DEPARTMENT NEWS

- Last week, Geography Ph.D. student Maryam Torkashvand was in Seattle, Washington to present at the 2022 ACM SIGspatial International Conference on Advances in Geographic Information Systems.

- Geography Ph.D. student Hoeyun Kwon recently presented at AutoCarto 2022 and was awarded the International Cartographic Association Scholarship.

- Last Wednesday, department undergraduates Bob Pentuic and Emmeline Kraus presented their research posters at FURF 2022. Pictured (right) is Bob Pentuic and his poster for “Water Quality at Camp Cardinal Creek”.

KOHN COLLOQUIUM

This Friday, November 11th, at 3:30 PM, Kohn Colloquium will be entirely virtual via Zoom. We will be hosting Angela Lamb, Danielle Martinez, and Zoe Newman, who will present “Focus on First-Generation College Students” from the office of Academic Support and Retention. If you do not already have a Zoom link for this semester’s Kohn Colloquium series, email Adrian Sandersfeld at adrian-sandersfeld@uiowa.edu to request one.

**Focus on First-Generation College Students:** Approximately 20% of undergraduate students at the University of Iowa identify as first-generation college students. Compared to their continuing generation peers, first-generation students may face a unique set challenges in their college transition and completion efforts, and often benefit from additional support of faculty and staff who are dedicated to their success. This interactive session will explore definitions, challenges, and successes of first-generation students at the University of Iowa. Participants will learn how first-generation students experience college (and your department in particular!). In addition, you will learn strategies that contribute to a more inclusive campus environment where all first-generation students feel welcome and supported and can ultimately be successful at the University of Iowa.
**Upcoming Events**

**EVENTS ON AND OFF CAMPUS**

**We are Nature Too.** | Visit the Visual Arts Building, room E450, for the BFA exhibition by Jake Burr, *We are Nature Too*. This exhibition will be on display in E450 until 8pm on November 12th. The reception for this exhibition is tomorrow, Thursday, November 10th.

**Kozo Harvest** | On November 11th at the Oakdale Research Facilities at 2330 Old Farmstead Road in Coralville, University of Iowa Center for the Book paper making specialist Nick Cladis will host the Center's annual kozo harvest at the Oakdale Paper Research Facility! We need all hands on deck for this event, as we have a field of kozo to harvest, steam, and peel. You'll learn a lot about processing bark fibers in traditional ways. We will be harvesting in the morning, from 9:30 AM, and will then move to the studio to steam the bark and peel the bark before hanging them in bundles on rope. We will finish up at 4:30 PM. There will be a lunch break from noon to one o'clock. Caffeine will be provided, as well as some Japanese snacks. Even more information about this event can be found on [the Events Page](#)!

**IVETS Open House** | On November 11th, from 9 AM to 11:30 AM, all Veterans and members of the University community are invited to tour the IVETS space on the 2nd floor of Calvin Hall for breakfast and a session to learn more about the wide range of services offered to our students in the Veteran and Military-Connected community at the University of Iowa.

**International Ballroom Dedication** | Join campus for a dedication event to celebrate the International Ballroom (formerly 2nd Floor Ballroom) in the Iowa Memorial Union. The International Ballroom features a permanent display of international flags symbolizing the impact of our international students and scholars, as well as the centrality of global learning to the University of Iowa’s educational mission. The dedication event is open to the public and will take place on Friday, November 11, 2022, from 4:30 to 6 PM in the International Ballroom, featuring light refreshments and a welcome talk from President Wilson.

**APACC Cinema: Minari** | APACC will be collaborating with Men of Color and Masculinities for a movie screening this Friday, November 11th, at 7 PM in the Asian Pacific American Cultural Center! *Minari* is a movie about a Korean American family who moves to an Arkansas farm in search of its own American dream. Amidst the challenges of this new life in the strange and rugged Ozarks, they discover the undeniable resilience of family and what really makes a home. We are excited to see you all there!

**Prairie Seed Harvest** | On November 15th at 2:00 PM, Join Prairie Restoration course Instructor, Mike Fallon, and his students for an autumn afternoon exploring the Mormon Handcart Park prairie (116 Hawkeye Court, Iowa City). You'll help gather native seed to support ongoing prairie reconstruction efforts at the adjacent Ashton Prairie Living Laboratory.
INTERNSHIPS & OPPORTUNITIES

• **Pathfinders RC & D** is now hiring for two RCPP Watershed Soul Conservation Technician positions, which are available at SWCDs in Southeast Iowa (Monroe and Wapello). Send your resume to 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

• **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 or Instagram @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 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
- UIowa COVID Fall 2022 Guidelines