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# Geography Weekly

## DEPARTMENT NEWS

Professor Caglar Koylu recently received an award from the National Science Foundation supporting his project titled “Population-scale kinship networks and migration.” This project creates a population-scale family tree dataset which links about forty million people in crowd-sourced family trees to their common ancestors. The research will use these data to investigate how migration influenced the geographic proximity of kin over centuries, developing an online visual storytelling and education tool to communicate how migrations form cultural and demographic structures. Read more on [the Public Policy Center web-site](#).

## REMINDERS

This week is the final week for students to withdraw registration, subject to 50% of tuition and fees. After this week, students withdrawing registration will be subject to 75% of all tuition and fees.

Plans of study and/or degree audit exception requests for master's recipients and final exam requests for all graduate students are due October 11th.

## KOHN COLLOQUIUM

In Lieu of Kohn Colloquium this Friday, graduate students are meeting to socialize. Department graduate students are encouraged to coordinate with Rachel Larson on Friday regarding afternoon/evening plans.

## GISIL FALL 2022 HOURS

The Geographic Information Sciences Instructional Lab is open every weekday between 8:00 AM and 8:30 PM. The full schedule can be found online at [clas.uiowa.edu/geography/undergraduate-program/geographical-information-systems-instructional-lab-gisil](https://clas.uiowa.edu/geography/undergraduate-program/geographical-information-systems-instructional-lab-gisil) or posted on the door to 243 Jessup Hall.

## CALENDAR

SEP  
09

**Committee Meetings**  
*arrange with your committees*

OCT  
11

**Plans of Study Due**  
*for graduate students*

## 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 P.M. each Tuesday to have them featured in the upcoming Geography Weekly newsletter.

## INTERNSHIPS & OPPORTUNITIES

- **Iowa State University** is looking for a full-time **GIS analyst!** Apply at [bit.ly/3CMZiAp](https://bit.ly/3CMZiAp). Applications for this position close on September 11, 2022.
- **Cloudpoint Geospatial** is seeking a full-time on-location **GIS technician** in Roanoke, IL. Individuals interested in applying should ideally have 2 or more years of GIS experience and a familiarity with ArcGIS and Esri.  
Read more about this position at [clas.uiowa.edu/geography/gis-technician-roanoke-il](https://clas.uiowa.edu/geography/gis-technician-roanoke-il)
- **Green Iowa AmeriCorps** is hiring for full-time 11-month service program positions. The deadline to apply for the September start date (9/26) is September 16th! Apply at [greenio-waamericorps.org/open-positions](https://greenio-waamericorps.org/open-positions)
- **Harrison County** is hiring a full-time **GIS Coordinator**. The GIS Coordinator, under the direct supervision of the Harrison County Board of Supervisors, oversees the creation and management of the Geographic Information System (GIS) activities within Harrison County, Iowa. Work includes coordinating GIS activities for other Harrison County Departments and municipalities within Harrison County; managing GIS vendor contracts, planning and organizing system development activities, and developing and implementing procedures to guide GIS projects. Work is performed independently within established policies, procedures, and guidelines and is reviewed through reports, conferences, and system performance. View job posting and apply for this position on [Indeed.com](https://www.indeed.com)
- The **city of Cedar Rapids** is seeking a full-time **GIS programmer** to work in their I.T. department. Read more and [apply on GovernmentJobs.com](https://www.applyongovernmentjobs.com), contact Katie Ulmer at [k.ulmer@cedar-rapids.org](mailto:k.ulmer@cedar-rapids.org) with questions about this job posting.

## 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!

## EVENTS & SEMINARS

**Social Justice Reading Group** | Organized by the Division of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and the Center for Teaching, the Social Justice Reading Group aims to promote equity and inclusion by providing UI instructors with the foundational theoretical and pedagogical frameworks and inclusive practices for integrating diversity, equity, and inclusion in the classroom. Utilizing Zoom and ICON, participants will attend a monthly session to engage in critical conversations with their colleagues about the readings and practice new skills and techniques. All UI Instructors (faculty, instructors, and graduate students with teaching responsibilities) are welcome to register. Please visit [the Events Page](#) to register for this event.

**Phi Delta Chi Immunization Clinic** | College of Pharmacy student members of Phi Delta Chi (PDC) will host a flu shot clinic at the Hy-Vee Lantern Park Plaza in Coralville. This event is open to the public. Stop by the Coralville Hy-Vee on September 8th between 3:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M. for a flu shot and get immunized before flu season.

**Prairie Lights Virtual: Belinda Huijan Tang** | Join Prairie Lights bookstore for a reading and conversation with author Belinda Huijan Tang in celebration of the release of her book, *A Map for the Missing*. She will be joined by Sanjena Sathian. You can register for this virtual event, which will take place on September 8th at 7:00 P.M. US Central Time, through the link on [the Events Page](#).

**Ceramics Invitational Show** | On September 9th, between 8:00 P.M. and 9:00 P.M. at the Visual Arts Building, the School of Art will host an invitational exhibition and related symposium featuring the work of over 50 faculty and graduate students from the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, the University of Colorado in Boulder, University of Florida in Gainesville, University of Iowa, Penn State University, and the University of Nebraska in Lincoln. The exhibition will continue until September 30th and is located in the Drewelowe Gallery. Read more on [the Events Page](#).

**Rival Against Hunger Food Drive and Pep Rally** | Join us for a pep rally on September 9th in Hubbard Park from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. as we come together to fight hunger and cheer on the Hawkeyes before the Iowa vs. Iowa State football game. Bring a full-size canned food or hygiene item to support Iowa as we compete against Iowa State in the Rival Against Hunger food drive competition. If you're unable to attend the pep rally, you can drop off items at designated drop-off locations around campus or local Fareway Stores in west Iowa City, Iowa City, and North Liberty from Sept. 6th–10th.

## 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](#)