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# Geography Weekly

## DEPARTMENT NEWS

Professor Eric Tate just been named co-chair of a study committee of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine. The study is titled "[Utilizing Advanced Environmental Health and Geospatial Data and Technologies to Inform Community Investment.](#)" Over the next 18 months, the committee will examine data and methodology used in the leading online screening tools for climate and environmental justice, and in particular, the [Climate & Economic Justice Screening Tool](#) of the White House Council on Environmental Quality. Such tools will soon be used to direct federal investments of billions of dollars, in alignment with the [Justice 40 Initiative](#) of the Biden administration. Congratulations, Dr. Tate!

## KOHN COLLOQUIUM

This week, Kohn Colloquium is hosting Emily Hurst from University Counseling Services to present an overview of UCS, answer questions, and talk with department faculty and graduate students about services offered by UCS, as well as other campus partners that can assist students in maintaining mental wellness.

If you have questions regarding Kohn Colloquium, contact Marc Linderman via email at [marc-linderman@uiowa.edu](mailto:marc-linderman@uiowa.edu).

## REMINDERS

- There is a faculty meeting on Friday, February 17th, at 11:30 AM in the Fish Bowl conference room, located in room 327 JH.
- Degree applications, for graduate students (anticipating graduation in May 2023) are due by 11:59 PM on February 24th.

## CALENDAR

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**Faculty Meeting**  
*Fish Bowl | 11:30 AM*

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**Kohn Colloquium**  
*219 JH | 3:30 PM*

## HAVE UPDATES TO SHARE?

Send news items, information on thesis defenses, awards, publications, events, and more to [adrian-sandersfeld@uiowa.edu](mailto:adrian-sandersfeld@uiowa.edu) by 1:00 PM each Tuesday to have them featured in the upcoming Geography Weekly newsletter.

## EVENTS ON AND OFF CAMPUS

**[Exhibition Spotlight: Shadow and Light](#)** | On Thursday, February 16th, at 12:00 noon, join the Old Capitol Museum for a special virtual event. The Old Capitol Museum is currently exhibiting [Shadow and Light: Honoring Iraqi Academics](#). On Thursday, February 16, from Noon – 1:00 p.m., the Pentacrest Museums Director of Education and Engagement, Carolina Kaufman, [will moderate a virtual discussion and presentation to examine further. Join us for Exhibition Spotlight: Honoring Iraqi Academics](#) to learn more about the exhibition through the eyes of the project leader, an artist, and an academic.

Learn more about the exhibit: <https://pentacrestmuseums.uiowa.edu/shadow-light>

Learn more about the program: <https://pentacrestmuseums.uiowa.edu/event/113536/0>

Register for free to receive a link to the program: <https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07ejmv7qdk81f5914f&oseq=&c=&ch=>

**[Spotlight on: The Endangered Species Act](#)** | On February 17th at 12:45 PM in 225 Boyd Law Building, Join the Hubbell Environmental Law Initiative for a fireside chat between Dean Kevin Washburn and Kierán Suckling, a Founder and the Executive Director of the Center for Biological Diversity. They will discuss how the Center has become a successful litigant and change-maker for endangered species and critical habitat. Lunch will be provided for those who register in advance. Visit [bit.ly/esaspotlight](http://bit.ly/esaspotlight) to register.

**[Casino Night](#)** | On Saturday, February 18th, at 8PM in the IMU Main Ballroom, join the Campus Activities Board for a night of casino games, mocktails, prizes, and more fun. Visit [the Events Page](#) for details.

**[Bijou After Hours Presents: Thunder Road](#)** | Bijou Film Board is a nonprofit, student-run organization dedicated to the exhibition of independent, foreign, and classic cinema. After Hours is our catch-all film series which is dedicated to cult classics, genre films, and recent releases. Prizes are given out before the film begins at every After Hours screening! All Bijou programming is FREE for UI students and \$8 for the general public, screened at FilmScene (at the Chauncey) at 404 E College Street. Free student tickets for After Hours films must be claimed in-person at the FilmScene box office. To purchase general admission tickets in advance, visit the FilmScene website at [ic.filmscene.org/series-special-events/](http://ic.filmscene.org/series-special-events/)

**[Winter Learn to Row Day](#)** | On February 19th at 9:00 AM in the Beckwith Boathouse, learn rowing basics while staying on land and utilizing the indoor rowing facilities at P. Sue Beckwith Boathouse. Athletes will get to learn the rowing motion with an oar, as well as learn about the equipment. This is an easy way to get introduced to the sport and stay warm, without getting in a boat. Registration is required due to the number of seats available in our facility space. There are no refunds for cancellations three days prior to the event. Registration is required. Space is limited. Session 1 (Adults 18+): 9 a.m.-noon, Session 2 (Youth 12+): Noon-3 p.m. Read more on [the Events Page](#).

## **INTERNSHIPS & OPPORTUNITIES**

- Work at Iowa Wildlife Camps! UI WILD is hiring seasonal camp instructors and camp coordinators for summer 2023. They hire undergrad and graduate students, teachers, and environmental educators to spend the summer teaching outdoor education. Learn more and apply online at [wild.education.uiowa.edu](http://wild.education.uiowa.edu).
- The Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation is hiring a Conservation Easement Assistant, seeking a passionate and well-qualified candidate to fill this new position. To read about this job and its application requirements, visit [inhf.org/conservation-easement-assistant](http://inhf.org/conservation-easement-assistant) to view the full listing.
- Winneshiek County, Iowa (Decorah) is accepting applications for the full-time position of GIS analyst. Read more about this position and its requirements at [winneshiekcounty.iowa.gov/jobs/gis-analyst](http://winneshiekcounty.iowa.gov/jobs/gis-analyst). Applications must be submitted by end-of-day today, February 15th!
- The Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship is accepting applications for the position of a temporary (May 2023 to August 2023) full-time internship with potential for part-time employment after the conclusion of the position period. Located in Des Moines, this Water Quality Initiative Edge-of-Field internship focuses primarily on providing administrative and technical support, assisting in advancing edge-of-field (EOF) conservation practices throughout the state. To read about this position, and more offered by the IDALS, visit [iowaagriculture.gov/administrative/employment-opportunities](http://iowaagriculture.gov/administrative/employment-opportunities).

## **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](mailto: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.
- ◆ 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 Spring 2023 Guidelines](#)