DEPARTMENT NEWS

Did you know? November is the month of Geography Awareness Week! Every year, Geography Awareness Week is observed during the third week of November and GIS day is celebrated in the middle of it, on the third Wednesday. Students, faculty, and staff organizing events for Geography Awareness Week and GIS day are encouraged to email event details to adrian.sandersfeld@iowa.edu.

Kohn Colloquium

This week’s Colloquium is an Open Forum. If you are interested in attending this Open Forum virtually, please contact Susan Meerdink at susan-meerdink@uiowa.edu to inquire about Zoom arrangements.

RECRUITMENT NOTICE

The Geo-Social Lab is recruiting PhD and Masters students for Fall 2022. The Geo-Social Lab offers a diverse set of degrees and research experiences for graduate, undergraduate, and high school students through the UI Geography Department and the Interdisciplinary Graduate Program at Informatics, and the Secondary Student Training Program at the University of Iowa. The Geo-Social Lab is always looking for MS or PhD students with a variety of research interests such as spatial interaction analysis and visualization, geovisual analytics and human computer interaction, cartography, big data analytics for social media and networking applications, human migration, mobility, and more. Graduate teaching and research fellowships and assistantships are available for competitive students. Please visit geo-social.com for more information before applying.

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Applications to the eighth edition of the "Prize for the Outstanding Master's thesis in Cartography, Geodesy and/or Geographic Information" organized by the Pan American Institute of Geography and History will open on June 1st, 2022. Read more at https://bit.ly/3EGdbhh
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.

Dedication of the Native Nations Room | Iowa Memorial Union
On November 5th at 12pm Noon, a formal dedication to the new Native Nations Room in IMU 341 will take place. There will be speakers and an opportunity for a first-hand look at the new room. Please reach out to Isabela Flores at isabela-flores@uiowa.edu for accommodation needs. For more information, visit the Events Calendar.

Whose Land Are you On? | Iowa Memorial Union
On November 8th, Join in this come-and-go event where you can interact with, engage with, and reflect on material sharing the land acknowledgement information about the Indigenous tribes whose land is occupied by the University of Iowa in IMU 341 from 6pm to 9pm.

UI National First-Generation College Celebration | Virtual Event
In November 2017, the Council for Opportunity in Education (COE) partnered with the Center for First-Generation Student Success to launch the inaugural First-Generation College Celebration. The now-annual event, which is held each year on November 8th, encourages colleges and universities across the country to celebrate the successes of institutions’ first-generation faculty, staff, and students. This year, join the University of Iowa First-Gen Task Force via Zoom and in person from November 8th through November 12th. You can find the full schedule of events at firstgen.uiowa.edu/first-gen-celebration-schedule

UI Queer Trans Clothing Closet Popup Shop | Iowa Memorial Union
The Queer Trans Clothing Closet is a new initiative on campus designed to provide gender-affirming clothing to the UI community. The QTCC has built an online store to allow access to this resource year-round and, from November 10th-13th, the QTCC will be hosting an in-person pop-up shop at the IMU. Hours and volunteer opportunities are available at sites.google.com/view/qtcloset/home

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.
JOB OPENINGS

- The City of Waukee is currently looking for qualified candidates for its GIS Technician position. Under the general direction of the GIS Coordinator, performs work relating to the development, implementation and maintenance of the City of Waukee’s geographic information systems. Assists in the development, coordination and training of city staff related to various components of the GIS maps, data sets, applications, information files, etc. Apply at https://bit.ly/3nywFgO.

- The Arizona Department of Water Resources is currently seeking to hire a full-time GIS Developer. The ideal candidate is a highly motivated individual who learns new technologies quickly, stays abreast of technology changes, takes the initiative to propose improvements, gives effective technical presentations, and thrives in a highly collaborative environment. Learn more and apply at https://bit.ly/2ZradhU.

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**