WELCOME TO FALL 2021

The Geography Department extends a warm welcome to new and returning students, faculty, and staff this semester. Whether you are still working and studying remotely from home or are joining us here on campus, classes have begun! We are excited to start another academic year.

To protect the health of our campus and community, all University of Iowa students, faculty, and staff are strongly encouraged to get vaccinated against COVID-19 and continue wearing face masks, especially in indoor settings. Additional information regarding Fall 2021 guidelines can be found at coronavirus.uiowa.edu/fall-2021.

NEW TO THE DEPARTMENT

**Postdoctorate**
- Miriam Johnston

**Graduate Students**
- Tallie Foster
- Caitlin Grubbs
- Victoria Harris
- A.H.M. Mainul Islam
- Falak Jalali
NEW PUBLICATIONS

Marc Armstrong


Matthew Dannenberg


Heather Sander


STUDENT NEWS

Angelina Evans, one of our department’s undergraduate students, recently interned in the U.S. Department of Energy’s prestigious Science Undergraduate Laboratory Internship (SULI) program in the Geospatial Science and Human Security Division at Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL).

View Angelina’s blog post and poster at geo-social.com/blogs/evansornl.html
**EVENTS AND INFO SESSIONS**

**Benjamin A. Gilman Scholarship | Virtual Info Session**

Join University of Iowa International Programs for a virtual info session to discuss the process of applying for a Gilman Scholarship. **Applications are currently being accepted for Spring and Summer 2022.** Upcoming info sessions are meeting on the following dates: Thursday, September 2 (10:30am – 11:30am), Friday, September 3 (1pm – 2pm), Tuesday, September 7 (12pm – 1 pm), Wednesday, September 8 (1:30pm – 2:30pm), and Friday, September 10 (1pm – 2pm). For more information, visit the Events Calendar page.

**Discover Study Abroad | Virtual Info Session**

Would you like to study abroad during your time at the University of Iowa, but don’t know where to start? Attend one of the weekly **Virtual Discover Study Abroad info sessions** to learn how study abroad works and find the right international opportunity for you! Sessions are offered weekly on Tuesdays (at 12:30pm) and Fridays (at 11am). Email study-abroad@uiowa.edu with the date of the session (ex. September 3) you wish to attend and your University ID number to receive a confirmation email with the Zoom link.

**Bill Nye | Hancher Auditorium**

On September 27 at 7:30pm, the University of Iowa will be hosting engineer, comedian, author, inventor—and best known for his Emmy-winning run as *Bill Nye the Science Guy*—Bill Nye blends humor, intellectual curiosity, and devotion to solving some of the world’s most complex challenges through science. Nye inspires audiences of all ages to engage with and improve our world. **Free tickets, limited to 2 per person, for this event are available starting September 7 at 11am** and can be reserved in person, by phone, or online via the Hancher website.

**GET INVOLVED WITH ICIGO**

**Iowa Community Integrated Geography Organization (ICIGO)** is a student organization within the Geography and Sustainability Sciences Department that utilizes experiences and skills gained in the classroom to support projects focused on sustainability statewide and in the local community.

The benefits of joining include: hands-on experience with GIS applications, web content design, visualizations, and spatial analyses, the opportunity to manage projects and be a team player with people of varying types and levels of skills, collaborating and networking with non-profit organizations, completing projects for use in a future portfolio and résumé, glean unique spatial perspectives on your own academic discipline (s) and more.

The group requires 2-3 hours of participation per week and participation in regular meetings.

Interested undergraduates willing to commit a few hours to real-world GIS projects for credit, get hands-on experience, and get involved should contact **Adam Skibbe**, our GIS Administrator, or visit the **ICIGO website** for more information.
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
♦ U镇党委 COVID Fall 2021 Guidelines