



February 8, 2023

Geography Weekly

REMINDERS

There is a brown bag meeting on Friday, February 10th, at 11:30 AM in 346 Jessup Hall.

Degree applications, for graduate students (anticipating graduation in May 2023) are due by 11:59 PM on February 24th.

KOHN COLLOQUIUM

This week's Kohn Colloquium speaker, Bowen Raun, will be presenting an overview of his research, "Navigating Information, Uncertainty, and Happiness: Insights and Implications" with a focus on uncertainty in decision-making.

Abstract: The past few decades have witnessed a significant increase in the amount of information people deal with in their daily lives (Bohn and Short 2012). In this talk, I will present three projects that investigate the behavioral and hedonic consequences of seeking, receiving, and disclosing information. The findings from these projects provide insights and implications for how individuals can better manage information (and uncertainty) to enhance their happiness and subjective well-being.

If you have questions regarding Kohn Colloquium, contact Marc Linderman via email at marc-linderman@uiowa.edu.

CALENDAR

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Brown Bag Meeting
346 JH | 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 by 1:00 PM each Tuesday to have them featured in the upcoming Geography Weekly newsletter.

EVENTS ON AND OFF CAMPUS

[Growing Native Plants from Seeds](#) | February 9th at 5:30 PM in 401 BBE | Learn how to propagate native plants from seed! Dominic Balestrieri-Fox and Max Friton will discuss the different preparation techniques for starting native plants, both indoors and outside. The talk will include a demonstration of some of the equipment used, as well as a native seed door prize. There will be a Q&A where audience members can ask about specific plants. Attendees will leave with the knowledge to start native plants from seed at home. All are welcome.

[Accelerating Black Leadership in Sustainability](#) | The City's Office of Equity and Human Rights and the Climate Action and Outreach Division will host "Accelerating Black Leadership in Sustainability," a virtual discussion with Arthur Burton and Kamel Elgiseer, from 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9, 2023. The two presenters will discuss Black entrepreneurship as it relates to climate action. Everyone is welcome to attend. Those interested can register via Zoom. Arthur Burton leads AMB Renewable Energy, which he founded to develop charging stations, solar panels, and other clean energy projects in and around Chicago. As part of the company's commitment to youth job training, he has created opportunities in clean energy and green job training for members of disinvested communities. Burton will be joined by Iowa City resident Kamel Elgiseer, of GCF Renewable Energy. From Sudan, Elgiseer was also the vice president of the Center for Workers Justice board in 2020 and part of CWJ Social Enterprise Café. Elgiseer's career in solar energy spans both the United States and Sudan.

[Stanley Campus Council: Date Night at the Stanley](#) | February 9th at 5:00 PM at the Stanley Museum of Art | Join us for our February Stanley Campus Council event—Date Night at the Stanley! Bring your lovers, your friends, or just yourself and celebrate all things art, beauty, and love with us. Dress to the nines (really—formal wear encouraged) and swing by the Stanley for an evening of fancy desserts, Valentine's day origami crafts, a cute Polaroid photo opportunity, and the chance to dance with a live DJ (@simeontalley)! Then head to the galleries for some romantic alone-time with your sweetie and hundreds of works of art.

[Mehndi Ki Raat: Henna Night](#) | February 10th at 7:00 PM | Henna Night celebrates the art of henna, an essential part of Pakistan's cultural traditions. Come to our award-winning event this Friday, Feb. 10, in the IMU 2nd Floor Ballroom from 7 to 9 p.m. There will be free dinner, desserts, henna, dance performances, and more! Be sure to get there early because henna designs are first come, first served. This is a free event so invite all your family and friends and be ready for a magical night!

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.
- 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 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. Applications must be submitted by 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/

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.
- ◆ 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](#)