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Geography Weekly

DEADLINE REMINDERS

Graduate students: Final Exam requests are due for all December graduates by October 12th—please contact Angie Bellew regarding necessary paperwork at angela-bellew@uiowa.edu.

KOHN COLLOQUIUM

This week’s Colloquium will provide an open forum for graduate students and faculty to discuss and develop a community agreement and code of conduct for Kohn Colloquia and be held via Zoom at 3:30pm U.S. Central Time.

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

CAMPUS SUSTAINABILITY MONTH

Coordinated by The Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education, "Campus Sustainability Month is an international celebration of sustainability in higher education each October. The goal of Campus Sustainability Month is to raise the visibility of campus sustainability and provide campus sustainability advocates with a platform through which to deepen campus engagement around sustainability."

In that spirit, 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.

CALENDAR

Faculty Meeting
at 11:30 A.M. via Zoom

Kohn Colloquium
Open Forum
at 3:30 P.M. via Zoom

Grad Students: Final Exam Requests Due

Graduate Program Committee Meeting
email Heather Sander for the meeting link

HAVE UPDATES TO SHARE?

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

Plastic Waste: Impacts and Ideas | Virtual Event
People throughout Johnson County are invited to attend an online panel discussion on “Plastic Waste: Impacts and Ideas” that will take place from 1 to 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 7. Pre-registration is required at https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ZmvuoVpaSLii3g7AaR4WeQ - For more information, visit the Events Calendar.

Plogging with Campus Wellness Leaders | CRWC
Join Campus Wellness Leaders for a plogging adventure. What’s plogging? It’s a combination of jogging and plocka upp, Swedish for “to pick up.” Plogging entails jogging and stopping to pick up trash while you go. It’s a great way to get some movement and clean up the environment. This will be a great way to kick off Homecoming week. For more information, visit the Events Calendar.

Course Design Series: Sustainability | English-Philosophy Building
Preparing to submit a course for the new Sustainability Gen Ed. requirement? This semester-long series will provide hands-on support in the process of (re-)designing a course. Participants will connect with other faculty members and learn from special guests who will provide insight into teaching about sustainability. Meetings of this series will be held from 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm on October 15th, October 22nd, and November 5th in room 102 (TILE classroom) of the English-Philosophy Building.

Screening: The Biggest Little Farm | IMU Big Ten Theater
Join the Office of Sustainability and Field to Family in a screening of the 2018 documentary The Biggest Little Farm on Tuesday, October 12, 2021. A screening of the film will start at 7:00 pm, and a Q and A panel discussion with members of Field to Family, a group of local food coordinators, will follow the screening. For more information, visit the Events Calendar.

Fresh Check Day: Mental Health Fair | Hubbard Park
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. Fresh Check Day aims to create an approachable and hopeful atmosphere where students are encouraged to engage in dialogue about mental health and helps to build a bridge between students and the mental health resources available on campus, in the community, and nationally. For more information, visit the Events Calendar.


**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](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