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# Geography Weekly

## FINALS WEEK

We wish all department students good luck on their finals, and all graduate students defending their theses and dissertations the best of luck in doing so! There are still plenty of Finals Week events happening on campus that you can find information on in the Upcoming Events section of this newsletter.

## DEPARTMENT NEWS

- Hoeyun Kwon has successfully defended her dissertation! She will be graduating this spring with a PhD in Geography.
- The GSS DEI committee encourages *everyone*, faculty and staff and students, to complete a short (5 minute) survey about your experiences in classes and the department. All responses are anonymous and will be used to help us understand the departmental community, to identify strengths and weaknesses. You can find and take the survey at [https://uiowa.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_4OSarF0iJu2ft6S](https://uiowa.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_4OSarF0iJu2ft6S)
- GSS Department Administrator Angie Bellew was recently elected the At-Large representative for the Administrative Leadership Team Executive Committee.

## STUDENT EXCELLENCE AWARDS

The GSS Department recognizes recent recipients of our Student Excellence Awards. Thanks to the generosity of donors, the Department of Geographical & Sustainability Sciences has several Student Excellence Funds. We award them at the end of each academic year to honor top students in our majors of Geography, Environmental Policy & Planning, and Sustainability Science. The following lists are this year's recipients of these Student Excellence Awards: Natalie Chartier and Camryn Grawe (Chad E. Smith Memorial Scholarship), Angelina Evans and Grace Shipley (Nicholas L. Paape Memorial Scholarship), Emmeline Kraus and Greta Mally (Harold H. McCarty Memorial Fund), Jayna Wanamaker and Katelyn Winkler (Prof. Gerry Rushton Academic Excellence Fund), and Isabella Mullins and LilliAnna Scott (Andrea Hauer & David Perret Student Success Fund). Congratulations, all!

## CALENDAR

MAY  
12

**Faculty Meeting**  
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM  
Fishbowl | 327 JH

MAY  
12

**Graduate PhD Commencement**  
11:00 AM

MAY  
12

**Graduate Masters Commencement**  
7:00 PM

MAY  
13

**CLAS Undergraduate Commencement**  
9:00 AM

## 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.

## FINALS WEEK EVENTS

For a full list of Finals Week activities, refer to [imu.uiowa.edu/visit/annual-events/finals-imu](https://imu.uiowa.edu/visit/annual-events/finals-imu)

### Wednesday

- Snacks and Coffee | Free snacks and coffee at the IMU welcome center while supplies last!
- Therapy Dogs ([RSVP for this event](#)) | 3:30 PM—8:30 PM on the 3rd floor of the IMU
- Guided canvas painting ([RSVP for this event](#)) | Be led through painting and take home your own masterpiece from 6:30—7:30 PM in the north Room (IMU)

### Thursday

- Meditation Room | a quiet space for everyone; take a break from studying and enjoy a moment of tranquility. Pre-recorded videos to guide you through a short meditation and a safe space to take a breath. All day long in the North Room (IMU)
- Kona Ice and Yard Games | Yard games in Hubbard Park starting at 3:00 PM with free Kona ice, while supplies last.

## EVENTS ON & OFF CAMPUS

[Public Observing Night](#) | On May 12, from 8:00 to 10:00 PM at Van Allen Hall's rooftop observatory, join the University of Iowa Physics & Astronomy Department as they use the Van Allen Observatory and small telescopes to tour the spring sky. To attend this Astronomy observation session, follow the signs in Van Allen Hall to reach the roof. Individuals with disabilities are encouraged to attend all University of Iowa-sponsored events. If you are a person with a disability who requires a reasonable accommodation in order to participate in this program, please contact Caroline Roberts in advance at 319-467-1481 or [physics-astronomy@uiowa.edu](mailto:physics-astronomy@uiowa.edu).

[JCMG 2023 Plant Sale & Flea Market](#) | Gardening enthusiasts call your friends to let them know the Johnson County Master Gardeners (JCMG) will host its 14th annual Plant Sale & Flea Market on Saturday, May 20, from 9 to noon, at the Johnson County Fairgrounds in Buildings B & C! Shoppers will find a wide range of perennial flowers, vegetables and herbs, shrubs and woody plants as well as the Flea Market items and Mother's Day gift selections available for sale. Shoppers may also select unique gifts at the Butterfly House Silent Auction. The Butterfly House is open to the public during the Johnson County 4-H & FFA Fair.

[Drawing Salon with Robert Caputo](#) | In this class, participants will draw an piece in the museum's collection. The session will begin with an introduction to and discussion of the selected work. Participants will be encouraged to pursue their own visions and to take inspiration from the piece. Classes will be held Feb. 19, April 16, and May 21. Pencils and sketchbooks/paper are the only art-making materials allowed in the galleries. The museum has golf pencils with erasers and clipboards for participants to use. Stools and benches are available in the galleries. Robert Caputo, an Iowa City-based painter and sculptor, will lead the Drawing Salon. The drawing salon is limited to 15 participants. Please reserve your spot at <https://uiowa.doubleknot.com/event/drawing-salon/2955191>

## GRADUATE DOCTORAL CEREMONY

**When:** Friday, May 12, 2023 at 11:00 A.M.

**Where:** Carver-Hawkeye Arena (1 Elliot Drive)

**Details:** Doors open one (1) hour prior to the start of the ceremony.

Tickets are not required for this event.

## GRADUATE MASTERS CEREMONY

**When:** Friday, May 12, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

**Where:** Carver-Hawkeye Arena (1 Elliot Drive)

**Details:** Doors open one (1) hour prior to the start of the ceremony. Tickets are not required for this event.

Executive Vice President and Provost Kevin Kregel and Associate Provost for Graduate Education and Dean Amanda Haertling Thein will deliver messages to students. The alumni speaker will be Beth Westlake Blanco (MS '09, '10, '16). Graduate Cesar Perez, of Aurora, Illinois, will give the student address.

## CLAS UNDERGRADUATE CEREMONY

**When:** Saturday, May 13, 2023 at 9:00 A.M.

**Where:** Carver-Hawkeye Arena (1 Elliot Drive)

**Details:** Doors open one (1) hour prior to the start of the ceremony. Tickets are not required for this event.

Dean Sara Sanders and President Barbara Wilson will confer degrees. President Wilson and Graduate College Dean Amanda Haertling Thein will confer an Honorary Doctorate of Letters upon Oliver Lee Jackson, an internationally renowned painter, sculptor, and printmaker. The student speaker will be Quinn Kamberos, of Littleton, Colorado, who will receive a Bachelor of Arts in English and creative writing with University Honors and highest distinction. She will also receive a minor in cinema.

All Geographical & Sustainability Sciences majors graduating will be recognized at this 9:00 A.M. commencement ceremony. For information about the 1:00 P.M. CLAS undergraduate commencement ceremony, visit [commencement.uiowa.edu/ceremonies](https://commencement.uiowa.edu/ceremonies) for more information.

## INTERNSHIPS & OPPORTUNITIES

- The Department of the Interior Geological Survey is currently seeking applicants for the position of an Interdisciplinary Research Geographer/Physical Scientist. This is a permanent position on-location in Sioux Falls, South Dakota and is accepting applications until May 19th, 2023. Read more about the requirements and apply online at <https://www.usajobs.gov/job/723854800>
- The City of Cedar Rapids is seeking a GIS specialist. This position requires an experienced GIS Professional that can work on a range of projects simultaneously in a fast-paced environment. This is a full-time position performing technical mapping and database-up-keep. Accuracy and attention to detail is critical. The incumbent will perform complex technical GIS related work involving the operation, development, design, preparation, support & deployment of all systems and data, for example; maintaining apps for field data collection of Traffic Engineering asset data (signals etc.), managing workflows for asset management needs such as sidewalk storm damage, and yearly sidewalk inspections, as well as curb ramp inspections. Creating web app/web maps for internal and public use. This position requires working with many different departments within the City as well as the public and other municipalities. Apply at [governmentjobs.com/careers/cedarrapids/jobs/3952412/geospatial-data-specialist-i-ii-iii-it](https://governmentjobs.com/careers/cedarrapids/jobs/3952412/geospatial-data-specialist-i-ii-iii-it)
- The City of Clive, Iowa is seeking a student with GIS experience to work with City staff to complete a Professional Project. The Professional Project is primarily focused on advancing the City's efforts to protect local water resources in the Walnut Creek Watershed through the evaluation of a potential stream buffer protection ordinance. This is a remote-optional seasonal position which pays between \$16.00 and \$22.00 hourly. Learn more and apply at [governmentjobs.com/careers/cityofclive/jobs/3976851/community-development-professional-project-intern](https://governmentjobs.com/careers/cityofclive/jobs/3976851/community-development-professional-project-intern)
- Green Iowa AmeriCorps is hiring for 6-month service positions (full-time and part-time positions available) and 3-month summer service positions (part-time work available). Green Iowa AmeriCorps consists of three branches: Energy & Community, Sustainable Schools and Land & Water Stewards. Each branch of the program provides AmeriCorps members with the unique opportunity to enhance their professional development goals, cultivate community-wide relationships, and work toward making Iowa a more sustainable, eco-nomic state. Learn more and apply for open positions at [greeniowaamericorps.org/open-positions](https://greeniowaamericorps.org/open-positions)

## SUBSCRIBE TO ECOJOBS

Looking for jobs that utilize your degree-specific knowledge and skills?

Contact [adrian-sandersfeld@uiowa.edu](mailto:adrian-sandersfeld@uiowa.edu) if you're interested in signing up for EcoJobs, a job-posting site that is geared toward helping you start a career in your scientific field of choice.

Graduating seniors and grad students: if you are graduating this spring or summer, you can still take advantage of EcoJobs! Get in touch within 6 months after your graduation date to register.

## 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](#)