

October 5, 2022

Geography Weekly

REMINDERS

This Friday, October 7, there will be a Faculty Meeting held virtually via Zoom from 11:30 AM to 1 PM.

Plans of study and/or degree audit exception requests are due on October 11th for December Masters/EdS graduates, as well as final exam requests for all December graduates.

KOHN COLLOQUIUM

This Friday, October 7th, Dr. Chetan Tiwari from Georgia State University will be joining us for a graduate student workshop at 11:30 AM and Kohn Colloquium at 3:30 PM, both located in 219 JH.

Lunch Workshop: Big Data Analytics | Dr. Tiwari will provide an overview big data applications in Alteryx software (<https://www.alteryx.com/>). Alteryx software is free for academic use and is used for big data analytics and machine learning particularly for unwieldy datasets. Dr. Tiwari will present examples including applications to mobility data that is cumbersome to manage and use. An informal discussion will follow with sandwiches provided. If you are a graduate student interested in attending, please RSVP using [this Google Form](#).

Kohn Colloquium: Building Community Resilience using Data-centric and Computational Approaches | Abstract: The United Nations Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 identifies the impacts of disasters as a global challenge that is expected to worsen in the coming decades. Globally, from 2005 to 2015, disasters have resulted in over 700,000 deaths, 1.4 million injuries, and other catastrophic impacts due to population displacement, food insecurity, and economic and health disparities.

The rest of this abstract is continued on the following page

After Kohn Colloquium concludes at 5 PM, graduate students and faculty are welcome to join the department at 5:30 for a happy hour celebration (venue yet to be decided).

Contact Marc Linderman at marc-linderman@uiowa.edu with questions or comments regarding Kohn Colloquium.

CALENDAR

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Faculty Meeting
Virtual | 11:30 AM

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Lunch Workshop
219 JH | 12:00 PM

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Kohn Colloquium
219 JH | 3:30 PM

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Plans of Study, Final Exam dates due for December graduates

HAVE UPDATES TO SHARE?

Send news items, information on thesis defenses, awards, publications, events, and more to adrian-sandersfeld@uiowa.edu by 1:00 PM each Tuesday to have them featured in the upcoming Geography Weekly newsletter.

EVENTS & SEMINARS

Off-Campus Housing Fair | On October 6th, 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM in the Iowa Memorial Union, The Off-Campus Housing Fair is an opportunity to meet with a variety of properties in the Iowa City area with housing availability for you to consider. Iowa City and university resources such as Student Legal Services will also be present to help answer any questions you may have and provide options for support. Family members and future students are welcome! Sponsored by UI Off-Campus Student Support Initiative, University Housing and Dining, and Off-Campus Housing Services.

Chill & Create | On October 7th at the Stanley Museum of Art, participate in a Chill & Create workshop hosted by Dana Keeton, a local board-certified art therapist and licensed mental health counselor. During the 1.5-hour workshop, participants will learn new ways to improve well-being, while benefiting from the positive effects of viewing and making art. No prior art making experience necessary. Prior registration is required and limited to 15 University of Iowa students. Register at <https://uiowa.doubleknot.com/Event/2935155>

Public Observation Night | On October 7th at 8pm, join the University of Iowa Physics & Astronomy Department as they use the Van Allen Observatory and small telescopes to tour the fall sky. To attend this Astronomy observation session, follow the signs in Van Allen Hall (using the front entrance on N. Dubuque Street) to reach the roof. For disability accommodations or building accessibility questions, contact Caroline Roberts in advance at (319) 467-1481 or caroline-roberts@uiowa.edu

QT Closet Pop-Up | The QT Closet Pop-Up will be hosted on October 11th-12th from 9 AM to 5 PM in the Old Capitol Mall / UI Capitol Centre Center for Inclusive Academic Excellence, located on the 2nd level (above CVS). QT Closet is a no-cost clothing closet with multiple goals, including providing gender and expression-affirming clothing, addressing basic needs insecurity on our campus and in our community, and providing a sustainable clothing option.

Career Fair | On October 13th from 4-6 PM in the 2nd floor IMU ballroom, there will be a Health & Sustainability Career Fair. Students can explore and connect with life science, health science, and sustainability companies, internship and full-time job opportunities, graduate and service programs, research, and volunteer opportunities. There is a check-in outside the IMU ballroom but no prior registration is required as long as you bring your student ID card. Download the handshake student app to research employers and review the employer map of the event. There will also be a networking tips session at 3:30 PM in the Academics Room (IMU) to prepare you!

INTERNSHIPS & OPPORTUNITIES

- **The City of Dubuque** is seeking a full-time GIS Applications Specialist with compensation between \$24.60 and \$32.14 per hour. Located in the city of Dubuque, IA, details about this job can be found [on GovernmentJobs](#) and the posting will remain open until the position is filled.
- In addition to the listing above, the City of Dubuque is also seeking a Civil Engineering intern with compensation offered at \$19.27 per hour. The position will remain open until filled. Apply online via [GovernmentJobs](#).
- **Johnson County Secondary Road Department** seeks an Assistant to the County Engineer to perform civil engineering duties ranging from design to project and staff management. This is a self-directed professional-track position which requires the exercise of considerable judgement, knowledge, and creative thinking to determine safe, sustainable, and economical solutions to unique and complex engineering problems. To learn more about this position and apply, please visit [the website](#). Online applications will be accepted through October 16, 2022 at 11:59pm.
- **The National Information Solutions Cooperative (NISC)** has an opening for a GIS Production intern at their Cedar Rapids, IA location, as well as [other internships listed on their Careers page](#) with remote-work opportunities available. [Apply for their GIS Production internship here using Glassdoor or LinkedIn](#).

JOIN ICIGO!

ICIGO is a student organization within the Department of Geographical and Sustainability Sciences that utilizes experiences and skills gained in the classroom to support projects focused on sustainability in the community and state. This semester ICIGO is excited to welcome new members with a background, or interest, in GIS, analytics, leadership, organization, and visualization.

The group requires 2-3 hours of participation a week and participation in regular meetings and no prior GIS knowledge is required to join. Contact the Geography Department's senior GIS administrator, Adam Skibbe at adam-skibbe@uiowa.edu to get started!

BECOME A CLIMATE AMBASSADOR

If you are interested in getting involved with climate action, become an Iowa City Climate Ambassador today. It's not too late to prevent the worst outcomes of climate change. The time to act is now. As a Climate Ambassador, you can help. Learn more on the [IC Climate Action Ambassador page via the City of Iowa City website](#).

Career Advising via Pomerantz Career Center

- ◆ The **Pomerantz Career Center** at C310 PC is open for drop-in peer advising Monday—Thursday between the hours of 10am and 2pm only, with Zoom appointments available via **MyUI**.
- ◆ Employers post open positions on **Handshake** for internships and full-time job opportunities for students of all degree levels.

Writing Assistance Available via the Writing Center

- ◆ **The Writing Center** is fully online and available to all students, faculty, and staff. They can provide feedback on any kind of writing—from reading responses, course papers, capstone projects, and theses to cover letters, emails, scholarship applications, and creative projects.
- ◆ Use the **Online Feedback** button to upload a piece of writing and get written comments and suggestions on it, allowing at least two business days for a response.

UI Service Center

- ◆ The **UI Service Center** is open and available to help students with a multitude of tasks including: changing registration, checking on the progress of scholarship submissions, graduation services, transcripts and verifications, ID card programs, billing, and loan collections.
- ◆ The Service Center strongly encourages you to **schedule an appointment through MyUI** using the “Advising Appointment” feature and selecting the Service Center before your in-person visit.

University Virtual Counseling Service Programs

- ◆ The **University Counseling Service** is still offering several programs to help students virtually.
- ◆ **Let’s Talk Hawks!** consultations are a weekly drop-in service that provides students the opportunity to have informal, confidential, and anonymous conversations with a UCS therapist. No appointment is needed; these services are offered on a first come, first serve basis.
- ◆ The **Solidarity Support Group** is a safe space for students of color to talk about concerns, share experiences, and stay connected with one another and the other UI communities. They meet between 12:30pm-1:20pm on Friday afternoons.
- ◆ Other UCS programming can be found [here](#).

Other Campus Resources

- ◆ [Office of Teaching, Learning & Technology Resources](#)
- ◆ [ITS Student Resources & Services](#)
- ◆ [GIS Library Research Guide](#)
- ◆ [Ulowa COVID Fall 2022 Guidelines](#)