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# Geography Weekly

## DEPARTMENT NEWS

- Edge of Space Academy, spearheaded by faculty and staff from the Dpt. of Physics and Astronomy as well as the Dpt. of Geographical and Sustainability Sciences—including our own Dr. Susan Meerdink and Adam Skibbe—was recently featured in an article for This is Ulowa. [Read the article here](#) and learn what 12 undergraduate students were able to accomplish in just 2 weeks!

## REMINDERS

- There will be a Graduate Program Committee meeting on Friday, February 3rd in the Geography department conference room (314 JH) at 11:30 AM.
- Degree applications, for graduate students anticipating graduation in May 2023, are due by 11:59 PM on February 24th.

## KOHN COLLOQUIUM

This week's Kohn Colloquium will host Brandi Janssen, who will be presenting "Good luck with your research, I hope you find what you're looking for:" Lessons learned from Iowa farmers. Colloquium will be held in-person in 219 JH at 3:30 PM.

Midwestern farmers operate in a complex, uncertain socio-political context and farm practices are driven by numerous intersecting factors. This presentation shares several lessons learned about agricultural systems, farmer decision making, and some approaches for research in this area.

If you have questions regarding Kohn Colloquium, contact Marc Linderman via email at [marc-linderman@uiowa.edu](mailto:marc-linderman@uiowa.edu).

## CALENDAR

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**Graduate Program  
Committee Meeting**  
314 JH | 11:30 AM

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**Kohn Colloquium**  
219 JH | 3:30 PM

## 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

[Chill and Create at Stanley Museum of Art](#) | During this 2-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. The workshop will be led by Dana Keeton, a local board-certified art therapist and licensed mental health counselor. Chill & Create is part of the Stanley's Mindfulness in the Museum programming. We welcome students to the museum from 2:30 to 4 p.m. each Friday to unwind from the week and enter the weekend refreshed. Registration required and limited to 15 university students. Register via the link on [the Events Page](#).

[UI Dance Marathon 29](#) | The Big Event is a 24-hour Dance Marathon during which students assemble to celebrate child cancer survivors and remember those who have passed away throughout the year. Dancers remain standing (if able) for the full 24 hours, no caffeine allowed. This year the Big Event is being held in the Iowa Memorial Union from 7pm on Feb. 3rd to 7pm on Feb. 4th.

[Green Corps Virtual Info Session](#) | if you are interested in joining Green Corps, a virtual information session will be held. Read more about Green Corps on [their website](#) and access the Zoom join-link on [the Events Page](#).

[Black History Month: Monday Movie Mayhem](#) | After a busy Monday, stop by the Afro House on Melrose Ave. on February 6th from 6pm to 9pm to relax and watch a movie. Light refreshments including pizza, soda and popcorn provided as first come, first serve.

[Live from Prairie Lights: Aron Aji](#) | On February 7th at 7:00 PM, Director of Translation Programs Aron Aji will read from his new translation of *The Wounded Age and Eastern Tales*, by Ferit Edgü, published by New York Review of Books.

## **INTERNSHIPS & OPPORTUNITIES**

- Work at Iowa Wildlife Camps! UI WILD is hiring seasonal camp instructors and camp coordinators for summer 2023. They hire undergrad and graduate students, teachers, and environmental educators to spend the summer teaching outdoor education. Learn more and apply online at [wild.education.uiowa.edu](http://wild.education.uiowa.edu).
- The Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation is hiring a Conservation Easement Assistant, seeking a passionate and well-qualified candidate to fill this new position. To read about this job and its application requirements, visit [inhf.org/conservation-easement-assistant](http://inhf.org/conservation-easement-assistant) to view the full listing.
- Winneshiek County, Iowa (Decorah) is accepting applications for the full-time position of GIS analyst. Read more about this position and its requirements at [winneshiekcounty.iowa.gov/jobs/gis-analyst](http://winneshiekcounty.iowa.gov/jobs/gis-analyst). Applications must be submitted by February 15th.
- The Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship is accepting applications for the position of a temporary (May 2023 to August 2023) full-time internship with potential for part-time employment after the conclusion of the position period. Located in Des Moines, this Water Quality Initiative Edge-of-Field internship focuses primarily on providing administrative and technical support, assisting in advancing edge-of-field (EOF) conservation practices throughout the state. To read about this position, and more offered by the IDALS, visit [iowaagriculture.gov/administrative/employment-opportunities](http://iowaagriculture.gov/administrative/employment-opportunities).

## **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!

## 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.
- ◆ 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 Spring 2023 Guidelines](#)