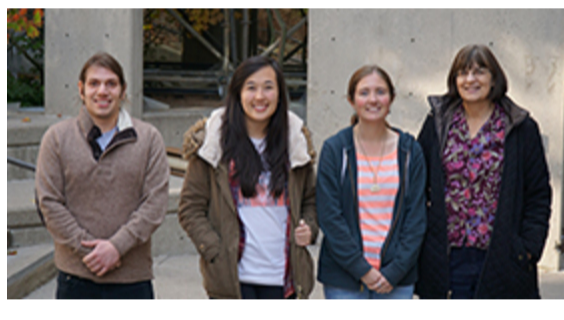
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### Gardner Commons a home to 'agents of change'

"Gardner Commons is an investment, that will touch lives for generations," said Dean Berg. The University of Utah celebrates the addition of Gardner Commons and the many new student spaces, laboratories, and classrooms this brings to campus.

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### Saving the birds

After researching the significant number of bird fatalities around the Alfred Emery Building on campus, family and consumer studies professor Barbara Brown and a group of students have come up with the "Feather Friendly Bird Deterrent".

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### Wildfires continue to burn throughout California

Scientists, professors and wildfire experts continue to look at the reasons behind California's wildfires. Read what our CSBS professors have to say.

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### Remembering Brent Taylor

Brent R. Taylor, passed away at the age of 39 after an attack in Kabul. Taylor was a major in the Utah National Guard, Mayor of North Ogden, 2012 MPA graduate and Ph.D. candidate in International Relations.

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### Sexual fluidity among women over 30 isn't all that uncommon

Research conducted by psychology professor Lisa Diamond and others reveals woman can experience same sex attraction regardless of their overall orientation.

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### Politically motivated violence is on the rise

Political science professor Steven Johnston explains that when Trump and the GOP's narrative and rhetoric can help influence culture warriors.

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### Proposition 2 and the compromise legislation

Associate professor of political science Matthew Burbank addresses public opinion on Proposition 2 and cannabis legislation.

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### Wildfire begets fire adaptation

Geography Ph.D. student Thomas Brussel and collaborators found that as wildfires burned more frequently, they adapted certain traits.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### DECEMBER

### UNIVERSITY HOLIDAY RECESS

DECEMBER 15, 2018 - JANUARY 6, 2019

## AWARDS & KUDOS



Congratulations to the following students for receiving research and travel support from the Global Change and Sustainability Center!

- Joshua Heyer, Geography
- Joey Krueger, Geography
- Marianne Newell, Geography
- Kaedan O'Brien, Anthropology
- Matthew Olson, Geography
- Kurt Wilson, Anthropology
- Benjamin Marconi, Geography

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### The Brent Taylor Memorial Scholarship Fund

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### Carolyn & Kem Gardner Commons Matching Campaign

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