The 2019 Association of Graduate Liberal Studies Programs (AGLSP) Conference was held in Washington, D.C. from October 10-12. This year's theme was The Commons: Exploring Common Ground in Uncommon Times. Eight MLA students and alumni represented Stanford at the conference. Thank you to Michael Breger, Kim Gudmundson, Richard Hackmann, Gina Haney, Naomi Hunter, Sapna Marfatia, Siddhartha Shome and Eugene Slater for examining a broad range of perspectives on common ground, the challenges to it, as well as the promise it holds.

**Michael Breger**, Current Student
“A Bird in the Bush is Worth One in the Mind: Thoreau and Sonic Co-Presence”

**Kim Gudmundson**, Current Student
“Fish, Cans and War”

**Richard Hackmann**, Current Student
“Gospel of Thomas Saying 114: Misogyny or Misunderstanding?”

**Gina Haney**, Current Student
“Unfinished Business”: The Rise of Township Tourism in Southern Africa”

**Naomi Hunter**, MLA 2004
“Data, Disruption and Demographics: How School Ratings are Contributing to Educational Apartheid in the U.S.”

**Sapna Marfatia**, MLA 2018
“Stanford's Main Quad: “Relic or Relevant” in Discourse and Community Engagement Today?”

**Siddhartha Shome**, MLA 2017
“Gandhi's and King's Conceptions of Freedom: Difference in Commonality”

**Eugene Slater**, MLA 2018
“The Meaning of Place and the Loss of Place: Drawing from Joseph Conrad's The Secret Agent”
From left: Kent Wicker (Duke University), Michelle Bennett, Linda Paulson, Sapna Marfatia, Kim Gudmundson

From left: Gina Haney, Eugene Slater, Michelle Bennett, Michael Breger, Kim Gudmundson