DEPARTMENT UPDATES

The Geography Department is proud to announce a new publication from Antolini Federico and Professor Eric Tate, “Location Matters: A Framework to Investigate the Spatial Characteristics of Distributed Flood Attenuation.”

Can many ponds be as effective as a large reservoir in mitigating floods? The authors propose a framework to take advantage of the flexibility of small runoff attenuating features and explore multiple potential locations for their installment. A case study applies the framework to small reservoirs in a northeast Iowa watershed. Results suggest that the way reservoirs are spatially distributed significantly influences flood magnitude at the catchment scale.

Read their work at: https://www.mdpi.com/2073-4441/13/19/2706

KOHN COLLOQUIUM

This week’s Colloquium will host Haifeng Qian, an associate professor and associate director of the School of Planning and Public Affairs, whose presentation on “Entrepreneurship and income inequality in U.S. cities” will be held via Zoom at 3:30 pm, U.S. Central Time. Dr. Qian’s abstract can be found on the following page.

Contact Susan Meerdink at susan-meerdink@uiowa.edu to request a link to the presentation via Zoom.

CAMPUS SUSTAINABILITY MONTH

To raise the visibility of campus sustainability efforts, our counterparts in the Office of Sustainability and the Environment have compiled a schedule of Campus Sustainability Month activities and cultivated a list of scholarship, volunteer, internship, and job opportunities to explore. Selected Campus Sustainability Month events and scheduled activities can be found on the next page.
COLLOQUIUM: DR. HAIFENG QIAN

Entrepreneurship and income inequality in U.S. cities | continued from front

Abstract: This research examines the effects of two types of entrepreneurship – new firm formation versus self-employment – on income inequality within cities in the United States. Regression analysis based on 259 metropolitan areas between 2005 and 2015 shows that an increase in new firm formation decreases household income inequality. In contrast, more self-employment increases inequality. These results are robust to different measures of income inequality and model specifications. This study highlights the need for differentiating entrepreneurship in understanding its role in regional development. It further confirms vibrant startup activity as a key strength of a regional economy.

EVENTS AND INFO SESSIONS

Individuals with disabilities are encouraged to attend all University of Iowa–sponsored events. If you are a person with a disability who requires a reasonable accommodation in order to participate in this program, please contact Heath Davis in advance at (319) 384-5409 or heather-davis@uiowa.edu.

Fresh Check Day: Mental Health Fair | IMU Main Lounge

Fresh Check Day, the signature program of the Jordan Porco Foundation, is an uplifting mental health promotion and suicide prevention event for colleges that includes interactive expo booths, peer-to-peer messaging, support of multiple campus departments and groups, free food, entertainment, and exciting prizes and giveaways. Join us today, October 13th, from 10am to 4pm in the IMU Main Lounge! For more information, visit the Events Calendar.

Net Impact Discussion with Garik Himebaugh | Virtual Event

On October 27th, join Net Impact and the Office of Sustainability for a Net Impact discussion with Garik Himebaugh, who will be talking about his journey as an entrepreneur while starting his business, Eco-Stylist. In addition to his business, Garik will be talking about the sustainability aspect to his business and the fashion industry. For more information, visit the Events Calendar.

21st Annual Iowa Organics Conference | Iowa Memorial Union

The Iowa State University Organic Agriculture Program’s 21st Annual Organic Conference will be held on the Sunday, Nov. 28 and Monday, Nov. 29, 2021 in the Iowa Memorial Union at the University of Iowa. Early Registration is $100 and late registration (after Nov. 16) is $120. For more information, visit the Iowa Organics Conference website.
**GET INVOLVED WITH ICIGO**

Iowa Community Integrated Geography Organization (ICIGO) is a student organization within the Geography and Sustainability Sciences Department that utilizes experiences and skills gained in the classroom to support projects focused on sustainability statewide and in the local community.

The benefits of joining include: hands-on experience with GIS applications, web content design, visualizations, and spatial analyses, the opportunity to manage projects and be a team player with people of varying types and levels of skills, collaborating and networking with non-profit organizations, completing projects for use in a future portfolio and résumé, glean unique spatial perspectives on your own academic disciplines and more.

The group requires 2-3 hours of participation per week and participation in regular meetings. Interested undergraduates willing to commit a few hours to real-world GIS projects for credit, get hands-on experience, and get involved should contact Adam Skibbe, our GIS Administrator, at adam-skibbe@uiowa.edu or visit the ICIGO website for more information.

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**JOB OPENINGS**

- Scott County, Iowa is looking for a **full-time GIS Parcel Technician**. Candidates must be living in, or willing to relocate to, Davenport and must turn in their application for the position by Monday, October 18th, 2021 at 4:30pm. Compensation for this job is between $23.86 and $32.90 per hour. Follow this link to apply: https://www.scottcountyiowa.gov/hr/job/gis-parcel-technician

- The College of Engineering is seeking a **Research Project Assistant** who can help with social media and communications projects, and general office support duties. The project assistant will assist the "Decarb 2040 - Positioning Iowa as an energy exporter in the coming era of deep decarbonization" project. Successful applicants will have excellent written and verbal communication skills, customer service, organizational, and time-management skills; and can complete projects independently. All years and majors will be considered. The position requires approximately 5 hours per week, with flexible hours. The starting wage is $12/hour. Raises are awarded based on performance. Contact Charles Stanier at charles-stanier@uiowa.edu to apply, or to ask questions.
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 2021 Guidelines