DEPARTMENT NEWS
The degree applications deadline for graduate students is fast-approaching! Remember to submit your application by 11:59pm on October 1st to avoid paying a late fee.

Graduate students: Final Exam requests are due for all December graduates by October 12th—please contact Angie Bellew regarding necessary paperwork at angela-bellew@uiowa.edu.

COLLOQUIUM: DR. JUN WANG
This Friday’s Kohn Colloquium is being held via Zoom at 3:30pm U.S. Central Time. This colloquium’s speaker is Dr. Jun Wang speaking on “Environmental sensing from space and in agricultural fields.”

Dr. Wang is a University of Iowa professor with joint appointments in the Department of Chemical and Biochemical Engineering and the Iowa Informatics Initiative. His current research focuses on the integration of satellite remote sensing and chemistry transport model to study air quality, wildfires, aerosol-cloud interaction, and land-air interaction.

Abstract: In this talk, I will introduce the following research topics in the environmental sensing and present the progresses that my team made in the past 5-6 years. I will end the talk by providing some examples of the fruitful collaborations I enjoyed with several colleagues in GSS in the past several years, and sharing a couple of thoughts to further these collaborations in future.

1. Remote sensing of fire combustion efficiency from space
2. Remote sensing of smoke layer height from space
3. Smart-and-connected sensing of canopy parameters in the rural communities.

Contact Susan Meerdink at susan-meerdink@uiowa.edu to request a link.
EVENTS AND INFO SESSIONS

Study Abroad Fair | Virtual Event
Now that international travel is starting to resume, it is a perfect time to begin planning your study, internship, or research experience abroad! Study Abroad will be hosting a Virtual Fall Fair on September 16th featuring webinars about the numerous international opportunities available to University of Iowa students. Learn how study abroad fits into you major, which scholarships and grants to apply for, and much more. Connect with study abroad advisors and get your questions answered. Visit the Events Calendar for further details.

3 Minute Thesis Workshop: Engaging Your Audience | Main Library
Prepare for the Three Minute Thesis Competition by learning theatrical techniques including breath, movement, and body language. This session will cover: how to find a hook to get audiences interested in their research and how to feel more comfortable speaking in front of groups and how to create engaging oral presentations. Register at bit.ly/3MTWorkshops21 and join 3MT for the workshop on Friday, September 17, 2021 from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm in LIB 1022 TILE classroom at the Main Library.

Course Design Series: Sustainability | English-Philosophy Building
Preparing to submit a course for the new Sustainability Gen Ed. requirement? This semester-long series will provide hands-on support in the process of (re-)designing a course. Participants will connect with other faculty members and learn from special guests who will provide insight into teaching about sustainability. Meetings of this series will be held from 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm on September 24th, October 15th, October 22nd, and November 5th in room 102 (TILE classroom) of the English-Philosophy Building.

Transparency and Equity in Learning and Teaching | Virtual Event
Transparency in Learning and Teaching (TILT) is an international multi-institutional research study that examines how making course assignments more transparent enhances equitable teaching practice and fosters students’ sense of belonging. This event is co-sponsored by the University of Iowa Office of the Provost. Participants may register for all or some of the sessions. For more information, visit the Events Calendar.

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 17) you wish to attend and your University ID number to receive a confirmation email with the Zoom link.
STUDENT MENTORS WANTED

Apply to the Underrepresented Students in Sustainability (USS) Mentoring Program! USS aims to connect underrepresented undergraduates exploring careers in environmental sustainability with University of Iowa faculty and staff who are passionate about the field. All undergraduates at the University of Iowa are welcome to apply, and preference is given to students who identify with a group that is underrepresented in environmental sustainability, come from economically, geographically, or educationally disadvantaged backgrounds, or have demonstrated interest in environmental justice and working with under-served populations. Submit your application before 5:00pm on Sunday, September 19th at https://uiowa.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_4URi2XICYG1kBhQ or email Blake Rupe at blake-rupe@uiowa.edu for more information.

GEOSPATIAL JOB OPENINGS

Schneider Geospatial is accepting applications for open GIS Specialist and GIS Technician positions in Ankeny and Indianapolis. Apply online via the Schneider Geospatial Careers portal or by following the links available on the front page of the Geography & Sustainability Studies website, under Resources, in Jobs & Internships.

Ducks Unlimited has job opportunities available for individuals with GIS and natural resource experience. They are hiring a full-time conservation GIS Intern to work with GIS professionals from their offices in Dexter, Michigan. Application details can be found in their online job listing or on the Geography & Sustainability Studies 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 disciplines 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
- UIowa COVID Fall 2021 Guidelines