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Geography Weekly

DEPARTMENT NEWS

- Haoyi Xiong will be defending his dissertation, "Spatiotemporal traffic congestion propagation patterns analytics on big data of vehicle trajectories" tomorrow (Thursday, December 15th) at 9:30 A.M. US Central Time. This dissertation defense will be held virtually via Zoom: <https://uiowa.zoom.us/j/91586232342?pwd=eXE0eUhCNGV2TGUyZUpRbkludVR3Zz09#success>
- Dr. Matt Dannenberg has published a new article:
Au, T. F., J. T. Maxwell, S. M. Robeson, J. Li, S. M. O. Siani, K. Novick, M. P. Dannenberg, R. Phillips, T. Li, Z. Chen, and J. Lenoir (2022), Younger trees in the upper canopy are more sensitive but also more resilient to drought, *Nature Climate Change*, 12, 1168-1174. DOI: 10.1038/s41558-022-01528-w.
- Several of our Geography Department faculty and graduate students are attending the Advancing Earth and Space Science 2022 Fall Meeting this week. Safe travels, everyone!

WINTER CLASSES

- Winter classes will begin on December 19th. To register for winter session courses, register by 11:59 PM on December 18th.

FALL 2022 COMMENCEMENT

The commencement ceremonies for Fall 2022 graduates will be held on these dates for the following groups:

the doctoral graduate commencement ceremony will be held in Hancher Auditorium at 9:00 AM on December 16th

the masters graduate commencement ceremony will be held in Hancher Auditorium at 7:00 PM on December 16th

the CLAS undergraduate commencement ceremony will be held in Carver-Hawkeye Arena at 9:00 AM on December 17th. A virtual livestream can be found at commencement.uiowa.edu

CALENDAR

DEC 17 Winter Break Begins

DEC 16 Doctoral Commencement
Hancher | 9:00 AM

DEC 16 Masters Commencement
Hancher | 7:00 PM

DEC 17 CLAS Undergraduate Commencement
Carver | 9:00 AM

HAVE UPDATES TO SHARE?

Send news items, information on thesis defenses, awards, publications, events, and more to 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

[Study at the Stanley](#) | On December 15th, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, take a break in the galleries and enjoy snacks in the lobby of the Stanley Museum of Art to finish off finals week.

[Discover Study Abroad: Open Advising Hours](#) | Do you have general inquiries about studying abroad? UI Study Abroad staff are at the ready to help you plan the experience of a lifetime. [Join the Zoom meeting](#) between 2:00 PM and 4:00 PM this Friday, December 16th.

[\\$4 Fridays at FilmScene](#) | Every Friday after 8 p.m., students can see any new release film for just \$4 at either FilmScene location. Show your student ID card at the counter to claim your \$4 tickets! For a list of showings each week, visit icfilmscene.org/calendar. Tickets for \$4 Fridays must be purchased in person to receive the discount! \$4 Fridays applies to both FilmScene at the Chauncey (404 E. College St.) and FilmScene on the Ped Mall (118 E. College St.).

FINALS WEEK AT THE IMU

It wouldn't be finals week without Finals at the IMU. All events listed below are free and happening within the Iowa Memorial Union. Even more events can be found at imu.uiowa.edu/visit/annual-events/finals-imu

Wednesday, December 14th

- Therapy Dogs will be available between 3:30 PM and 8:00 PM in the North & South rooms
- Peach Out 2022: Peace Tea and Pizza available while supplies last in the Hubbard Commons (starting at 7:00 PM)

Thursday, December 15th

- Cereal Bar and Cartoons from 7:00 AM to 10:30 AM in the Iowa Theater

HAVE A HAPPY WINTER BREAK!

We in the Department of Geographical and Sustainability Sciences wish everyone a safe and happy winter break, and happy holidays!

For non-local students, the University of Iowa Student Government is partnered with Anaman Concierge Services to provide a shuttle service to the Eastern Iowa Airport in Cedar Rapids. [Book your shuttle here](#).

CAMBUS services will be running over winter break in a limited capacity. You can view the CAMBUS winter break 2022-23 schedule at transportation.uiowa.edu.

INTERNSHIPS & OPPORTUNITIES

The **United States Geological Survey** (USGS) is accepting applications for paid student trainee positions in Mathematics & Statistics and Hydrology. Read more about these positions and their requirements and apply online via USA Jobs:

- Student Trainee positions in Mathematics & Statistics: usajobs.gov/job/692538900
- Student Trainee positions in Hydrology: usajobs.gov/job/692156300

The Anna Beal Summer 2023 internship with **The Nature Conservancy** is accepting applications! This 11-week internship runs between May 22nd and August 4th, 2023. A \$5,750 scholarship is available to accepted interns. Read more at bit.ly/annabeal and apply for an internship position at nature.org/careers (job ID: 52597)

Lakeside Laboratory in West Lake Okoboji is accepting paid internship applications until January 23rd, 2023. Read more and apply now at iowalakesidelab.org!

Green Iowa Americorps has available full-time and part-time positions listed at: greeniowaamericorps.org/open-positions

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!

ADMITTED STUDENT DAYS

Interested in talking about your major or research areas to new students next semester? GSS departmental graduate students and current undergrads are welcome to participate in the Geographical and Sustainability Studies info sessions for newly-admitted University of Iowa students. These info sessions will take place between 10:45 AM and 12:00 PM in 221 JH on February 20th and on March 3rd, 24th, and 31st, 2023. You'll have the opportunity to talk about classes you enjoy, undergraduate or graduate research projects, the skills you've learned in GIS courses, and more with prospective GSS undergrads.

Email adrian-sandersfeld@uiowa.edu to indicate interest.

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](#)