Welcome back from fall break! Final exam week is fast approaching and begins Monday, December 13th. Be sure to locate your courses on the Final Exam schedule and the Registrar’s Academic Calendar for other important dates.

Department News
Join us in congratulating Oronde Drakes on a successful thesis defense! Drakes will be graduating soon as a Doctor of Philosophy in Geography. Congratulations, Oronde!

Kohn Colloquium
This Friday’s Colloquium will host Dr. Grant Brown, who will be presenting on Computational Strategies for fully Bayesian State-Space Models of Infectious Diseases.

Abstract: With the global spread of COVID-19, compartmental epidemic models (such as SEIR models) have assumed an ever more important role in public health practice and planning. Even so, their implementation still necessitates a variety of practical compromises. Especially for stochastic Bayesian models, the computational complexity of fitting a straightforward state-space model grows quickly as the temporal and spatial dimension increases. In this talk, we’ll discuss the general properties of state-space models for infectious diseases and their importance in public health practice, and introduce several algorithmic approaches to obtain inferential results, including approximate Bayesian methods and MCMC strategies, focusing on their application to a spatial analysis of cholera cases in Haiti and the Dominican Republic.

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.

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.

Canoe Battleship: Intramural Friday Night | The Field House
On December 3rd, from 8m to 2pm, play Canoe Battleship with UI Intramural Sports. Teams will be placed into "Heats". The number of heats, and number of teams per heat, will depend on the number of teams registered. The last one or two boats afloat in each heat will advance to the next round. Every team will have the opportunity to participate in at least two heats. All Friday Night Series events are free! For more information, visit the Events Calendar. You must register in advance to take part in this event!

Art to Eat By: Cookbooks as Record and Expression | Virtual Event
From medieval coronation banquets with elaborate sugar sculptures known as subtleties to the technicolor party food of the 1960s, food as art has long been tied to the enjoyable and meaningful experience of dining. Visitors will find culinary books and other materials from across the centuries on display in the Special Collections & Archives Reading Room, 3rd floor, Main Library. This exhibit will be available for viewing now through December 17th. For more information, visit the Events Calendar.

De-Stress with Grad-DEI | University Capitol Centre
On December 3rd, between 5pm and 7pm at the Old Capitol Town Center, Destress with Grad-DEI! Join us for a fun evening of activities to destress before finals week, featuring mindfulness and meditation with Barry Schreier, Director of University Counseling Service; yoga with Caroline Woods of Campus Recreation & Wellness Center, plus crafts, DIYs, and more! To attend, please RSVP at this form. For more information, visit the Events Calendar.

Holidays With the Hawkeyes | Virtual Event
On December 5th, celebrate this Iowa tradition from the comfort of home between 4pm and 5pm US Central Time. This winter-themed celebration will feature UI School of Music performances, the 2021 Hawkeye Haiku winning entries, and winter artistic insight from UI Stanley Museum of Art director Lauren Lessing. For more information, visit the Events Calendar.
**RESEARCH & INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

- **The Nature Conservancy** is seeking interns for their Anna Beal Summer Internship program. This internship is volunteer, with a **$5000 scholarship offered** to students who express, in their cover letters, a need for academic financial aid. For more information about the internship, or to apply, visit [nature.org/careers](https://nature.org/careers) by 10:59pm US Central Time on Friday, January 7th, 2022. Questions about the position may be directed to [ccarter@tnc.org](mailto:ccarter@tnc.org).

- **The Geo-Social Lab** is accepting applications for **fully-funded PhD and MS positions for Fall 2022**. We are looking for students interested in mobility, visualization, AI, and other geographic fields. Reach out to Caglar Koylu at caglar-koylu@uiowa.edu and visit [geo-social.com](http://geo-social.com) for more information.

- **The Iowa Lakeside Lab** is accepting applications for winter and summer student opportunities. Iowa Lakeside Lab on Lake Okoboji is Iowa’s biological field station. Grow your professional portfolio and get paid for field work with research opportunities. This unique model of learning focuses on immersive and hands-on learning for students of all ages. Faculty include a diverse, multi-disciplinary team of scholars from across the United States who teach courses in natural, physical, social sciences and the arts throughout the summer and academic year, on-campus and online. **Application deadlines are March 1st and April 1st for a winterim GIS 2-week, 2 credit hour online course or a summer internship opportunity in the lab and/or on the field.** Learn more and apply at [iowalakesidelab.org](http://iowalakesidelab.org).

- **The Iowa Biosciences Academy (IBA)** is seeking first and second year students for paid Science Alliance Internships. The deadline for turning in an internship application is **December 15th, 2021**. Apply at [bit.ly/3pbA31W](https://bit.ly/3pbA31W). If you have questions, need additional information, or would like to arrange a visit, please call the IBA office at 319-467-1483 or email [iba@uiowa.edu](mailto:iba@uiowa.edu).

**JOB OPENINGS**

- **The City of Waukee** is currently looking for qualified candidates for its **GIS Parcel 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](https://bit.ly/3nywFgO).**
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