

The Graticule Weekly

UGA's Geography Newsletter



WELCOME BACK TO CAMPUS!

Here's To a Spectacular Spring Semester

Welcome back to campus, everyone! It's been such a joyous experience to watch our UGA community spring to life with renewed ambition and excitement for the new semester. We hope that everyone's been settling into their new routines as the semester's add drop period comes to a close. We'd like to extend a particularly warm welcome back message to all our Geography & Atmospheric Sciences students, faculty, and staff. If, at any time, you need assistance throughout this semester or simply need a brief respite from the hustle and bustle of campus, the doors of the main Geography office are always open, and our wonderful office staff is always here to help. We're so excited to see what kind of wonderful things UGA Geographers and Atmospheric Scientists will do this semester. Welcome back, everyone!



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

UGA Geography Alumnus, Dr. Derek Alderman, has been awarded the [2024 AAG Susan Hardwick Excellence in Mentoring Award](#). Dr. Alderman, former Ph.D. student of UGA Geography professor Dr. Andy Herod, is a professor with the University of Tennessee's Department of Geography and Sustainability. See the following press release from the AAG:



Dr. Derek Alderman
Professor and Former
Department Head
Dept. of Geography
and Sustainability
University of Texas

“Dr. Derek Alderman is recognized for his outstanding and impactful contributions to mentorship of students and early career faculty colleagues. The committee particularly noted the caring and inclusive environment Dr. Alderman creates which supports a highly valued climate of collegiality within the University of Tennessee Department of Geography and Sustainability, the impressive number of students mentored throughout his career, his holistic “coaching up” mentorship style that centers diversity, equity, and inclusion, draws upon his own life experience, and goes far beyond a one-size-fits-all mentorship approach. The committee was moved by the testimonies and letters of support submitted by Dr. Alderman’s mentees which embody the spirit, memory, and legacy of the late Dr. Susan Hardwick.”

[Learn more about Dr. Alderman's work here!](#)

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR



January 15
Campus Wide

This year's Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday will take place on Monday, January 15th. The University will be closed and classes will not be held.



January 17
5:00 pm
GGY 200D

Have you become a Geography major within the past year?

Join us for our departmental orientation! We'll have some sweet treats and free merch! [Register here.](#)



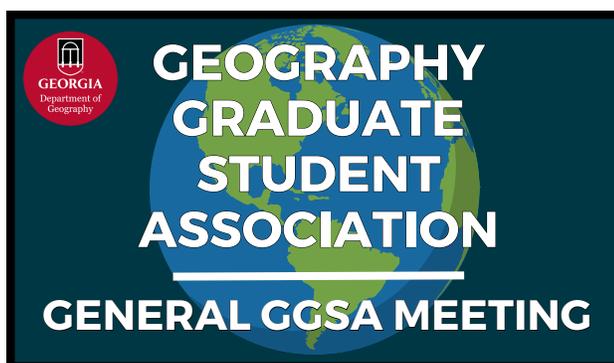
January 17
5:00 pm
GGY 200D

3MT® is a professional and highly engaging international research communication competition. [Learn more here!](#) Competition registration opens 1/18/24.



February 1
10:00 - 11:30 am
Location TBA

GGSA Executive will be hosting a general GGSA meeting. There will be coffee and pastries. We welcome folks to come and hang out and share their concerns/suggestions with executive.



February 6
2:00pm
Georgia Center,
Mahler Hall

The event is free and open to the public and will take place in Mahler Hall at the Georgia Center for Continuing Education.



Social Media

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<https://geography.uga.edu>

OPPORTUNITIES AROUND CAMPUS

All currently enrolled UGA undergraduate, graduate, and professional students are eligible to submit work created solo or in collaborative groups. Multidisciplinary group submissions are highly encouraged. To learn more and submit an entry, go to bit.ly/uga-ai or scan the QR code in the graphic above.

THE RULES: Use generative AI tools (ChatGPT, DALL-E, Amper, etc.) to create something meaningful that enriches the UGA community/experience.

FORMAT: Wide open!

DEADLINE: March 22, 2024

PRIZES: 1st \$500 / 2nd \$300 / 3rd \$100 / plus SWAG!



Fresh Express is a new student-led emergency food assistance program, striving to serve University of Georgia students with balanced meals. [Sign up here.](#)



Join us every Friday for International Coffee Hour from 11:30am to 1:00pm in the Tate Reception Hall! 11:30am - 1:00pm | Memorial Hall Ballroom

Stay Healthy This Semester:



Nutrition Kitchen: January 18th
\$5 Cooking Class 4:30 pm
UHC

Learn how to cook a healthy meal with one of the dietitians the University Health Center in the Nutrition Kitchen. FYOS approved! Call 706-542-8690 to register



Flu shots are Available without appointment
available at the UHC Mon- Fri, 9am-5pm
UHC Pharmacy

Flu shots available now at UHC! If you do not have insurance, payment can be made by cash, check, or card at the cashier's desk following the flu shot. Students may pay online or you may visit your local Health Department.



Nutrition January 25
Grocery Tour 1:00 - 2:00pm
Kroger (East Side) Kroger

Need help navigating the grocery store? Take a group guided tour with a nutritionist. Learn skills that will make you more confident in the store and in the kitchen.

OPPORTUNITIES AROUND CAMPUS

GRADUATE PEER SUPPORT NETWORK

GROUP SUPPORT SESSIONS
Spring 2024

The purpose of the Graduate Peer Support Group sessions is to relate, connect, and support one another through our shared experiences as graduate students. Sessions are held in a peer-learning format and not in lecture or presentation style. Participants are expected to actively participate in discussions. The sessions are open to all graduate students.



Thursday
Online
Via Zoom
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Friday
In-person
Locations listed below
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Setting
Boundaries

Jan. 18

Jan. 19

Tate Student Center,
Room 138

Cultivating
A Social Life

Feb. 15

Feb. 16

Brooks Hall, Room G09

Working Through
Procrastination

Mar. 21

Mar. 22

Science Learning
Center, Room 340A

Overcoming
Burnout

Apr. 18

Apr. 19

Brooks Hall, Room G09

Please use the link or QR code to register.

<https://tinyurl.com/mwr3xmpr>

Please reach out to the email below if you have any questions



Graduate School
UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

Graduate Peer Support Network

gradsuccess@uga.edu

Prioritize Your Well-Being This Semester:



University Health Center
Student Affairs
UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

UMatter: An Upstander Intervention Program
January 31st
3:30 - 5:00pm
MLC Room 253

UMatter is an upstander intervention program to support a culture that cares about and helps each other in this community. [Learn more here!](#)



University Health Center
Student Affairs
UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

I.M.P.A.C.T.
Intentional Mindfulness and
Peace to Assertively Create
Together

I.M.P.A.C.T.
February 9th
4:00 - 7:00pm
Lamar Dodd

Join the Health Promotion Department for an evening of empowerment and healing from experiences of sexual harassment and microaggressions through creative expression!

Healthy Relationships Workshop

Healthy Relationship Workshop
February 5th
5:00-6:00pm
MLC 248

This presentation seeks to help clarify values, explore relationship dynamics, and develop communication skills.



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STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

★ This Week's Featured Opportunity ★

- [PhD student in Earth system modelling at the Department of Geography, University of Georgia](#)

Position summary: A fully funded PhD student position is available to evaluate impacts of land-based climate mitigation strategies in Earth System Models (ESMs). The position is with the Department of Geography, University of Georgia, Athens and will begin Fall 2024. The student will gather observational constraints on changes to carbon stored on land and to biophysical properties (such as changes to albedo and evaporation) due to land cover change (for example, planting forests, allowing ecosystems to naturally regenerate, and planting crops for bioenergy). The observational constraints will then be used to evaluate similar changes in a suite of ESMs and contribute to model developments of the forest and bioenergy routines in one of the models (up to the student's discretion). The project will complement ongoing work a European Union-funded project involving four ESMs (ESM2025), presenting opportunities for the student to interact with an international research team, including developers of the NCAR model CLM-Fates. The graduate student will be expected to communicate their results in peer-reviewed publications and at scientific conferences.

Required qualifications: Candidates must have proven abilities to conduct independent research and to work as part of a scientific team. Experience in data analysis (of large model or observational data sets), strong quantitative skills, and an understanding of Earth system models are essential. Experience in or an interest in learning R or Python also are required. One or more of the following would also be helpful: experience with machine learning, experience with land surface models, or an understanding of biophysical and biogeochemical impacts of land cover change; but the drive and willingness to learn these skills is acceptable. A strong background in geography, atmospheric sciences, mathematics, statistics, or plant or landscape ecology is also suggested.

How to apply: Students will join Harper Lab in the Department of Geography at the University of Georgia. The assistantship will include a salary commensurate with education level, tuition waiver, and health benefits. Interested candidates should send an email describing their past experience and their motivation for pursuing a graduate degree in the above research topic, along with a CV and the names and contact information for 3 references, to Dr. Anna Harper (a.harper@uga.edu), Department of Geography, The University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30606. Review of applications will begin after December 1, and will continue until the position is filled. The anticipated start date is August 01, 2024.

The University of Georgia values diversity and all qualified applicants are encouraged to apply. UGA is in Athens, GA, a vibrant mid-sized city with abundant shopping, restaurants and cultural experiences. In case of any questions, potential applicants are encouraged to contact Dr. Anna Harper (a.harper@uga.edu), Department of Geography, UGA.

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STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

- [Tutor with UGA Athletic Association Academic Support Services](#)

Provide individual and small group tutoring to student-athletes in the Rankin Smith Student-Athlete Academic Center. Assist students in improving academic achievement by meeting with them weekly to clarify concepts, enhance study skills, and review class materials. *If you are interested, please reach out directly to Whitney Burton at wburton@sports.uga.edu

- [NC State University Fall 2024 Interdisciplinary Doctoral Program](#)

The Center for Geospatial Analytics at North Carolina State University is now accepting applications for Fall 2024 enrollment in our interdisciplinary Ph.D. program in Geospatial Analytics. We expect to admit a cohort of ten students. Applications are due Feb. 1, 2024. [Learn more here!](#)

- [UGA Office of Government Relations - Gov. Relations Associate](#)

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- [Graduate Student Career Conference](#)



The poster features the University of Georgia logo and Career Center branding at the top left. The background is a scenic aerial view of the UGA campus. The main title 'GRADUATE STUDENT Career Conference' is prominently displayed in a large, stylized font. Below the title, the 2024 theme 'Competencies Connect: Bridging the Gap to Career Opportunities' is highlighted. The event details, including the date (Friday, January 12, 2024), time (9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.), and location (UGA Conference Center, 1197 S Lumpkin St, Athens, GA 30602), are listed with corresponding icons. The poster is divided into three sections: Panel Discussions, Networking Lunch, and Breakout Sessions, each with a brief description and a list of topics. A 'REGISTER NOW' button and a QR code are provided at the bottom left for registration.

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA
Career Center

GRADUATE STUDENT Career Conference

2024 Theme
**Competencies Connect:
Bridging the Gap to Career
Opportunities**

 **Friday, January 12, 2024**

 **9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.**

 **UGA Conference Center
1197 S Lumpkin St
Athens, GA 30602**

REGISTER NOW

Scan this QR code or visit this link to learn more and register:
<https://luga.edu/9uo>

PANEL DISCUSSIONS
Join us for insightful panel discussions featuring UGA Alumni from graduate programs who will share their journeys beyond academia and into the private sector.

NETWORKING LUNCH
Enjoy lunch while making meaningful connections with your peers and experienced professionals during this semi-structured networking hour.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

- Considering Diverse Career Pathways
- Academia to the Real World: Communicating the Value of Your Graduate Degree and Research Skills
- Leadership Redefined: Charting a Course for Tomorrow's Leaders
- The Power of Inclusive Actions: Strategies for Every Employee
- Building Careers: Strategies for International Graduate Students Charting a Path in the Public Section Careers.

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**UNIVERSITY OF
GEORGIA**
Graduate School

IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

May (SPRING SEMESTER) 2024

Note: All theses/dissertations must be submitted electronically.
If you plan to graduate during **SPRING 2024**, please adhere to the following deadlines:

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| January 19, 2024 | Final date to apply for degree/certificate for Spring 2024 graduation. (Apply in Athena) |
| January 19, 2024 | Final date for submitting Program of Study forms to the Graduate School for graduation in Spring 2024 . An Advisory Committee form for Master of Arts, Master of Science, and all doctoral candidates must be on file by this date. (Use Program of Study form G138 in gradstatus.uga.edu) |
| January 19, 2024 | Final date for submitting applications for Admission to Candidacy to the Graduate School for doctoral candidates who plan to graduate in Spring 2024 . If you were not admitted to candidacy prior to October 2, 2023, you must register for 10 hours Spring 2024 . |
| February 26, 2024 | Final date for submitting requests for Transfer of Credit, with accompanying transcripts, to the Graduate School for students graduating in Spring 2024 . |
| March 08, 2024 | Final date for doctoral students to submit information for the Commencement Program for Spring 2024 graduation (Use the G120 form in gradstatus.grad.uga.edu) |
| March 25, 2024 | Final date for electronically submitting one complete copy of a thesis or dissertation for a format check for Spring 2024 graduation. |
| April 15, 2024 | Final date for receipt of the following by the Graduate School: Final Defense Approval Form & ETD Submission Approval Form (all doctoral, MS, MA, MHP, and MLA) and corrected copy of thesis/dissertation for Spring 2024 graduation. |
| May 3, 2024 | Final date for completing all requirements except submission of theses/ dissertations (see earlier deadlines). The Graduate School must receive notification concerning removal of incompletes, certificate completions, final examinations, etc., for Spring 2024 graduation. <i>(Note: this does not include grades for courses in which students are currently enrolled)</i> |
| TBD | Graduation: The Office of the Registrar will mail diplomas approximately six to eight weeks after graduation. Address changes, if necessary, should be made with the Office of the Registrar to ensure receipt of the diploma. https://grad.uga.edu/about/annual-events/commencement/ |
| June 3, 2024 | Date the Graduate School will accept theses/dissertations for format checks for future graduations. |

If you have applied for Spring graduation and find you will not be able to meet one of these deadlines, e-mail gradinfo@uga.edu to request a change in graduation. Graduate School | 310 Herty Drive, Athens, GA 30602

GRADUATE STUDENTS MUST BE REGISTERED FOR A MINIMUM OF 3 HOURS IN AT LEAST TWO SEMESTERS PER ACADEMIC YEAR (FALL, SPRING, SUMMER), INCLUDING THE THREE HOURS OF GRADUATE CREDIT THAT IS REQUIRED FOR REGISTRATION DURING THE SEMESTER IN WHICH DEGREE REQUIREMENTS ARE COMPLETED.

To review the Graduate Enrollment Policy, please visit <https://grad.uga.edu/index.php/current-students/enrollment-policy/>



GET HELP

Whether it's a life-threatening emergency, a non-emergency concern, or a crime tip; there are several options to relay those concerns.

MOBILE BLUELIGHT

Immediately call the UGA Police and share your location in real-time with them.

FRIEND WALK

Send your location in real-time to a friend so they can watch you as you walk to your destination.

CHAT WITH UGA POLICE

Report a concern by texting with UGA Police.

HOW TO RESPOND TO AN EMERGENCY

Conveniently located in one place to help you take immediate action.



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