**DEPARTMENT NEWS**

Today (Wednesday, October 20th) at 2pm US Central time, PhD Student Victoria Harris will be giving a talk presented by the University of Arizona Tree-Ring Laboratory on “Tree rings and the Truckee River.” Join via Zoom at https://arizona.zoom.us/j/91065859678

**ALUMNI UPDATES**

Shaowen Wang, a University of Iowa Geography PhD (2004) alum and the current head of the Department of Geography & Geographic Information Science with the University of Illinois CyberGIS Center, is the PI on a five-year $15 million grant, leading the establishment of I-GUIDE: The Institute for Geospatial Understanding through an Integrative Discovery Environment, at University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, which will focus on the study of climate change and associated impacts using advanced cyberinfrastructure.

**KOHN COLLOQUIUM**

This week’s Colloquium will host Cara Hamann, an assistant professor in Epidemiology, whose presentation on “Injury Prevention, Our Roads, and Road Users” will be held via Zoom at 3:30 pm, U.S. Central Time.

Dr. Cara Hamann is an Assistant Professor of Epidemiology and Assistant Director of Training and Education of Injury Prevention Research Center at the University of Iowa. Her research focuses on unintentional injury prevention, with a focus on transportation safety. Her work includes naturalistic studies and linked analyses of transportation, justice, and medical data of high-risk and vulnerable road user groups and locations (rural areas, bicyclists, pedestrians, teen drivers, older drivers, child passenger restraint). She has a PhD in epidemiology from the University of Iowa and a Master’s in Public Health from the University of North Texas Health Science Center. **Dr. Hamann’s abstract can be found on the next page.**

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

**CALENDAR**

- **OCT 22**
  - Brown Bag Meeting
    - 11:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.
  - Kohn Colloquium
    - Cara Hamann
      - at 3:30 P.M. via Zoom

**HAVE UPDATES TO SHARE?**

Send news items, information on thesis defenses, awards, publications, events, and more to adrian-sandersfeld@uiowa.edu by 1:00 P.M. each Tuesday to have them featured in the upcoming Geography Weekly newsletter.
COLLOQUIUM: DR. CARA HAMANN

Injury Prevention, Our Roads, and Road Users | continued from front
Abstract: This presentation will provide a brief introduction to the University of Iowa Injury Prevention Research Center and highlights from two transportation safety research projects. One project focuses on evaluating the impacts of 4-to-3 lane roadway conversions, often called ‘road diets’, on businesses and emergency response times in Iowa. The other research project focuses on a naturalistic study of vehicle interactions with farm equipment on the roadway and a related community-level campaign to improve rural roadway safety.

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.

Arizona State Virtual Grad School Fair | Virtual Event
Join ASU at this virtual event Friday, October 22nd from 10am to 1pm (US Central Time) to meet with Graduate School representatives from schools around the country and learn about admission requirements, programs and professional degrees. For more information, visit the ASU careers page.

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, November 28th and Monday, November 29th 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.
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

- UIowa COVID Fall 2021 Guidelines