

October 19, 2022

Geography Weekly

REMINDERS

- November 8th is the last day for graduate students to drop individual courses or withdraw entire registration without Dean approval.

KOHN COLLOQUIUM

This Friday, October 21st, Dr. Pedram Rowhani from University of Sussex (UK) will be joining us to present “Earth observation for better disaster preparedness: moving toward ending drought emergencies” at 3:30 PM US Central Time. Use link bit.ly/3SnMWDt to join.

Abstract: The current food insecurity over the Greater Horn of Africa region is deeply alarming. The ongoing drought is unprecedented in recent decades, associated with four consecutive poor rainfall seasons, with a fifth failure currently forecasted for the October-December 2022 season. Whilst this evolving food security crisis has been well monitored and indeed forecasted, the extent of early actions triggered by climate forecasts and food security outlooks has been demonstrably insufficient to save lives and livelihoods. This inaction of most humanitarian/development actors after several consecutive early warnings in 2021 and 2022 indicates significant weaknesses in the existing Early Warning Systems operated by various agencies in the region. These weaknesses are likely associated with shortcomings in the monitoring of drought conditions, the production and dissemination of actionable forecasts, preparedness plans and actions, and the implementation capacity by mandated agencies. In this talk, I will be sharing some of the results of the research done at the University of Sussex over the past five years, with a specific focus on the development of new tools to monitor and forecast drought conditions. This work was done in close collaboration with Kenya’s National Drought Management Authority (NDMA) and the Regional Centre for Mapping of Resources for Development (RCMRD).

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

CALENDAR

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Kohn Colloquium
Virtual | 3:30 PM

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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

UI Research Services Fair | On October 20th, from 1:00 PM to 4:30 PM in Hancher Auditorium, the vendor-style Research Services Fair will be held to showcase campus resources and services available to students for their research and scholarship activities. Over the past two Research Service Fairs, over 60 campus units have introduced their services to approximately 400 faculty, staff, and students. For more information, visit [the Events Page](#).

VR for Language and Culture Learning | On October 21st at 12 noon in Phillips Hall (room CLCL), try out virtual reality (VR) and see how it can be used to support language and culture learning at this interactive demonstration.

Spooktacular Women in Politics Halloween Costume Party | On October 21st from 9:00 PM to midnight at the Bowman House (located on North Clinton Street, across from Daum residence hall), join the Women's Resource & Action Center for a costume party, as part of the Late Night programming at Iowa.

Haunted House | On October 22nd, from 7:00 PM to midnight in the Iowa Memorial Union ballroom (located on the 2nd floor), experience the haunted house, sponsored by the Campus Activities Board!

Bijou After Hours: Evil Dead II | On October 22nd at 10:00 PM, the University of Iowa's very own Bijou film board will be screening a showing of Evil Dead II (1987) at the Chauncey Film Scene location (404 East College Street). Bijou Film Board is a nonprofit, student-run organization dedicated to the exhibition of independent, foreign, and classic cinema. After Hours is our catch-all film series which is dedicated to cult classics, genre films, and recent releases. Prizes are given out before the film begins at every After Hours screening! Read more on [the Events Page](#).

Diversity Career Fairs | On October 24th at 12:35 PM, in Boyd Law Building (room 225), join the Career Service Office as they discuss the variety of 1L career fairs and diversity programs around the country.

Homecoming Bingo | On October 24th at 7:00 PM in the Iowa Memorial Union main lounge, the Homecoming Executive Council and Campus Activities Board will be hosting a BINGO night until 9:00 PM. Students are invited to join for a friendly night of competition—prizes available!

INTERNSHIPS & OPPORTUNITIES

- **ITC Holdings Corp.** is accepting applications for a GIS internship, for this coming summer (2023). This is a full-time internship. [Apply online via Edquo.](#)
- **Ducks Unlimited** in Dexter, Michigan has 4 paid 12-month GIS internships available. [Read more and apply for one of these internship opportunities on their website.](#)
- **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. 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](#)