

December 6, 2022

# Geography Weekly

## DEPARTMENT NEWS

Ph.D. student Haoyi Xiong will be defending his dissertation, "Spatiotemporal traffic congestion propagation patterns analytics on big data of vehicle trajectories" on Thursday, December 15th at 9:30 A.M. US Central Time. This dissertation defense will be held virtually via Zoom. To watch this dissertation defense, please contact Dave Bennett to request an invitation at david-bennett@uiowa.edu.

## REMINDERS

There is a faculty meeting this Friday, December 9th, from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM in 174 Schaeffer Hall.

The GSS DEI Committee will be meeting today, December 6th, at 3:30 PM.

Finals week begins next week the close of classes this Friday. The schedule for final exam times and locations can be found on the Registrar's website, at [registrar.uiowa.edu/final-exam-schedules/fall-2022](https://registrar.uiowa.edu/final-exam-schedules/fall-2022)

## FALL 2022 COMMENCEMENT

The commencement ceremonies for Fall 2022 graduates will be held on these dates for the following groups:

the doctoral graduate commencement ceremony will be held in Hancher Auditorium at 9:00 AM on December 16th

the masters graduate commencement ceremony will be held in Hancher Auditorium at 7:00 PM on December 16th

the CLAS undergraduate commencement ceremony will be held in Carver-Hawkeye Arena at 9:00 AM on December 17th

## CALENDAR

DEC  
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DEI Committee Mtg.  
3:30 PM

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Faculty Meeting  
174 SH | 11:30 AM

DEC  
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Doctoral  
Commencement  
Hancher | 9:00 AM

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Masters  
Commencement  
Hancher | 7:00 PM

DEC  
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CLAS Undergraduate  
Commencement  
Carver | 9:00 AM

## HAVE UPDATES TO SHARE?

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

## EVENTS ON AND OFF CAMPUS

[Build Your Own: IoT Weather Station](#) | On December 7th at 6:00 PM in room 2001C of the Seamans Center (Engineering Library Creative Space), join the IEEE student organization for this hands-on workshop to build your own, take home, IoT Weather Station. This station will allow you to know the current temperature, humidity, and barometric pressure. You'll walk all parts of building this system to have it up and running, from circuits to programming. IEEE is graciously covering the cost for up to 20 weather stations for attendees. Please register today to reserve your spot. Led by Janet Jonga and Isaac Johnson, IEEE Student Organization.

[Gingerbread Showdown](#) | On December 8th at 7:00 PM in the Blank Honors Center (440 BHC), join the Social Squad in 440 BHC for the ultimate team gingerbread house decorating contest. For this event, it is requested that you please RSVP ahead of time using this link. <https://forms.gle/LKpwjLCMdlfgg7DV6>

## FINALS WEEK AT THE IMU

It wouldn't be finals week without Finals at the IMU. All events listed below are free and happening within the Iowa Memorial Union. Even more events can be found at [imu.uiowa.edu/visit/annual-events/finals-imu](http://imu.uiowa.edu/visit/annual-events/finals-imu)

### Monday, December 12th

- Flipping into Finals Pancake Breakfast between 7:00 AM and 10:30 AM in the IMU main lounge
- Therapy Dogs will be present in the North & South rooms between 3:30 PM and 8:00 PM

### Tuesday, December 13th

- Painting and Pastries from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM in room 337 (the MGC room)

### Wednesday, December 14th

- Therapy Dogs will be available between 3:30 PM and 8:00 PM in the North & South rooms
- Peach Out 2022: Peace Tea and Pizza available while supplies last in the Hubbard Commons (starting at 7:00 PM)

### Thursday, December 15th

- Cereal Bar and Cartoons from 7:00 AM to 10:30 AM in the Iowa Theater

## INTERNSHIPS & OPPORTUNITIES

- The Anna Beal Summer 2023 internship with **The Nature Conservancy** is accepting applications! This 11-week internship runs between May 22nd and August 4th, 2023. A \$5,750 scholarship is available to accepted interns. Read more at [bit.ly/annabeal](https://bit.ly/annabeal) and apply for an internship position at [nature.org/careers](https://nature.org/careers) (job ID: 52597)
- **Lakeside Laboratory** in West Lake Okoboji is accepting paid internship applications until January 23rd, 2023. Read more and apply now at [iowalakesidelab.org](https://iowalakesidelab.org)!
- **Green Iowa Americorps** has available full-time and part-time positions listed at: [greeniowaamericorps.org/open-positions](https://greeniowaamericorps.org/open-positions)
- The City of Cedar Rapids is looking for a full-time Geospatial Data Specialist. Read more and apply for this job via [The City of Cedar Rapids on GovernmentJobs](https://www.cityofcedar-rapids.org/government-jobs).
- ITC Holdings in Cedar Rapids is seeking a full-time GIS intern. [Read more about this internship and apply on Tarta.ai](https://www.itc-holdings.com/careers)

## 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](mailto:adam-skibbe@uiowa.edu) to get started!

## ADMITTED STUDENT DAYS

Interested in talking about your major or research areas to new students next semester? GSS departmental graduate students and current undergrads are welcome to participate in the Geographical and Sustainability Studies info sessions for newly-admitted University of Iowa students. These info sessions will take place between 10:45 AM and 12:00 PM in 221 JH on February 20th and on March 3rd, 24th, and 31st, 2023. You'll have the opportunity to talk about classes you enjoy, undergraduate or graduate research projects, the skills you've learned in GIS courses, and more with prospective GSS undergrads.

Email [adrian-sandersfeld@uiowa.edu](mailto:adrian-sandersfeld@uiowa.edu) to indicate interest.

## 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](#)