



November 16, 2022

# Geography Weekly

## DEPARTMENT NEWS

- Happy Geography Week and happy GIS day!

## REMINDERS

- There will be no faculty meeting this Friday, November 18th.
- Next week, fall break begins. There will not be a weekly departmental newsletter released on November 23rd. The GISIL will be closed and will re-open on November 28th. The Geography office (316 JH) will be closed and will re-open on Tuesday the 29th.

## KOHN COLLOQUIUM

This Friday, November 18th, at 3:30 PM, Kohn Colloquium will be entirely virtual via Zoom. We will be hosting Dr. Sophie Vanwambeke from UCLouvain (Belgium), who will present “Are infectious diseases a feature of land systems?”. If you do not already have a Zoom link for this semester’s Kohn Colloquium series, email Adrian Sandersfeld at [adrian-sandersfeld@uiowa.edu](mailto:adrian-sandersfeld@uiowa.edu) to request one.

**Abstract:** The association between land use and vector-borne and zoonotic disease has long been known and extensively studied. In a diversity of contexts, strong associations have been identified between hosts, vectors or pathogens and land cover and land use. However, the view taken on land use has sometimes been overly simplistic. Processes such as intensification and de-urbanization have been understudied and the complex relationship between land use and hazard, exposure and vulnerability are often overlooked. In this talk, I will explore the potential for a land system approach to support existing conceptual frameworks such as the resource-based habitat concept for vector-borne and zoonotic diseases to help us reach a finer understanding of landscape level associations between the environment and infectious diseases.

## CALENDAR

NOV  
18

**Kohn Colloquium**  
*Virtual | 3:30 PM*

NOV  
20

*Fall Break begins*

## HAVE UPDATES TO SHARE?

Send news items, information on thesis defenses, awards, publications, events, and more to [adrian-sandersfeld@uiowa.edu](mailto:adrian-sandersfeld@uiowa.edu) by 1:00 PM each Tuesday to have them featured in the upcoming Geography Weekly newsletter.

## EVENTS ON AND OFF CAMPUS

**[Honors Program Friendsgiving](#)** | The Honors Program will be hosting a Friendsgiving Food Drive Potluck on Nov. 16, from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM in 440 BHC. Please bring an item to share and an additional item to donate to the Honors Program Food Drive! A flyer for this event can be found on the [Events Page](#).

**[Flint Knapping Night](#)** | *Tonight!* Join the Ulowa Anthropology club for a fun night of flint-knapping (chipping flint to create things like arrowheads)! Jeans and close-toed shoes are required. Please bring gloves and eye protection if you have them. The Anthro club will meet in 132 MacBride Hall and walk down to the lab as a group after reviewing general safety rules.

**[Fall Break Meal](#)** | Iowa City community members and UI international scholars and students staying on campus during the fall break are invited to join IP staff for a celebration of community and a traditional holiday meal. The Fall Break Meal will take place Monday, Nov. 21, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. (CST) in 1117 University Capitol Centre (with a grab-and-go option available from 2 to 2:30 p.m.). The meal will feature turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetarian stuffing, macaroni and cheese, green bean casserole, dinner rolls, hot apple cider, sweet potato pie, apple pie, and pumpkin pie. Space is limited, please only register if you intend to attend.

**[Expressive Art Support Space](#)** | Tuesdays from 1-2 PM (ending on December 6th). Expressive Art Support Space is a 60-minute drop-in virtual support group. We'll make various art and craft projects in a supportive setting to facilitate self-awareness, growth, and healing/stress reduction. You'll have the opportunity to use your own creative, emotional, and intuitive aspects to discover and express yourself. Bring your favorite art mediums and enjoy the process! To Join: Zoom Meeting Link: <https://uiowa.zoom.us/j/93201311491> (Zoom Meeting ID: 932 0131 1491)

**[Live from Prairie Lights: Mark Levine and Hajar Hussaini](#)** | Hajar Hussaini is an Afghan poet and literary translator. Her work has appeared in Poetry Magazine, Margins, and Pamemar Press. Hussaini lives in Iowa City. Mark Levine is the recipient of a Whiting Award, a Hodder Fellowship from Princeton, and a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts; a professor of poetry at the Iowa Writers' Workshop, Levine lives in Iowa City. Mark Levine will read from *Sound Fury: Poems*. Hajar Hussaini will read from *Disbound*. November 30th at 7:00 PM.

## INTERNSHIPS & OPPORTUNITIES

- **Pathfinders RC & D** is now hiring for two RCPP Watershed Soil Conservation Technician positions, which are available at SWCDs in Southeast Iowa (Monroe and Wapello). Send your resume to [info@pathfindersrcd.org](mailto:info@pathfindersrcd.org) or [read more about these positions](#) and [apply via Indeed](#).
- **Green Iowa Americorps** has available full-time and part-time positions listed at: [greeniowaamericorps.org/open-positions](http://greeniowaamericorps.org/open-positions)
- **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](#).

## JOIN THE ENVIRONMENTAL COALITION!

The Environmental Coalition at Iowa is an organization dedicated to advocating for the environment through activism, education, and equity. As a group, we strive to instill a sense of pride in our natural environment and share our passion for protecting our home not only on campus, but throughout Iowa City and beyond.

We work to create an inclusive community, support our members, and provide opportunities to get involved in the local environmental movement through networking and volunteering. Some of our current projects include Monthly Challenges, Ecosia on Campus, Decarbonizing Mid-American Energy, and working with the Bee Campus Initiative as well as the Bike Library. Every year we also participate in Oktoberfest, do many Earth Month activities including a Trash Crawl, and provide many other resources, events, and socials for our members. We are always looking for new leaders and friends that are passionate about sustainability on campus and looking to lend a hand on a current project or bring a new project to life!

We welcome you to join our weekly meetings at 7pm every Thursday in room 347 of the IMU, and do not hesitate to contact us by email [uiecpres@gmail.com](mailto:uiecpres@gmail.com) or Instagram [@envirocoalition\\_iowa](https://www.instagram.com/envirocoalition_iowa) with any questions! We hope to see you soon!

## 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](mailto:adam-skibbe@uiowa.edu) to get started!

## 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](#)