END OF FALL 2021
As we conclude the last week of classes and move forward into finals week, the Geography Department extends good luck wishes to any students taking exams, giving final presentations, or turning in end-of-term projects as well as congratulations to all who are graduating this month. Winter break is just around the corner and Spring 2022 courses are open for registration on MyUI until January 24th!

FINALS WEEK
From free food to fun activities, take advantage of your University-provided resources and shake the stress off before finals next week with support programs from the IMU! Visit imu.uiowa.edu/students/finals for dates, times, locations, and more info.

DEPARTMENT NEWS
Professor Eric Tate has a new publication, Flood Recovery Outcomes and Disaster Assistance Barriers for Vulnerable Populations, out today!


KOHN COLLOQUIUM
There is no colloquium this Friday, December 10th. We have decided to change the schedule and give everyone the time off. Look for something sweet and festive in your mailbox this Friday!
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.

Mindfulness Meditation | IMU
On December 12th, at 4pm in IMU room 256 Relax and recharge before finals week by attending this 45-minute meditation session led by a certified Koru Mindfulness teacher from UI Student Wellness. No previous experience required.

Finals Pancake Breakfast | IMU
On December 13th, between 6:30am and 10:30am, kick off finals week with a free pancake breakfast in the IMU Main Lounge.

Therapy Dog Sessions | IMU
On December 13th and December 15th, between 6:30pm and 8:30pm, in the North and South rooms on the first floor of the IMU, spend some time with fellow classmates and a therapy dog to take the stress off during finals week.

Positive Vibe Rock Painting | UCC
On December 14th, between 10am and 4pm at the University Capitol Centre’s Center for Diversity & Enrichment lobby on the second floor (above CVS), come paint some rocks to decompress during finals week. Supplies are provided.

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES

- The commencement ceremony for doctoral graduates is Friday, December 17th at 9am in Hancher Auditorium.
- The commencement ceremony for masters graduates is Friday, December 17th at 7pm in Hancher Auditorium.
- The commencement ceremony for College of Liberal Arts and Sciences undergraduates is Saturday, December 18th at 9am in Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

Doors will open to these venues one hour prior to the start of the ceremonies hosted. No tickets are required. Accommodation requests for accessibility to the doctoral and masters commencement ceremonies must be emailed to katlin-bottorff@uiowa.edu before December 14th. Each ceremony will also be streamed virtually with closed captions via commencement.uiowa.edu.
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.

- **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](http://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.

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