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UGA Geography Newsletter

RESEARCH

New dataset created allows researchers to study housing unit change and suburbanization since 1940

Ph.D. candidates Scott Markley and Taylor Hafley, Professor Steve Holloway, and UGA Geography alum Matthew Hauer (Ph.D., ’16) have published a new open-access article in a Nature journal describing a new dataset they created that allows researchers to study housing unit change, suburbanization, and the like at the neighborhood (i.e., census tract) scale back to 1940.

Subcounty housing unit counts are important for studying geo-historical patterns of (sub)urbanization, land-use change, and residential loss and gain. The most commonly used subcounty geographical unit for social research in the United States is the census tract. However, the changing geometries and historically incomplete coverage of tracts present significant obstacles for longitudinal analysis that existing datasets do not sufficiently address.

Overcoming these barriers, Markley et al. provide housing unit estimates in consistent 2010 tract boundaries for every census year from 1940 to 2010 plus 2019 for the entire continental US. Moreover, they develop an “urbanization year” indicator that denotes if and when tracts became “urbanized” during this timeframe. They produce these data by blending existing interpolation techniques with a novel procedure they call “maximum reabsorption.” Conducting out-of-sample validation, they found that their hybrid approach generally produces more reliable estimates than existing alternatives. The final dataset, Historical Housing Unit and Urbanization Database 2010 (HHUUD10), has myriad potential uses for research involving housing, population, and land-use change, as well as (sub)urbanization.

Their full article, "Housing unit and urbanization estimates for the continental U.S. in consistent tract boundaries, 1940–2019", can be found here!

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Room Reservations in the building:

Awards & Accomplishments

Dr. Suzanne Pilaar Birch was recently featured in an NPR interview with a group of archaeologists and paleontologists on an important topic in the STEM field: the forgotten history of women in archaeology. Check out the 2-minute listen here!

Attention all students:

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- **Georgia River Network - Water Trails Intern (click here to apply)**
  GNR is currently looking for an intern for Summer and Fall 2022 to collect and manage data for their Georgia River Guide mobile app and water trails maps, develop and update fact sheets for water trails, help keep the water trails website up-to-date, and other water trails program work as needed.

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**GRADUATE STUDENTS**

News & Reminders

- **Attention grad students:** Graduate School policy states that graduate students must a) be advised prior to registration and b) present an advisement form signed by their major advisor before they may be cleared to register. After meeting with your major advisor, please fill out the form and send it to Sarah Baker either in-person or via email. (An email from your advisor stating they approve of your schedule will no longer suffice.)

- **COVID-19 Summer Assistantships (May and June only)**
  To be eligible you must have been on assistantship in the spring semester, be in good academic standing, and must demonstrate that you can finish your degree requirements this summer.
  
  **Deadline to send Sarah Baker a paragraph explaining your need for the assistantship:** April 4

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**FACULTY AND INSTRUCTORS**

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- **Faculty Members needed to serve as Student Marshals at UGA’s Commencement**
  Franklin College needs six faculty members to serve as student marshals who will help line up, escort, and seat the Franklin College undergraduate students at the commencement ceremony on Friday, May 13 at 7:30 pm in Sanford Stadium. (There will be a brief meeting closer to commencement in which an overview of the ceremony will be provided.) They can supply caps, gowns, and “generic” hoods if needed.

  **Deadline to respond to Kellie Borders Peyton:** Wed., April 6
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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Undergraduate Honors & Awards Ceremony

It's officially awards season! This year, we have 10 exceptional undergraduate students to celebrate for their hard work and contributions to the department and their community. We will be honoring these students this year at the Undergraduate Honors and Awards Ceremony, and we warmly invite you to attend and support our honorees. Who are they, you may ask? I guess you'll just have to find out on Wednesday, April 20th at 4pm in room 200C of the Geography-Geology building OR online!

In addition to announcing award winners, we will also welcome a new class of Gamma Theta Upsilon and Chi Epsilon Pi inductees, congratulate GIS and Urban & Metropolitan Studies certificate recipients, and honor our graduating seniors who'll be gearing up to graduate soon.

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Dr. Marshall Shepherd has been named the 2022 SEC Professor of the Year! If you see Dr. Shepherd in the hallways, don't forget to give him a big pat on the back for us!

ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS:

Registration for Fall 2022 will be opening soon at specified ticket dates this month!
Undergrads: make sure to meet with your academic advisor if you have not yet been cleared to register. (Please also see a complete list of courses offered in the department this Fall here.)
Grads: make sure to meet with your major advisor and get your advisement forms signed and sent to Sarah Baker in order to get cleared to register. (Helpful tip: Please include the CRNs for all the classes you want to take on your advisement form. This will speed along the override process considerably for you and Sarah!)

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  - **Athens Wellbeing Project** - RA position open

    Dr. Jerry Shannon has an RA opportunity for the late Spring/Summer to work on updating neighborhood level census demographics with 2020 ACS data. Please contact Dr. Shannon if you are interested in the project!

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    The Sustainability Certificate Program is seeking applications for the 2022-23 Sustainability Certificate Graduate Assistant position. The position is open to master’s and doctoral students. Further details of the position can be found [here](#).

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  The CTL announced a call for FY23 Learning Technologies Grant proposals. The purpose of this program is to enhance teaching and learning at UGA through innovative use of technology. Details of the grant proposal requirements are available [here](#). Faculty are encouraged to collaborate with Franklin IT when developing proposals. Please contact the FOIT Help Desk if you to request a consultation.

  **Deadline to submit project proposals: Mon., April 11**

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**Departmental Events**

Jan Veerman’s Final Thesis Defense

- **Mon., Apr. 11**

Veerman’s thesis is titled, “Investigating the drivers and impacts of the exceptional 2020 cyanobacterial blooms in the Okavango Delta, Botswana”.

Dina Rasquinha’s Final Dissertation Defense

- **Wed., Apr. 13**
- **11am-2pm**

Rasquinha's dissertation title is, "Hewers of wood, drudges of waves".

Aileen Nicolas’ Final Thesis Defense

- **Thurs., Apr. 14**
- **11am-1pm**

Nicolas’ thesis is titled, "Mapping Healthcare Access for Undocumented People in Athens-Clarke County Using Qualitative GIS".

AMERICAN METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY SUMMER POLICY COLLOQUIUM

Register as a paying attendee: April 15

**Geography Anti-Racism Reading Group**

Fri., Apr. 22
- **11am**
- Geography-Geology Building

*Register [here](#)*

You’re invited to join the Geography department’s Anti-Racism Reading Group to discuss Ibram X. Kendi’s book, “How to Be An Antiracist”, over the rest of the semester. The next meet is Friday, April 22nd.

Follow us on social media!
Earth Week is next week!

Next week, various departments across campus, including Geography, have a few events lined up from April 18-22 to celebrating the world's largest environmental movement. Whether you want to attend a lecture, celebrate at an awards ceremony, or marvel at butterflies, there's an event for you!

>> To learn more about each event and how to register for them, please access the calendar of events here for clickable links!

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Join us as we discuss student experiences navigating graduate school, research, and fieldwork while parenting and/or caretaking. This session welcomes parents, caretakers, student advisors, and others to collaboratively brainstorm and consider how the academy can better support students with parenting and caretaking responsibilities.

Running list of assistant professorship opportunities and internships [here](#)

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• **OIBR Grant Development Program**

  The [Owens Institute for Behavioral Research](#) is soliciting applications for the 2022-2024 Grant Development Program (GDP). The program includes structured activities and new opportunities for participants to receive feedback on their grant concepts from senior OIBR Fellows. There is no longer a formally assigned mentor component. Faculty of any rank are eligible to participate. If you are interested in applying to the program, a letter of support is required from you.

  **Deadline to Apply:** April 29

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Wed., Apr. 20
4pm
Geology Building, room 200C and livestreamed
*Register [here](#)!

Thurs., Apr. 21
7pm
Geography-Geology Building, room 200D

Campus-wide and Other Events

2022 Torrance Festival of Ideas
Apr. 19-21
10am-6pm
Online
*Register [here](#)!

This is a free event where renowned experts from across disciplines present their innovative ideas to the general public.

Celebrate Earth GAY! ¡Gay de la Tierra!
Fri., Apr. 22
6-9:30pm
Lake Herrick Pavilion
*Register [here](#)!

This event is dedicated to lifting up the important environmental work of LGBTQ+ people in our community. Join us for an outdoor film screening to open deeper discussions about climate vulnerability in queer and trans communities and how we can work together to prepare for resilience. This event will raise funds for the completion of the documentary and for mutual aid for queer resilience projects in the wake of climate disasters.

Follow us on social media!
CONGRATS, HONOREES!

Undergraduate Honors & Awards Recipients

This past week, we celebrated our award-winning undergraduate students in the Geography Department, and we are so excited to announce who they are! Congratulations to the following students on winning these departmental awards (pictured from top left to bottom right):

- Merle C. Prunty, Jr. Undergraduate Scholarship – Killian McSweeney
- Atlas Award for Academic Excellence – Jada Smith and Claudia White (not pictured)
- NCGE/AAG Outstanding Senior Award – Nikita White and Amanda Sinning
- Alumni Awards – Morgan Alexander, Rachael Glenn, and Eli Vinson
- Engagement and Community Outreach Award – Autumn Lafferty and Will O’Neil

We also inducted two students into Gamma Theta Upsilon, the international geographic honor society in geography. Congratulations to our new initiates: Catalina Giang and Eli Vinson!

If you were unable to watch the ceremony live, you can watch the recording of the event on our YouTube channel!

A "poetic" homage to Earth Day

As part of co-curricular activities, Dr. Fausto Sarmiento’s classes (GEOG 1125, GEOG 3290 and GEOG4720) applied a Platonic teaching method to learn about the nature-society couplings, mountain landscapes, and Latin America, from unconventional angles. The course outputs celebrated both, April as the nation’s poetry month and this year’s Earth Day. Read a selection of some students' poems about Earth Day [here](#)

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

Awards & Accomplishments

Congratulations to Dina Rasquinha and Cory Sanchez (top row) for successfully defending their respective dissertations last week, and to Jan Veerman (bottom row) for successfully defending his thesis as well! All three are planning to graduate either this Spring or Summer with their degrees. Congratulations, again Drs. Rasquinha and Sanchez, and Jan!

Opportunities available to all students:

Meteorologist/Reporter for KPLC
Gray Television, Lake Charles, LA

Southwest Louisiana’s KPLC-TV seeks a degreed meteorologist to join the First Alert Weather Team! Find out more about the position and how to apply [here](#).

AmeriCorps Summer Associates positions available!

The AmeriCorps VISTA Network, housed in the Office of Service-Learning, has openings for nine, fulltime, summer (10 week) Summer Associate AmeriCorps VISTAs (Volunteers in Service to America). Whether you’re a current student or a soon-to-be graduate, all can apply! Find out more about the position and how to apply [here](#).

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  Deadline to Apply: May 2 by 5pm

  The GBF Symposium will be hosting a Reflective Structured Dialogue session around sexual violence in the field and academia. This event will be facilitated by professionals from the J.W. Fanning Institute for Leadership Development.

  Please RSVP with Rhiannon Schultz no later than TODAY at 5pm!

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The Savannah Harbor Expansion Project

Dr. Sergio Bernardes from the Center for Geospatial Research (CGR) is training federal and state agencies on the use of geospatial tools to monitor the performance of mitigation features associated with large engineering projects. The series of workshops offered by Dr. Bernardes focus on the ongoing Savannah Harbor Expansion Project (SHEP) and include the monitoring of fish populations using capture/tagging, spatio-temporal tracking of sturgeon individuals, as well as the near-real time monitoring of water quality using gage networks and groundwater sensors. Workshops are being attended by representatives from the Army Corps of Engineers, National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), United States Geological Survey (USGS), Georgia Department of Natural Resources, South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Georgia Ports, and other groups.

SHEP is a $973 million project funded by federal and Georgia funds and involves deepening the Savannah Harbor federal shipping channel to allow larger and more heavily-loaded vessels to use the Savannah Port. Dr. Bernardes is the PI for the GIS/Database component of SHEP and the project has brought over $1.2 million to the Department of Geography at UGA. Resources from SHEP have funded two post-docs and have provided assistantships to many MSc and PhD students in the department, who assist with data processing/analysis and environmental database maintenance.

For more information on SHEP, see here. You can also click here to learn about the SHEP Monitoring Program and to visit the SHEP Map Portal.
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- **UCAR Next Generation Fellowship**  
  The Next Generation Fellowships offer graduate students the opportunity to learn alongside leaders in their fields. Each two-year fellowship provides financial support for graduate school and two summer visits. The program offers three distinctive fellowship tracks:  
  - Earth System Science  
  - Diversity, Equity & Inclusion and Public Policy  
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- **Action Needed: Photos Showcasing YOUR Work!**  
  The main office plans to order two additional banners (like the one in front of the main office) with FY 22 funds to represent the full faculty. In addition to being used for the banner, we will use them to update photos in the Department Head’s office.  
  (Please make sure the photos are square or are able to be cropped square.)  
  Please reach out to Amelia Brown with 1-2 high resolution photos (at least 300 ppi)!  
  **Deadline to submit photos:** May 2