

# The Graticule Weekly

UGA Geography Newsletter



## WELCOME BACK!

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Welcome back to a new semester in the Geography department! We hope everyone had an enjoyable and restorative winter break, and we're excited to see everyone back on campus Monday (and see the dawgs win the National Championship title that same evening)!

As always, the Geography main office is open to answer any questions you may have and provide any guidance you may need throughout the semester. Please see the information below as to who you can contact in the office for your specific needs:

- [Sarah Baker](#), Graduate Program Administrator
- [Kajal Patel](#), Undergraduate Program Administrator/Communications Coordinator
- [Ryan Smith](#), Undergraduate Academic Advisor

## ACCOLADES

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### Ph.D. Student earns honorable mention for dissertation proposal

Congratulations to Ph.D. candidate, **Estefania Palacios**, for winning the honorable mention Galo Chiriboga dissertation award! This acknowledgment is awarded by the Latin American Center for Rural Development (one of the most popular centers in Latin America) to the best proposal dissertation.



Palacios earned her award for her project entitled "'Individually, we are a drop. Together, we are a river': Analysis of the rural women's participation in community water systems in Ecuador", where her focus is to contribute to the emerging discussions about the socio-territorial conflicts of water in Ecuador and to develop a better understanding of the ways in which water, power and gender affect the community water management and the daily life of women.

More information about the award can be found [here](#). Congratulations, Estefania!

## Awards & Accomplishments



*The Georgia Trend Magazine* has released its "100 Most Influential Georgians" list of those who have contributed to ensuring the state remains at the top for doing business and improving the lives of its citizens.

Included in this list is UGA Geography's own **Dr. Marshall Shepherd!** In 2021, Shepherd made history at UGA as the first faculty member elected to the National Academy of Sciences, the National Academy of Engineering and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. Congratulations, Dr. Shepherd!

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## Attention, Undergraduate and Graduate Students:

Spring 2022 - Drop/Add Drop/Add is next week, January 10-14. Please try to have your schedules finalized [by January 14th at midnight!](#)

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**Deadline to Apply: February 7**

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## Campus-wide and Other Events

College Football Playoff National Championship Game	Mon., Jan. 10 8pm Stegeman Coliseum
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*UGA's Engagement, Leadership, and Service department announced it will be hosting a watch party at Stegeman Coliseum for the National Championship between Georgia and Alabama with free admission.*

*Doors will open at 7 p.m. with kickoff scheduled for 8 p.m. The event is limited to UGA students, faculty and staff only. A valid UGACard will be required to attend. For more information about the game watch, please see [this announcement](#) from the Red & Black.*

## MLK Volunteer Opportunities and Events

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- [AAG 2022 Annual Meeting - NYC](#)

*The conference will feature more than 6,000 presentations, posters, workshops, and field trips by leading scholars, experts, and researchers. Attendees including geographers, GIS specialists, environmental scientists, and other leaders will share and discuss the latest in research and applications in geography, sustainability, and GIScience. If you have already submitted a paper or poster abstract, the deadline to edit your abstracts is Thursday, January 13th.*

*Learn more about guidelines for [abstracts](#) and [sessions](#) to help you make the most of your presentation. More information about the conference schedule and program can be found [here](#).*

Check out our running list of assistant professorship opportunities and internships [here!](#)

# FACULTY AND INSTRUCTORS

## News & Reminders

- Spring 2022 syllabus language regarding COVID-19

*On behalf of the Office of Instruction, please review [this memo](#) regarding COVID-related language for your Spring 2022 syllabi.*

- Syllabus Upload

*Please upload your syllabi from Fall '21 on the [UGA Syllabus System](#) before classes start, if you have not done so already. Thank you!*

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## RESEARCH

### Geography and student success in STEM fields: Effects of locale on access to work-related experiential activities

Faculty members in the UGA Institute of Higher Education, Karen Webber and Amy Stich, along with a team of collaborators, are working to uncover which experiences beyond the classroom best facilitate the transition and how to extend equal access to those high-impact opportunities across STEM field students. The project is a three-year study funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF).

Their study focuses on engineering and computer science students' access to work-related experiential activities (WREAs) relative to their post-secondary institutions' proximity to major economic and workforce hubs. This research will provide a more comprehensive portrait of WREAs from the multiple perspectives of college students, career officials, employers, and recently-hired alumni affiliated with six diverse universities across urban, rural, and suburban campuses in Georgia. Webber and Stich assembled an external advisory committee and a strong team, including Geography doctoral student **Amanda Aragon**, for the project, further enlisting **Drs. Marguerite Madden** (Director of the Geospatial Research Center) and **Jerry Shannon** (Director of the Community Mapping Lab) to provide additional expertise in geospatial analysis.

The first year of the study was spent establishing contacts and buy-in at participating campuses across Georgia, piloting survey and focus group instruments, observing virtual career fairs, and completing individual interviews with career center directors.

The team also promoted and disseminated preliminary products of their work at three conferences, one of them led by Aragon at the *ASPRS Imaging & Geospatial Information Society* on "Integrative Geospatial Techniques with Quantitative Surveys and Qualitative Interviews to Identify Impacts of Geographic Locale on Access to Work-Related Experiential Activities." The team is building on the initial data and visualizing the information through their unique geospatial lens. Based on early findings, they are confident that they will have some exciting results to share in the coming years.

More details about the team and their work is available at: [ihe.uga.edu/WREA](http://ihe.uga.edu/WREA).

The Institute of Higher Education Fall 2021 Report can be found [here](#).

## Awards & Accomplishments



Please join us in welcoming **Sydney Whilden** to the department as the Small Satellite Research Lab's newest lab manager! Sydney is a Ph.D. student in the Physics and Astronomy department. Stop by her office in room 319 (Center for Geospatial Research Laboratory) to say hello!



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Neotropical	Fri., Jan. 21
Montology	12:15pm
Collaboratory -	Ecology
<a href="#">Annual Guest</a>	Auditorium
<a href="#">Lecture Event</a>	(South Campus)

Please join Dr. Danny Daniel Castillo from ESPOCH University where he will present a "Holistic View of the Chimborazo Natural Reserve, Ecuador". The presentation will expose a panoptic vision of Mount Chimborazo and the protected area created to conserve high Andean ecosystems, particularly fauna and flora. It will present the legal framework, the diagnosis, the problematic of resource use, and the potential of the Nature Reserve for sustainable and regenerative conservation, considering various components, such as: environmental, socio-cultural, economic and tourism.

**Address: 140 E Green St**

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- Submit Program of Study forms to the Graduate School
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- [Professional Development Series - Feedback Needed](#)

Register for the workshop to practice your 3-minute research speech [here](#) by **January 16!**

## Events

A First Generation Student's Guide to Grad School	Tues., Jan. 18 5:30-6:30pm Tate Student Center, rm. 482 <i>*Register <a href="#">here!</a></i>
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- [Willson Center Graduate Research Awards](#)

The deadline to apply for awards is **January 18!** For a full list of awards and their descriptions, please click [here](#).

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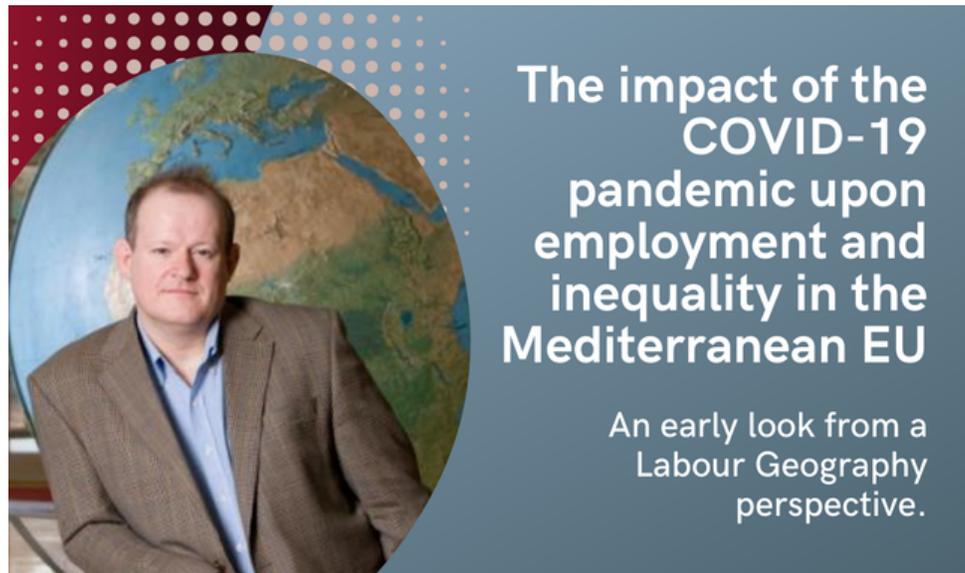
## Events

Environmental Justice: Research and Community Partnerships	Wed., Jan. 19 12-1pm Virtual <i>*Register <a href="#">here!</a></i>
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For more information about the webinar, please follow [this link](#).

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## RESEARCH

### New research on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic upon employment and inequality in the Mediterranean EU

COVID-19 is a global pandemic but has a particular geography to it, differentially affecting people and places. Recent research, co-led by Professor **Andrew Herod** in the Geography department, explores the pandemic's impact upon labor markets in the Mediterranean European Union (EU) countries. The researchers' analysis is part of a collective work-in-progress monitoring the pandemic's effects upon workers since early March 2020. First they note that there is a geographical political economy to pandemics. They then scrutinize the current pandemic's spatiality and impact upon Mediterranean EU workers. Following this, the researchers discuss how workers are responding to the pandemic and how this is remaking the geography of employment. As such, their paper represents a contribution to the ongoing development of the Labour Geography literature. Overall, they stress that workers face a variety of choices in responding to the pandemic, choices which are, of course, shaped by the geographical contexts within which workers find themselves. In deciding whether and how to act, workers are playing proactive roles in shaping COVID-19's impact upon the geography of employment and emerging labor landscapes.

Herod was joined by post-doctoral researcher Stelios Gialis (University of the Aegean) and PhD student Kostas Gourzis (University of the Aegean). To read their full article, please follow [this link](#).

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Ph.D. students Vanessa Raditz (left) and Rachel Arney (right) have been selected by the AAG to support their 2022 Summer Series, an initiative to provide advanced-level and basic-level workshops, a seminar series, graduate working groups, and graduate forums to graduate students and recent graduates in geography in -or outside of academia.

Raditz (has been selected as an intern to support the initiative, and Arney (has been selected to serve on the Organizing Committee for the Graduate Student Affinity Group (GSAG) Led Forum.



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Oral Comprehensive Exam - Kate Markham  
Thurs., Jan. 27  
\*All faculty are welcome!

Markham's major advisor is Dr. Marguerite Madden and her committee consists of Drs. Angela Yao, Andrew Grundstein, and Sergio Bernardes, as well as Dr. Ferrell Osborn, Director of Connected Conservation in Cape Town, South Africa. Markham's dissertation is titled, "A Scaled Approach for Improved Human-Elephant Relationships: Modeling Drivers of Conflict in Northwestern Zimbabwe."

Lunch & Learn: Advanced Features in eLC and How to Use Them  
Thurs., Feb. 3  
12-12:30pm  
via Zoom  
\*Please register [here!](#)

More information on the workshop can be found at the bottom of this newsletter.

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- [AAG 2022 Goes All Virtual](#)

If you have registered to present or attend the AAG conference this year that was scheduled to be in-person in New York City, please note that the conference has converted to a virtual event this year. It is still scheduled for Feb. 25-Mar 1.

- [Nominate a Geography Graduate Student Leader](#)

The Geography Graduate Student Association elections have begun, and we are seeking new leadership! [Consider nominating yourself](#) to serve as a GGSA chair for the calendar year (February 2022 to January 2023).

Nominations are due by 5pm January 26th!

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# *Building Technical Literacy in the Department of Geography*

**UPCOMING:**

## **LUNCH & LEARN**

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### **Advanced Features in eLC and How to Use Them**

**When:** Thursday, February 3  
12:00-12:30pm  
**For who:** Instructors (TAs and Faculty  
included)  
**Where:** via Zoom  
**Led by:** Ameya Sawadkar (GA in the Center  
for Teaching and Learning)

***Register here  
for the Zoom  
link!***

**\*Please register  
by Tues., Feb. 1**

## **RESOURCES**

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### **Google Drive vs OneDrive: *Which cloud storage is best for which purpose?***

The University of Georgia has subscriptions to both Microsoft Office Suites and Google Workspace, but what's the difference between the two, and what are the perks of each? Find out more on the [Franklin College Knowledge Base!](#)

## **TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS**

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[MS Excel - Tips, Tricks and Techniques](#) (available in PEP)

There are trainings in Excel available in the Professional Education Portal! After you login to PEP, search "MS Excel" in the "Search for learning" search bar, and see what there is to offer.

**\*For more trainings,** check the Center for [Continuing Education website](#), [Training & Development website](#) (for current employees), and the [Professional Education Portal!](#)

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## RESEARCH

### Teaming for interdisciplinary research pre-seed program: Convergent mountain science

Four UGA Geography faculty have joined to move mountain studies further, with the support of two competitive seed grant programs on campus. The group led by our department's very own Dr. Fausto Sarmiento includes faculty from Arts and Sciences, Environment + Design, Forestry, Horticulture, Ecology, and Journalism. The TIR program from the Vice President of Research will allow for the preparation of a large grant to create the Institute for Convergent Mountain Science. The GRCG program from the Office of Global Engagement will facilitate the preparation of a large grant for a panoptic study for sustainable and regenerative development of Mt. Chimborazo Mountain Reserve with faculty from the Superior School Polytechnic of Chimborazo (ESPOCH). Just last Friday, the UGA Neotropical Montology Collaboratory hosted their Annual Guest Lecture on the topic "A Holistic View of Chimborazo Natural Reserve, Ecuador" led by researchers from ESPOCH, where the lecturers exposed a panoptic vision of Mount Chimborazo and the protected area created to conserve high Andean ecosystems..

The UGA mountain studies research cluster includes 13 faculty from 5 different colleges, including 4 UGA Geography professors (pictured above, from left to right): Drs. David Leigh, David Porinchu, Gabriel Kooperman, and Fausto Sarmiento.

>> More information on the pre-seed program and project can be found [here!](#)

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Looking to be CERTified? The Office of Emergency Preparedness has classes available until March 23 for those who want to serve on the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), which is a federal initiative that helps to prepare people for emergency situations. Interested in registering for a class? [Sign up here!](#)

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- [Undergraduate Honors Awards](#)

It's Geography awards season!

- [Nominate a fellow student](#) (due Feb. 2)

- [Nominate yourself](#) (due Feb. 9)

Learn more about the awards [here](#).

- [GAAME Program](#)

GAAME hopes to support approximately

70 Scholars who identify as both

Black/African American and male for

this academic year. [Applications](#) are

due Jan. 31.

For more information on potential internship sites, please see [this PDF](#).

The Athens Cultural Affairs Commission (ACAC) is seeking assistance of a UGA student or two interested in public history, monuments/memorialization, public memory, and related topics. More information on the volunteer opportunity and how to apply can be found [here!](#)

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- [Dissertation Completion Award](#)

Please send a CV and a 2-page statement explaining your dissertation research, contributions to university community or discipline, and career goals to Dr. Andrew Grundstein and Sarah Baker.

**Deadline to submit: February 4**

- [Summer Research Grants](#)

If interested and you meet the criteria, please send the following to Dr. Andrew Grundstein and Sarah Baker: (1) Description of your research, (2) Budget for summer research plan, (3) Curriculum vitae, and (4) Letter of recommendation from your major professor or other faculty member who will supervise your research this summer. (More details of each item requested can be found at this link.)

**Deadline to submit: February 14**

- [Request for Departmental TA Funding \(Fall '22 and/or Spring '23\)](#)

The Graduate Coordinator's Office would like to gauge the number of students who expect or would like funding for the next academic year. Please fill out [this form](#) (even if you're not wanting funding).

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