DEPARTMENT NEWS

The Fall 2022 semester has begun and several new graduate students have joined the department! This year, we welcome Miah Boyle, Shelley Hoover, Matthew Kucmanic, Zachery Love, and Maryam Torkashvand.

KOHN COLLOQUIUM

There will be a meet and greet this Friday, August 26th, at 3:30 PM outside Jessup Hall to start the semester. If weather is inclement, the gathering will be moved indoors to the 3rd floor of Jessup Hall. Please contact Dr. Marc Linderman at marc-linderman@uiowa.edu with any questions regarding Kohn Colloquium.

GISIL OPEN FOR FALL 2022

The Geographic Information Sciences Instructional Lab is open every weekday between 8:00 AM and 8:30 PM. The full schedule can be found online at clas.uiowa.edu/geography/undergraduate-program/geographical-information-systems-instructional-lab-gisil or posted on the door to 243 Jessup Hall.

BECOME A DEI REPRESENTATIVE

Geography department is seeking an undergraduate student to serve on the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion committee that the department has established. We meet every other week for ~1 hour. Other members include faculty and graduate students in the department. Our undergrad rep last year, Hannah Hess, was incredibly important in providing feedback to the department about the undergraduate experience in our classrooms. A particular focus of the DEI committee this semester is examining the undergraduate curriculum in terms of content and structure to ensure it meets our DEI goals. Please email Dr. Carrel if you are interested in joining the committee at margaret-carrel@uiowa.edu.

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.
INTERNSHIPS & OPPORTUNITIES

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 scientific field of choice.

The Metropolitan Planning Organization of Johnson County is seeking interns. Rate of pay is $15/hour at 10 hours per week during the academic year and 25-28 hours per week during academic breaks. Application deadline is August 26th! Please send a short writing sample, cover letter and resume to Emily Bothell, Senior Associate Transportation Planner, at emily-bothell@iowa-city.org. Call 319-356-5250 with questions.

GIS Internships with the National Parks service: Fall cohort applications are open until August 31st! Internships begin in October, end dates vary, $15-22/hour. Housing available at most sites. Remote telework is also an option. Gain real-world experience as a GIS Intern with the National Parks Service! Interns with advanced GIS skills will serve in parks across the west and contribute to mission-critical GIS work. Interns will be trained and mentored through the Intermountain Region’s Geographic Resources Division. Internships are available in Arizona, Missouri, Utah, New Mexico, Colorado, Texas, Maine, Virginia, Pennsylvania, California, Nebraska, Alaska, and remotely via telework. 29 internships are available. Visit suu.edu/iic/internships for details.

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.

EVENTS & SEMINARS

$4 Fridays at FilmScene | August 26th, 2022, after 8:00 PM at the Chauncey FilmScene location, enjoy $4 movies from your neighborhood cinema, sponsored by the Bijou Film Board!

Stanley Museum of Art Grand Opening | On August 26th, join us as we celebrate the opening of our new building! The 3:00 - 4:00 PM dedication on August 26th will include remarks from the UI President Barbara Wilson and Stanley Museum of Art Director Lauren Lessing. If you are not able to attend in person, the dedication will be streamed live on the Stanley website. Following the dedication, light refreshments will be served in Gibson Square Park. Beginning at 4:30 PM, visitors can explore the galleries.

A Yellow Rose Project | On August 29th, from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM in the Levitt Gallery of Art Building West, view the Yellow Rose Project photography collection, created in partnership between the UI Photography Program, Obermann Center, and GWSS department.
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 Fall 2022 Guidelines