**DEPARTMENT NEWS**

Oronde Drakes will be defending his dissertation, entitled “Local-Scale Social Vulnerability to Multiple Hazards.” The general public is invited to tune in via Zoom to watch Drakes’ thesis defense at 8:30am (US Central Time) on November 16th. The meeting ID is 915 6004 9582 and the passcode is 892888. Congratulations, Oronde Drakes!

**GIS DAY APPROACHES!**

Geography Awareness Week and GIS Day are just around the corner. Visit gisday.com/en-us/101-ways for a list of 101 things you can do to celebrate GIS day this Geography Awareness Week!

**KOHN COLLOQUIUM**

This week’s Colloquium will host Dr. Bijaya Adhikari, presenting “Exploiting and optimizing mobility to reduce Hospital Acquired Infections.” Dr. Adhikari is an assistant professor with the University of Iowa Department of Computer Science.

*Abstract:* As patients seek care, they are simultaneously being exposed to a number of Hospital Acquired Infections (HAIs) including Clostridioides Difficile infections (CDI), Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus Aureus infections (MRSA), and, as evidenced by outbreaks in several long-term care facilities, even COVID-19. A HAI outbreak within a healthcare facility inflicts a significant burden on human health as well as economic costs on healthcare providers; in fact, CDC estimates the cost of battling HAIs to be between 28 and 45 billion USD in the USA alone. Fortunately, early detection coupled with effective preventative measures can help mitigate both health and economic risks of future outbreaks. This talk presents data driven solutions for both surveilling and mitigating HAI risks by leveraging mobility data obtained from hospital operations.

If you are interested in attending this week’s Kohn Colloquium, please contact Susan Meerdink at susan-meerdink@uiowa.edu to receive a Zoom link.

**CALENDAR**

- **NOV 12**
  - Kohn Colloquium
  - Dr. Bijaya Adhikari at 3:30 P.M. via Zoom

- **NOV 12**
  - Undergraduate Program Committee Meeting

- **NOV 12**
  - Graduate Program Committee Meeting

- **NOV 15**
  - Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee Meeting

**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.
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.

**Winter Clothing Drive | Iowa Memorial Union**

On **November 16th**, from **10:30am to 1:00pm** in the Iowa Memorial Union **River Room 1**, the Red Cross Club at Iowa and the College of Public Health are hosting a winter clothing drive for Shelter House Iowa City. For more information, contact Ashlynn Brown at ashlynn-brown@uiowa.edu.

**Hawk-Eyes in Space Observing Night | Van Allen Hall or Online via Zoom**

Join the University of Iowa Department of Physics and Astronomy for a public observation night! On **Friday, November 12th** from **8pm to 10pm** on the (7th floor) **Van Allen Hall** roof and dome, observe the autumn night sky like never before. This Astronomy observation session will occur both online on Zoom and in-person on the roof of Van Allen Hall (follow the signs in the building). Observations in the Van Allen Observatory dome will be prioritized for online guests. For more information, visit the Events Calendar or the Facebook event.

**Student Disability Services Open House | Old Capitol Centre**

You’re invited! Come visit Student Disability Services on the first floor of Old Capitol Centre (Room 141) **between 2:30pm and 4:30pm** on **November 12th** to check out the new location of SDS. For more information, visit the Events Calendar.

**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.
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.

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.
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**