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The Graticule Weekly

UGA Geography Newsletter



CONGRATS, CLASS OF 2022!

A message from the Department Head, Dr. Hilda Kurtz

To our graduates... congratulations on your outstanding achievement in the Geography department and at the University of Georgia! We are very proud of you, your perseverance through a pandemic and more, your curiosity about the world, and all that you have learned here at UGA.

I'm sure we can agree that degrees in Geography and/or Atmospheric Sciences are more important than ever, as together we seek to make sense of, and affect for the better, a changing world. Your growing ability to think, analyze, interpret and wonder – as a geographer, will open doors for you throughout your life. Some such doors are already in sight, and many of you are embarking on professional positions right out of the gate. Other doors are as yet around the corner, so to speak, waiting for you to open them in due time.

Many college graduates, and many geographers among them, take circuitous routes toward their chosen professions. But our alums are drawing on geographic knowledge and skills in positions in local, state and national government, in the private sector, the non-profit sector and in academia. And you will too.

While it is bittersweet to see you off this spring, we are excited to see where your paths lead you and to share in your future accomplishments, starting with this one. Congratulations, grads, to a job well done!

Ph.D. student receives Housing Crisis Research Collaborative Grant

Jess Martinez, Ph.D. candidate in Geography, recently received the Housing Crisis Research Collaborative Grant, a grant designed to help support research about emergency rental assistance programs in response to increased housing precarity due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The grant has been awarded to the grassroots group Martinez is involved with - the Athens

General News and Announcements

Starting the week of May 20th, the Graticule Weekly Newsletter will be released every two weeks. If you have any news or events you'd like to share during the summer, please share them with [Kajal Patel](#) well in advance.

The newsletter will release on a weekly basis starting August 12th.

Opportunities available to all students:

**New Course Offering: GEOG 4/6920
Special Problems in Area Analysis**

The Department of Geography will welcome new faculty member, Dr. Gengchen Mai, this Fall 2022 as a researcher in GeoAI in Hydrologic and Ecosystem Science. This Fall, Dr. Mai will be teaching a course in Geospatial Artificial Intelligence

GEOG 4920: CRN 54811

GEOG 6920: CRN 54813

The tentative syllabus for the class can be found [here](#). The class is set to run Tuesdays (lecture) and Thursdays (lab) from 3:55-5:10pm.

Departmental Events

Dissertation Proposal	Mon., May 16 2-4pm
Defense - Rachel Arney	In-Person and via Zoom

Arney's dissertation proposal is titled, "The Politics of Environmental Knowledge and Conservation Science in the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands."

Campus-wide and Other Events

Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Conference	May 18-21 In-Person and virtual <i>*Register here!</i>
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Housing Advocacy Team (AHAT) and the Athens Immigrant Rights Coalition (AIRC). The grant will support their research by funding the ongoing community work of eviction data collection at the local level and will focus on the Georgia Rental Assistance (State) and Project RESET (local) programs while prioritizing the work of language justice that is currently excluded in housing justice work in the South.

Martinez notes that writing and receiving the grant would not have been possible without the support of her fellow colleagues and mentors, namely Vanessa Raditz, Christian Pettersen, Estefania Palacios, Drs. Jerry Shannon, Steve Holloway, and Nik Heynen from the Geography Department, and Coral Rogers, Melissa McBride, and Sarah Gehring from AIRC and AHAT.

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

News & Reminders

- [Local Food Internship - Market Wagon](#)

Market Wagon is an e-commerce leader in the nation, providing food aggregation and last mile distribution to over 36 market locations. They fill the need to modernize the local food movement by facilitating online shopping and home delivery with a direct-to-consumer model. The Local Food Intern will serve as the regional expert dedicated to creating meaningful connections between local food producers and Market Wagon across the mid-Atlantic region or Michigan. The full job description for the position can be found on [Handshake](#).

Deadline to Apply: May 16

- **New American Pathways Internships**

New American Pathways is an Atlanta-based nonprofit that helps refugees from the moment they arrive in Georgia through their journey to U.S. citizenship. With a comprehensive set of customized services, steady guidance, and strong advocacy, they enable refugees and other immigrants to realize their full potential and dreams as they build new lives in Georgia. They are looking for [multiple interns](#) for the summer and Fall/Spring academic terms.

Deadline to apply (through [Handshake](#)) for all: May 20

GRADUATE STUDENTS

News & Reminders

- **Attention students:** June 6, is the final date the Graduate School will accept theses/dissertations for format checks for future graduations.

- **UCAR Next Generation Fellowship**

The Next Generation Fellowships offer graduate students the opportunity to learn alongside leaders in their fields. Each 2-year fellowship provides financial support for graduate school and two summer visits. There are three distinctive fellowship tracks: [Earth System Science](#), [Diversity, Equity & Inclusion](#) and [Public Policy](#).

Deadline to [Apply](#): May 16

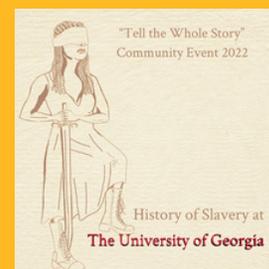
- **American Association of Hispanics in Higher Education Fellowship**

[The AAHHE Graduate Student Fellows Program's](#) (GSFP) primary goal is to prepare Latina/o/x doctoral scholars for successful faculty careers in academia. The GSFP also provides support to Latina/o/x scholars interested in pursuing careers within administration and policy in post-secondary education. Interested students should contact [Sarah Baker](#) and use [this checklist](#) to stay on track with their application.

Deadline to [Apply](#): May 27 by 5pm Pacific Standard Time (PST)

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

The University of Georgia's Sustainable Food Systems Initiative is pleased to host the 2022 joint annual meeting of the Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society (AFHVS) and the Association for the Study of Food and Society (ASFS). The theme this year is "Cultivating Connections: Exploring Entry Points Into Sustainable Food Systems." Volunteers get to attend for free! Sign-up to become a volunteer [here](#). The itinerary for the conference can also be found [here](#).



"Tell the Whole Story" - The History of Slavery	Sat., May 21 All Day Brooklyn Cemetery and Morton Theatre
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Hosted by the History of Slavery at UGA (HSUGA) group, the event will start in Historic Brooklyn Cemetery followed by historical readings, music and dance performances, and a screening and panel discussion of "Below Baldwin" in the Morton Theater downtown at the Hot Corner. The general schedule for the event can be found [here](#).

[Call for Volunteers:](#) the committee needs help setting up and taking down posters, chairs, sound equipment and other articles at Historic Brooklyn Cemetery, and to serve as ushers and guides at the Historic Brooklyn Cemetery and Morton Theatre. Volunteers [sign up here!](#)

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