RIDAY, DECEMBER 2ND, 2022

The Graticule Weekly

UGA's Geography Newsletter



Mon. Dec. 5 6-8 pm As we wrap up the Fall '22 semester and turn our sights towards the Spring, we invite you to our Annual Winter Social as an opportunity to destress and enjoy the company of colleagues before the push through final exams. This year, our Winter Social will be a potluck style event—all are welcome to bring their favorite dish. If bringing something isn't feasible for you, please don't let that stop you from attending—we'll have enough for everyone!

The event will be held at the gorgeous Flinchum's Phoenix Lodge in Whitehall Forest. The event space is perfect for the season with a massive health, wood floors, beams/trusses across the ceiling, and almost too many porches to count all of which overlook the Middle Oconee River. Click here for directions and a map to the lodge!

This year, Winter Social attendees will be entertained by UGA Geography/Atmospheric Sciences very own student band, The Sun-Dawgs, led by Dr. John Knox. The group will be playing weather-themed live music for all to enjoy!

Back by popular demand, this year's event will also feature our White Elephant Gift Exchange! If you're unfamiliar with the game (as I am) here's a rundown of how it works from Dr. Hilda Kurtz: "You bring a low-cost gift, \$10 or less, which can be something funny, useful, ridiculous, whatever, and put it in a pile on the hearth. Everyone draws a number from 1 to n. Starting at with 1, people take turns opening gifts. Anyone after #1 can either open a gift, or take a gift from someone who has already opened it. If your gift gets taken, then you get to open another one from the pile on the hearth. It can get a little goofy sometimes – all in good fun." We can't wait to see you there!





Photos from last year's Winter Social at Flinchum's Phoenix





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UPCOMING EVENTS



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We are meeting from 7:00 to 9:00 pm EST. We'll do multiple rounds of small group discussions, have a Q&A with the director Tamar Kummel, then end with a vote on next month's film! Stay as long as you like! Please watch the film before we meet for the discussion.





Dec. 2-4
Various Times
Various Locations

The 2022 American Conference for Irish Studies/SOUTH will take place
December 2-3, 2022 in Athens, Georgia.
The conference theme is "Border
Crossings." The public is welcome to attend with no registration required.
Click here for more info.





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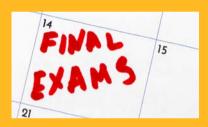


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HIGHLIGHTING HIDDEN FIGURES

ATMOSPHERIC SCIENTISTS CREATE A NEW PARADIGM FOR DIVERSITY IN STEM

UGA Atmospheric Sciences professors Dr. Marshall Shepherd, Dr. John Knox and students Chandler Countryman, Theresa Dixon, Katrina Ducre, P. J. Gudz, Shay Magahey, Killian McSweeney, Kelly Neighbour, Cam My Nguyen, R. Alex Pry, Jantilyn Sanders, Jada M. Smith, Allison Steele, Ben Thigpen, and Savanna Warren have published a new paper in the American Institute of Physics' biannual History Newsletter. Their collaborative effort details the creation of the department's Hidden Figures in Atmospheric Sciences course. The authors of the paper describe how the course was created as a response to the systematic lack of diversity across STEM fields. They aim to set a new precedent for collegiate curriculum that includes the perspectives of those who have been traditionally disenfranchised through a lack of representation in the course material. According to the authors, "the literature on those who leave STEM fields is replete with data and stories of people who simply do not see themselves belonging in the field." Therefore, one goal of the Hidden Figures course is to reimagine the core curriculum so that it can resonate with students of varying backgrounds.

The course aims to subvert the longstanding scientific tradition of removing personal details in favor of "timeless scientific truth." Instead, the goal of this course is to "learn about this truth in the context of other truths, such as the experiences of and hurdles overcome by the people who made these discoveries." To service this goal, the course creators have invited Atmospheric Sciences pioneers and luminaries of the field to speak about their contributions such as Brenda Chester Johnson who "spoke to the class about her eye-opening experiences as a woman of color in our field in the 1980s."

Another crucial aspect of reimagining traditional STEM course curriculum for the Hidden Figures class has been to encourage an inclusive and collaborative process for the creation of all course content. "It was made clear that both student and faculty were creating the course together; in that vein, all presentations and publications are coauthored by all class members." Though this course covers traditional topics in the Atmospheric Sciences (e.g. "hurricanes, tornadoes, weather forecasting methods, etc.") it does so by exploring the pioneering work of individuals whose experiences are often overlooked. The creators of this course intentionally designed its framework so that it could be replicated across various STEM disciplines and encourages readers to "steal this idea and shape it to fit their own circumstances."

Read the full paper in the <u>American</u>
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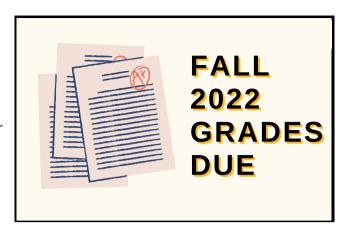






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Nov 23- Jan 8 UGA Botanical Garden

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CONGRAULATIONS CLASS OF 2022!

A MESSAGE FROM OUR DEPARTMENT HEAD, DR. HILDA KURTZ



Congratulations to the graduate and undergraduate students who are graduating today! You have worked hard, had some fun along the way, and connected with fellow travelers in the worlds of Geography and Atmospheric Sciences. In other words, you have made a mark here.

You leave UGA equipped to ask and answer keen questions about a complex and changing world, and to embrace many different ways to make the world a better place. You will always be part of the UGA Geography community, and we look forward to hearing about your future adventures.

-Dr. Hilda Kurtz UGA Geography Department Head

Undergraduate Students:

Bryant Beall (B.S.)

Theresa Dixon (B.S.)

Alexis Wages (B.S.)

Graduate Students:

Rachelle Berry (Ph.D.)

Sara Black (Ph.D.)

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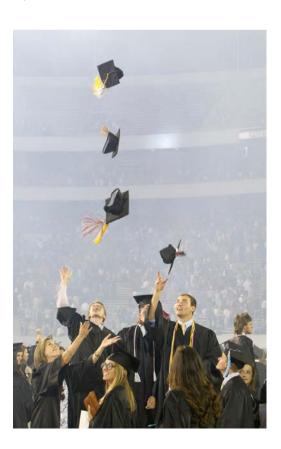
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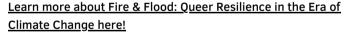
UGA Geography major Killian McSweeney's paper "Consistent Timing of Arctic Permafrost Loss Across the CESM1 Large Ensemble" was accepted for publication in the American Geophysical Union's journal, Geophysical Research Letters. McSweeney has been working on this research since 2020 with Dr. Gabriel Kooperman, as part of a Research Assistantship with UGA's Center for Undergraduate Research Opportunities.

McSweeney's research assesses the processes that affect Arctic permafrost degradation in order to better inform climate change mitigation and adaptation processes. Using global earth systems models, McSweeney and Kooperman find that as Arctic permafrost melts, a significant volume of previously frozen organic material begins to disintegrate, releasing greenhouse gasses into the atmosphere. McSweeney's interest in the Arctic is derived from his childhood spent in Alaska as well as a lifelong interest in the natural world. McSweeney won a prestigious National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Hollings Scholarship last year, and plans to attend graduate school in order to further his research pursuits.

Read Killian's full research paper here!

Geography PhD Student Vanessa Raditz's Film is Presented at COP27

UGA Geography PhD student and graduate student instructor Vanessa Raditz's documentary film *Fire & Flood: Queer Resilience in the Era of Climate Change* was screened at this year's COP27 Climate Justice Pavilion. Raditz was unable to attend the event in person due a teaching position on climate adaptation and justice at the University for Peace in Costa Rica, though they kept up with proceedings from afar. According to Raditz, "The outcome of COP27 was predictably depressing, and paints a bleak picture for what our generation will have to grapple with because of these missed opportunities for bold action, but it was still an honor to have Fire & Flood shown as one of the few LGBTQ+ events at the conference and to feel connected to folks around the world working to make a difference."







Dr. Sergio Bernardes Named Editor for New Special Issue



Dr. Sergio Bernardes from the Disruptive Geospatial Technologies Lab/Center for Geospatial Research is editing a special issue of the Remote Sensing Journal on remote sensing of the Amazon. The SI is currently accepting contributions that showcase studies involving all aspects of remote sensing in the region. For more information on the SI, including enquiries about submissions, please contact Dr. Bernardes (sbernard@uga.edu).

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