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The Graticule Weekly

UGA Geography Newsletter



EVENT DEBRIEF

"Tell the Whole Story": History of Slavery at UGA

The second annual History of Slavery at UGA "Tell the Whole Story" community event from May 21 was a huge success. The day's activities included reflection at Brooklyn Cemetery, followed by archival readings, music and dance, and a screening of the *Below Baldwin* documentary at the Historic Morton Theatre. Attendees were also able to view the "[By Any Other Name](#)" protest poster art, which calls attention to USG's decision not to rename buildings named for segregationists or slave owners, as well as the Linnentown Quilt made to honor the Black neighborhood destroyed by urban renewal to make way for UGA dorms in the 1960s. Videos of the day's events will be available on the [website](#) in a few weeks. The event planning team included Jennifer L. Rice (Geography), James Brooks (History), Jane McPherson (Social Work), Barbara McCaskill (English), Linda Davis (Friends of Brooklyn Cemetery) and Broderick Flanigan (Community Activists and Artist).

PRESS RELEASE

National Academies Gulf of Mexico report

A [new report](#) from the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine says that assessing the success of the nation's largest ecological restoration investment effort will require continued improvements in data collection and synthesis and coordination across the Gulf of Mexico region.

The April 2010 Deepwater Horizon platform explosion and oil spill seriously damaged Gulf of Mexico ecosystems from Texas to Florida. The resulting civil and criminal claims, fines, and penalties included over \$16 billion to be used for economic and environmental restoration activities. The unprecedented number and diversity of these activities provide a rich body of evidence that can inform future planning, monitoring, and assessment, according to

General News and Announcements



Field Street parking will be blocked off for the summer duration due to construction near Sanford Stadium. However, SO2 permit holders can continue parking in the lot behind the Geography-Geology Building and Physics.

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. Dr. Mai will be teaching a course in Geospatial Artificial Intelligence:
Undergrads: GEOG 4920 (54811)
Grads: GEOG 6920 (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.



[NASA DEVELOP](#) projects focus on helping local and international communities address their environmental concerns while utilizing NASA's Earth observing fleet of satellites. This opportunity is open to current undergraduate, graduate, and Ph.D. students! The Fall 2022 application deadline is June 24th, with the program term from Sept. 12-Nov. 18.

"In this report, we propose a new framework for assessing the cumulative impact of multiple ecosystem restoration projects within the context of long-term environmental change across a large scale in the Gulf of Mexico," said Deepak Mishra, Merle C. Prunty, Jr. Professor & associate head of the UGA department of geography who served as a member of the National Academy team for two years working on the report. "We also provide guidance on multi-faceted monitoring systems (sensors, platforms, satellites, crowdsourcing) for collecting a wide variety of observational datasets to assess the cumulative impact of these restoration projects funded after the BP oil spill."

The report emphasizes the challenges of coordination across so many state, federal, and international jurisdictional lines, as the Gulf of Mexico ecosystems cross multiple political boundaries, and provides a series of recommended actions for the organizations tasked with managing the key Gulf restoration and recovery funding streams. "This is a transformative report that delves into theoretical underpinnings of cumulative impact assessment, provides guidance on monitoring tools and techniques, and is designed to provide a roadmap that can help assure cost-effective and impactful restoration in the Gulf," Mishra said.

See the [full release](#) from the National Academies.

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

News & Reminders

- [Governor's Internship Program with the Georgia Governor's Office \(Fall 2022\)](#)

Initiated in 1971, the Governor's Intern Program provides Georgia's brightest and most ambitious students with professional experience to prepare for the working world. College juniors and seniors, graduate students and law students are eligible to apply to the Internship Program. The program offers students valuable work experience in the Governor's Office and in numerous agencies throughout the state. Interns work in a fast-paced environment and enjoy many opportunities to learn more about politics, state government and the legislative process.

Deadline to apply: TODAY, June 3

More opportunities to consider...

- [Environmental and Energy Studies Institute Internships](#)

Deadline to apply (all positions): June 12

- [National Park Service Geoscientists in the Park Internships](#)

Deadline to apply (for Winter 2022 projects): June 12

- [Carter Center Internships](#)

Deadline to apply (all positions): June 15

GRADUATE STUDENTS

News & Reminders

- **Attention students:** June 6 is the FIRST date the Graduate School will accept theses/dissertations for format checks for future graduations. (Apologies for last newsletter's typo.)
- **Attention Summer 2022 graduates:** June 24 is the final date to...
 - 1) apply for degree/certificate graduation
 - 2) submit Program of Study forms to the Graduate School for graduation. An

The 2023-2024 Fulbright competition is open! The campus deadline to enter is September 6, 2022. [Learn more](#) about the program and how to apply!



If you are looking to obtain leadership skills and have opportunities to earn more volunteering hours, [apply for the executive board with the Red Cross!](#) Throughout the semester, they hold blood drives, fundraising events, and more.

Departmental events:

Alison Banks' Dissertation Proposal Defense	Mon., June 6 10am In-person and via Zoom
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Banks' dissertation proposal is titled, "Analysis of the Impacts of Precipitation Characteristics in Earth System Models on Hazardous Air Quality and Heat Waves". Committee members include Drs. Gabriel Kooperman (major professor), Marshall Shepherd, and Andrew Grundstein. Additional members are Dr. Rawad Saleh, associate professor of UGA College of Engineering, as well as Dr. Yangyang Xu, associate professor of Atmospheric Sciences at Texas A&M University at College Station, Texas.

Campus-wide and other events:

Film Screening: "Summer of Soul"	Sat., June 11 2:30-4:30pm Ciné
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Advisory Committee form for master's students and doctoral candidates must be on file by this date.

3) submit applications for Admission to Candidacy to the Graduate School

- [Grad School Travel Funding Requests](#)

If you are planning to request travel funds from the Graduate School for travel occurring during July 1-Sept. 30, 2022, now is the time to send [Sarah Baker](#) your submissions!

Deadline to apply for funding for this term: June 10

- **Project Drawdown - Now Hiring!**

Project Drawdown is hiring a “dream team” of leading scientists to conduct top-quality research and provide world-leading insights on climate solutions and strategies. They intend to hire a Chief Scientist to oversee the broader science team and conduct their own research, and a group of 4-5 full-time Senior / Associate Scientists who will work with the Chief Scientist. These are all full-time, ongoing staff positions. Please see the [full list of available positions!](#)

Deadline to apply: June 13

- **Geography Graduate Student Association (GGSA) Chair Openings**

GGSA is looking for interested grad students to serve as Physical Geography Co-Chair, Human Geography Co-Chair, Techniques Co-Chair, and/or Member at Large for the 2022-23 academic year. Those interested may reach out to Ashley Cornish, GGSA Chair, at ashley.cornish@uga.edu.

More opportunities to consider...

- [Post Doctoral Position at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee - due June 6](#)
- [Graduate Assistantship with UGA Campus Kitchen - no due date](#)
- [Visiting Professor at the George Washington University - no due date](#)

Directed by Questlove and featuring never-before-seen performances by Stevie Wonder, B.B. King, Nina Simone, and more, Summer of Soul tells the story of Black history, culture, music, and fashion in the summer of 1969. Enjoy a free screening of Summer of Soul during the 22nd annual Hot Corner Celebration and Soul Food Feast. Tickets are available the day of the screening at the Ciné box office and are first come, first served. Find out more information [here!](#)

Why History Matters for Social Work	Fri., June 17 1-4pm Virtual Event
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Social work defines itself as a social justice profession, yet the historical record is complex as it also shows social workers resisting social change, promoting social division, and contributing to social exclusion. This workshop will explore these “hard” histories and use them to help social workers identify potentially unethical and destructive professional practices in the present. Find out more information [here!](#)

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