DEPARTMENT NEWS

- There will be an Undergraduate Committee meeting via Zoom this Friday, February 4th from 11:30am to 12:30pm
- The last day for undergraduates to withdraw registration (accountable for 50% of tuition and all mandatory fees) is February 6th.

KOHN COLLOQUIUM

This Friday’s Kohn Colloquium will host our very own Matt Dannenberg, who will be presenting and speaking on drought and (semi)arid ecosystem function in a warmer and more variable world. If you are interested in attending this week’s virtual Kohn Colloquium, please contact Susan Meerdink at susan-meerdink@uiowa.edu for the Zoom link.

Abstract: Arid and semiarid ecosystems cover more than 40% of Earth’s surface and provide critical ecosystem services to billions of people, including as important regulators of the global carbon cycle. The growth and productivity of dryland vegetation are tightly coupled to water availability, but anthropogenic climate change has altered both the precipitation regime and the atmospheric demand for moisture. In this talk, I discuss the effects of two related aspects of past, present, and future hydroclimatic change on ecosystem function in arid and semiarid regions of western North America increases in the variability of precipitation and increases in atmospheric dryness. I show that the growth and primary production of dryland ecosystems are negatively affected by both aspects of hydroclimatic change, with important implications for regional-to-global scale ecosystem services in a warmer and more variable world.
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.

Lunar New Year celebration | Virtual Event
On Thursday, February 3rd at 7:00pm US Central Standard Time, the Center for Asian and Pacific Studies and International Programs will be hosting a joint Chinese-Korean-Japanese-Southeast-Asian “Lunar New Year” celebration webinar. Visit the Events Calendar for more information.

Dance Marathon | Virtual Event
The 28th annual Dance Marathon is upon us! Dance Marathon is virtual this year. From the comfort and safety of your home, join in on the supportive festivities. Activities include a virtual photo booth, meditation, dancing, yoga, virtual craft time, and more. Visit the Events Calendar or dancemarathon.org for more information.

INTERNSHIPS & JOB OPPORTUNITIES

- Spend your summer on West Okoboji! Iowa Lakeside Laboratory Regents Resource Center is taking applications now for 8, 10 and 12-week summer internships for undergraduate students. Earn an hourly wage and scholarship for up to 4 credit hours toward a field course on site during your stay. Opportunities exist to participate in existing field research, lab technician experience and sustainable tourism activities. Or develop your own field-based research project! Final application deadline is March 1. Visit www.iowalakesidelab.org for more information or email lakesidelab@uiowa.edu.

- Cerro Gordo County in Mason City, IA is seeking a GIS Coordinator to work under the direction of the Auditor. GIS experience, bachelor’s degree, or master’s degree are qualifiers for this position/ Salary is negotiable. Applications for this position will be accepted until March 4th, 2022 at 4:30pm (US Central Time), or until the position is filled. Pre-employment physical and drug screening are required. Visit bit.ly/35nFW6a to apply.

- The Grundy County IT/GIS Department is accepting applications for a GIS/IT Assistant. Education and/or experience in GIS is essential. Applications close February 11, 2022. For more information including job description and application, visit grundycountyiowa.gov/images/pdf/announcements/Help_Wanted_IT-GIS-2022.pdf
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 Spring 2022 Guidelines