



September 28, 2022

Geography Weekly

KOHN COLLOQUIUM

This Friday, September 30th, Drs. Nathan Moore and Ashton Shortridge from MSU and Dr. Dee Jordan from Harvard will be joining us for Kohn Colloquium virtually via Zoom to present on and discuss Advancing Geography Through Diversity Program.

The Advancing Geography Through Diversity Program (AGTDP) is a nationally recognized graduate student recruiting and development program within Michigan State University's Department of Geography, Environment, and Spatial Sciences. The program's goal is to recruit and provide financial and other support to outstanding Masters and Ph.D. students from key underrepresented groups including African Americans, Native Americans, and Hispanic Americans in order to increase the number and percentage of doctoral degrees awarded to these underrepresented groups.

This comprehensive program has four pillars: Recruiting, Retention, Engagement, and Support. Our student-centered aim is to move beyond recruiting to ensure strong mentoring by faculty and to connect our graduate students with a diverse group of supportive people and resources across campus and the community. Our disciplinary aim is to lead the transformation of geography so that the field reflects the diversity of the nation.

Contact Marc Linderman at marc-linderman@uiowa.edu with questions or comments regarding Kohn Colloquium.

GISIL EXTENDED & WEEKEND HOURS

The Geographic Information Sciences Instructional Lab is open Monday through Thursday between 8:00 AM and 8:30 PM, on Fridays from 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM, on Saturdays between 11:00 AM and 7:00 PM, and on Sundays from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

The full schedule can be found [online via the department website](#) or posted on the door to 243 Jessup Hall.

CALENDAR

SEP
30

Hiring Plan Meeting
Virtual | 11:30 AM

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Kohn Colloquium
219 JH | 3:30 PM

OCT
11

Plans of Study Due
for graduate students

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 & SEMINARS

Sunset Salsa | On October 1st, 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM in the Ped Mall downtown, in partnership with Sunset Salsa, the Latina/Latino/Latinx Studies Program will be meeting downtown in the Ped Mall on the open patio located in front of Basic Goods for an evening of dance and music. Be sure to stop by!

UI Symphony Orchestra | On September 30th at 7:30 PM in Voxman Music Building, there will be a free and open-to-the-public concert from the University of Iowa Symphony Orchestra, room 2101. [View the program online.](#)

Cooking Workshop | Participate in making easy, tasty, affordable recipes. Learn some new skills, get new ideas for including fruits and vegetables. Enjoy some yummy samples! This event is free and open to all UI students. Registration is encouraged, but not required. Register using this link: <https://studentwellness.uiowa.edu/programs/events>

Happy Birthday, Lil Picard | On the anniversary of Lil Picard's birthday (October 4th), the Stanley Museum of Art and University of Iowa Special Collections & Archives will display materials from the artist's archive in an "open house" style. Students, faculty, and staff are invited to stop by the event to learn about Lil Picard's life, see examples of her work—as well as manuscript records from her archive—and partake in birthday treats. Lil Picard is a prime example of how the collections in the museum and the collections in the library are connected and overlap. This is an opportunity to see materials in concert, and to celebrate the legacy of this artist.

Chill & Create | On October 7th at the Stanley Museum of Art, participate in a Chill & Create workshop hosted by Dana Keeton, a local board-certified art therapist and licensed mental health counselor. During the 1.5-hour workshop, participants will learn new ways to improve well-being, while benefiting from the positive effects of viewing and making art. No prior art making experience necessary. Prior registration is required and limited to 15 University of Iowa students. Register at <https://uiowa.doubleknot.com/Event/2935155>

Public Observation Night | On October 7th at 8pm, join the University of Iowa Physics & Astronomy Department as they use the Van Allen Observatory and small telescopes to tour the fall sky. To attend this Astronomy observation session, follow the signs in Van Allen Hall (using the front entrance on N. Dubuque Street) to reach the roof. For disability accommodations or building accessibility questions, contact Caroline Roberts in advance at (319) 467-1481 or caroline-roberts@uiowa.edu

INTERNSHIPS & OPPORTUNITIES

- **Johnson County Secondary Road Department** seeks an Assistant to the County Engineer to perform civil engineering duties ranging from design to project and staff management. This is a self-directed professional-track position which requires the exercise of considerable judgement, knowledge, and creative thinking to determine safe, sustainable, and economical solutions to unique and complex engineering problems. To learn more about this position and apply, please visit [the website](#). Online applications will be accepted through October 16, 2022 at 11:59pm.
- **The National Information Solutions Cooperative (NISC)** has an opening for a GIS Production intern at their Cedar Rapids, IA location, as well as [other internships listed on their Careers page](#) with remote-work opportunities available. [Apply for their GIS Production internship here using Glassdoor or LinkedIn](#).

PAID RESEARCH OPPORTUNITY

Dr. Heather Sander in the Department of Geographical and Sustainability Sciences has openings for undergraduate research assistants for the 2022-23 academic year. Research assistants will assist with a study focused on identifying how exposure to urban vegetation benefits academic performance. Main activities include conducting urban vegetation surveys and/or urban ecology outreach activities in Iowa City and Des Moines elementary schools. Research assistants will also complete GIS data entry and analysis, depending on interest and skill level. Experience conducting field surveys of vegetation and environmental education activities and in GIS is desirable, but not required. Research assistants should be able to work at least 10 hours per week during the academic year and will be paid \$12/hour. Students from underrepresented groups are particularly encouraged to apply.

Interested students should contact Dr. Heather Sander by email (heather-a-sander@uiowa.edu) by 5:00 pm on Thursday, Sept 29. In your email, please include your name, academic major, anticipated graduation date, GPA, career goals, general availability (days and times), and whether you have experience surveying vegetation, experience with environmental education, and what your skill level and interest in GIS is.

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 and no prior GIS knowledge is required to join. Contact the Geography Department's senior GIS administrator, Adam Skibbe at adam-skibbe@uiowa.edu to get started!

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](#)
- ◆ [Ulowa COVID Fall 2022 Guidelines](#)