DEPARTMENT NEWS

The Interdisciplinary Graduate Program in Sustainable Development at the University of Iowa is now accepting applications for its first cohort of students for the Fall 2022 semester. Learn more at sdg.grad.uiowa.edu/

KOHN COLLOQUIUM

This Friday’s Kohn Colloquium will host our very own Carly Nichols, who will be presenting and speaking on Nutrition-sensitive agriculture: An equity-based analysis from India. 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: This talk explores the rise of so-called "nutrition-sensitive agriculture" (NSA) programs across South Asia, which work to diversify agricultural production, provide nutrition education, and empower women farmers to address the persistently high rural malnutrition. While much research has emerged around NSA in the last ten years, little work has critically pulled apart the global political economies and politics of knowledge that animate this “new” agricultural paradigm or assessed its on-the-ground impacts with a social equity lens. Such work is critical to examine the transformative potentials and the potential co-option that might occur in this promising movement. In this talk, I present results from ethnographic research on particular NSA intervention in central India where green revolution-style agriculture has been commonplace for the past two decades. Using a framework based on notions of distributive, procedural, and recognitional equity, the findings suggest while all respondents reacted positively to the tenets of NSA promotion, the project’s circumvention of the knowledge and identity politics introduced within green revolution promotion ultimately hindered the project from having a transformative or equitable impact. I conclude by highlighting the specific instances where an emancipatory knowledge politics was employed to mobilize farmers around shared interests of ecological and human health.

CALENDAR

FEB 11
Executive Committee Meeting
11:30am via Zoom

FEB 11
Kohn Colloquium
Carly Nichols
3:30pm via Zoom

HAVE UPDATES TO SHARE?

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.

AmeriCorps and Peace Corps Info Session | Virtual Event
This Friday, February 11th, to join a virtual info session on AmeriCorps and Peace Corps with Jana Daisy and Jessi Carver, who will be sharing from personal and professional experience in their national service on how you can get connected now—or in the future—with an opportunity to serve. Register on Zoom at:
uiowa.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJErc-2qqTstHtYXI72uVikOZH2NMtLWGrQ5

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Celebration | Virtual Event
The UI Staff Council (UISC) invites University of Iowa faculty, staff, and students to join them for their fourth annual DEI Celebration event on Monday, March 7. Join via Zoom at uiowa.zoom.us/j/92580773309

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.

• The City of Steamboat Springs, Colorado has announced a job opening with their Planning & Community Development Department as a Planning Technician. Put your talents and skills to work to contribute to our vibrant community by performing a variety of administrative and technical work in the Development Review function of the City related to the implementation of land use policies, urban design, zoning, development standards, development review, permitting, and code enforcement processes. Apply by February 28th at https://bit.ly/3663Fs1

• **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.
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