DEPARTMENT NEWS

- Today (March 30), on the second level of the Old Capitol Mall, students from the department will be presenting their research projects at the Spring Undergraduate Research Festival (SURF) between 4pm and 6pm. Odd numbers present between 4pm and 5pm. Even numbers present between 5pm and 6pm.
  
  36: David Hebrink
  55: Zoe Leone, working with Dr. Heather Sander
  89: Graham Sandersfeld, working with Dr. Heather Sander

- Barbara Keino successfully defended her dissertation, “Spatiotemporal Trends of Cardiovascular Disease Risk Factors, Overweight, Obesity, and Tobacco Use in East Africa”, thank you to all who attended. She will continue her health geographic work after graduation, having accepted a fellowship with the CDC’s Epidemic Intelligence Service. Congratulations, Barbara!

- Austin Tang has a new paper published in Applied Geography:


  Read the abstract and article at sciedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0143622822000571

KOHN COLLOQUIUM

This Friday, April 1st, Kohn Colloquium will host Dr. Laura Jackson, who will be presenting “Making Prairie Practical: an update from the Tallgrass Prairie Center”. This Colloquium will be held virtually at 3:30pm US Central Time via Zoom. Contact Dr. Susan Meerdink at susan-meerdink@uiowa.edu for the Zoom link. Dr. Jackson’s bio and abstract can be found on the next page.
KOHN COLLOQUIUM: DR. LAURA JACKSON

Abstract: While agricultural policy and economic forces continue to create an increasingly homogenous and industrialized landscape, there are ways to facilitate the use of more diverse, native vegetation in the Iowa landscape on both public and private land. In close collaboration with Iowa’s county roadside managers, farmers, landowners, conservation professionals and native seed producers, we are finding ways to expand the use of native tallgrass prairie on the Iowa landscape. I will also share some results of our field experiments on the most (and least) successful techniques for establishing high-quality prairie.

Laura Jackson received her bachelor’s degree in Biology from Grinnell College, and a Ph.D. in Ecology (minor in Agronomy) from Cornell University. She has taught courses in ecology, conservation biology, restoration ecology and environmental studies. Her research has focused on the restoration of biological diversity in agriculture landscapes, and the dynamics of seedling establishment in prairie reconstructions. She and her mother Dana Jackson are co-editors of The Farm as Natural Habitat: Reconnecting Food Systems with Ecosystems (Island Press, 2002).

OPPORTUNITIES

• Get your start in conservation as an Anna Beal summer intern! Undergraduates, you are invited to apply for a summer internship with The Nature Conservancy in Waterloo completing 11 weeks of stewardship work between May 23rd and August 5th (2022) throughout the state of Iowa on Conservancy preserves and public agency properties for a $5000 educational scholarship. Those interested in applying should visit nature.org/careers. Email applyhelp@tnc.org if you are experiencing technical difficulty with the application, or ccarter@tnc.org for any questions related specifically to the internship itself. See the full internship description and requirements at: clas.uiowa.edu/geography/anna-beal-summer-internship-waterloo-ia

• Project Engage: become a Latham Fellow in science engagement: Are you interested in joining the Latham Science Engagement Initiative Fellowship Program? Freshmen, Sophomore, and Junior University of Iowa students with a 3.0 GPA or higher and at least one semester of undergraduate research experience are encouraged to apply. Apply online by May 15th, 2022. Read more at latham.uiowa.edu/program/application.

• Are you looking for a hands-on experience in agriculture? Abbe Hills Farm is currently hiring for the summer of 2022. Located in Mt. Vernon, Iowa. Email laura@abbehills.com for details.

• Looking for jobs that utilize your degree-specific knowledge and skills as a geographer? Contact adrian-sandersfeld@uiowa.edu if you’re interested in signing up for EcoJobs, a job-posting site that is geared toward helping you start a career in your field of choice.
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