

# The Graticule Weekly

UGA Geography's Weekly Newsletter



## 2024 Undergraduate Honors & Awards

### CONGRATULATIONS HONOREES!

#### 2024 Undergraduate Honors & Awards Recipients

Yesterday, we had the privilege of celebrating the accomplishments of several Geography and Atmospheric Sciences undergraduate students at our annual Honors and Awards Reception. Thank you to all in attendance for contributing to such a warm and energetic event. Please join us in congratulating our 2024 undergraduate award winners!



**Logan Wiley**  
Merle C. Prunty, Jr.  
Undergraduate Scholarship



**Shania Green**  
Atlas Award for  
Academic Excellence



**Micah Shannon**  
Atlas Award for  
Academic Excellence



**Kelly Neighbour**  
NCGE/AAG Outstanding  
Senior Award



**Max White**  
NCGE/AAG Outstanding  
Senior Award



**Max Davis**  
Dept. of Geography  
Alumni Award



**Ansley Parker**  
Dept. of Geography  
Alumni Award



**Beck Pirkle**  
Dept. of Geography  
Alumni Award



**Benen Chancey**  
Engagement and Community  
Outreach (ECO) Award

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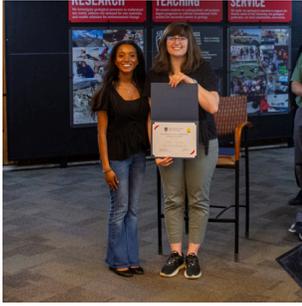


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Engagement and Community  
Outreach (ECO) Award



**Emma Benedict**  
Devorsey Travel  
Award



**Sarah Justice**  
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## DR. JERRY SHANNON RECEIVES FYO TEACHING AWARD



Please join us in congratulating Dr. Jerry Shannon for being named a recipient of this year's First Year Odyssey (FYO) Teaching Award. The FYO Teaching Award recognizes exceptional instruction in FYO courses. Dr. Shannon's course, Waffle House Geographies, uses Waffle House to think through multiple concepts within our field: the importance of "third places," disputes over rights to public space, spatial analysis, and the social landscape of downtown Athens. The award recognizes excellence in instruction as well as how effectively the seminar is connected both to the faculty member's scholarship and the three primary goals for the First-Year Odyssey Seminar program. Award recipients are recognized at an annual reception for FYO faculty.

[Learn more about the First Year Odyssey Award Here!](#)

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# 2024 COMMENCEMENT CALENDAR



May 9  
4:00 pm  
MLC Reading Room

Join us for our 2024 Geography Undergraduate Graduation Celebration! All are welcome to attend - paid parking is available in the Tate Center. All are welcome to attend!



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## 2024 COURSE EVALUATIONS

1. Scan the QR to the right ([or click here](#))
2. Login using your UGA MyID and password. Your identity will not be associated with your responses.
3. Select the course/instructor to evaluate. Evaluations must be completed for each course listed.
4. Follow the on-screen instructions to complete your evaluation. Unless otherwise specified, responses are required to all questions. You may enter "No Comment" or "NC" in the short answer section if you wish.
5. Click the Enter Evaluation button to submit your evaluation. Once you submit, you will not be able to make changes. If you need to complete evaluations for additional courses, return to Step 3.



*Student feedback on instructional effectiveness is an important tool. Your comments are appreciated!*

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# SUMMER 2024 COURSE AVAILABILITY

Although Fall 2024 registration is upon us, we wanted to shine a spotlight on some of our Summer 2024 Geography and Atmospheric Sciences courses that still have seats available. We hope these courses will fill up so register today! Please reach out to your academic advisor or the Geography main office with any questions about these courses.

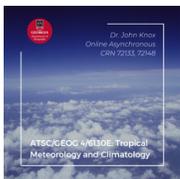
Click on any of the tiles below to learn more about that course:



**GEOG 1101 - Human Geography- Dr. Andrew Herod; CRN 72123**  
Essential concepts include the interconnectedness of people and places, interactions between society, culture, and nature and the relationships between development, difference, and inequality.



**GEOG 1125E - Resources, Society, & Environment-**  
**Dr. Suzanne Birch: CRN 72241 // Dr. Fausto Sarmiento: CRN 70551**  
Interactions between physical systems and human activities, and their effects on environmental quality and sustainability.



**ATSC/GEOG 4/6130E - Tropical Meteorology & Climatology -**  
**Dr. John Knox - CRN 72133, 72148**  
An investigation of the weather and climate of the tropics, including its interactions with the tropical oceans and the extratropical atmosphere



**GEOG 4/6370E - Introduction to GIS**  
**Dr. Angela Yao - CRN 65060**  
Fundamentals of geographic information science (GIS) concepts and techniques, and to foster students' geographical thinking in a GIS environment.

## FROM THE GEOGRAPHY MAIN OFFICE

Need a job this Fall? The Geography office is hiring new Federal Work/Study student workers! Duties to include assisting Communications Coordinator and includes some front desk coverage, helping with occasional events, and light clerical duties. Scan the QR code to the right for more information!



Missing something? The Geography Department's lost and found is located in the staff offices on the second floor of the building. Please be prepared to describe your lost item so that we can ensure we're returning items to their rightful owners. Current found items include keys, glasses, and earbuds,



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# STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

## ★ This Week's Featured Opportunity ★

### • [Paid Summer Research Opportunity](#)

*The project will provide climate risk information to underserved Georgia communities and offer guidance and resources for planning decisions to enhance climate resilience. Over the summer, we will conduct a case study working with municipal planners and environmental justice leaders in Augusta (and perhaps one more location) to initiate the process of building climate resilience and trust-based partnerships at the local level.*

*The student would primarily work with Dr. Yager in Marine Sciences and Dr. Harper in Geography to analyze county-level climate data from the Fifth National Climate Assessment (<https://atlas.globalchange.gov/>). This part-time, paid position starts on or after May 13 and lasts for approximately 2 months. Experience with GIS software, R, or Python is essential. We seek a motivated individual who has the potential to work independently to analyze and visualize the data, and who can attend project meetings and share their findings. An upper level undergraduate or graduate student is preferred. Please contact Dr. Harper for more information: [a.harper@uga.edu](mailto:a.harper@uga.edu).*

### • [Equal Education for Athens \(EEA\) Virtual Volunteer Opportunity](#)

*Equal Education for Athens (EEA) is recruiting UGA students to volunteer as tutors for primary and secondary students from Athens-Clarke County. We were once a student-run UGA organization that provided free, online tutoring to K-12 students in need across Athens Clarke County schools. Now, we are reaching out as a community partner of a local nonprofit in search of student tutors!*

*Tutoring through EEA is a very rewarding program that not only allows you to make a difference in the lives of children in your community, but also to develop an impactful mentor-mentee relationship. We must unite to work towards establishing equal education in the Athens community! (Plus, you will be able to earn community service hours, and add to your resumes and graduate school applications 😊)*

*Please click on this [link](#) to apply! EEA will operate on a first come, first serve basis with orientation sessions for fall tutoring beginning the week of August 19th. (\$500 stipend for 30 hours of work over the summer semester. Flexible schedule.)*

### • [Georgia Geospatial Association \(GGA\) Virtual Map Competition](#)

*The Georgia Geospatial Association (GGA) is excited to announce the 2024 Virtual Map Competition for university students. Students will be able to submit a map and/or project poster for a chance to win prizes and to opportunity to present their work at a GGA Lunch & Learn. Additionally, all submissions will be displayed on our 2024 Map Gallery after the submission deadline. The submission form is now open (April 19th) and will close on May 19th. Link to the submission form and GGA student page are included below. Winners will be announced on June 3rd. Please share this email with any interested students.*

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## • [StoryMapping Queer Climate Justice](#)

*Undergraduate research opportunity to work on a Community Geography project with the Astraea Foundation, an LGBTQ+ philanthropy non-profit, to create a "StoryMap" of the first cohort of their Queer Climate Justice grant fund. This includes working collaboratively with grantees to craft a visual narrative representing their work and then using the tools of ArcGIS online to "put it on the map" alongside climate vulnerability indicators. The project aims to help Astraea raise additional funds for this program and uplift the climate experiences of LGBTQ+ people and uplift their leadership in climate justice.*

*\$500 stipend for 30 hours of work over the summer semester. Flexible schedule.*

*Ideal candidates are bilingual in Spanish and have former experience with ArcGIS StoryMaps or other ESRI software. To apply, email [vanessa.raditz@out4s.org](mailto:vanessa.raditz@out4s.org) describing why you are interested in the project and the relevant background or skills you would bring to the position.*

## • [Maymester Field Study Service-Learning Opportunity](#)

*This program is a service-learning Domestic Field Study course in which students will conduct field and academic research at UGA Marine Extension and Georgia Sea Grant facilities to write stories about the people and aquaculture of the Georgia coast. A week-long residency at the Penn Center on St. Helena Island, SC will provide students with an immersive learning experience in the Gullah Geechee culture of the Sea Islands as the starting point for our field work. Contact Dr. Elizabeth Davis at [eadavis@uga.edu](mailto:eadavis@uga.edu)*

**MAYMESTER 2024**  
**WRITING & COMMUNITY @THE GEORGIA COAST**

Find your stories here! Join us for a writing journey like no other to learn about Georgia's historic and one-of-a-kind coastal culture.

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS  
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CONTACT ME FOR MORE INFO:  
DR. ELIZABETH DAVIS, PROGRAM DIRECTOR  
[eadavis@uga.edu](mailto:eadavis@uga.edu)

**ABOUT THE PROGRAM**

In Maymester 2024, ENGL 3850S: Writing and Community, will partner with the University of Georgia's Marine Extension to research and write texts that tell the stories of people and seafood along the Georgia coast and Sea Islands. A week-long residency at the Penn Center on St. Helena Island, SC will provide students with an immersive learning experience in the Gullah-Geechee culture of the Sea Islands as the starting point for our field work.

**FIELD SITES:**

- Penn Center, St. Helena Island, SC
- UGA Marine Education Center, Skidaway Island, GA
- UGA Marine Institute, Sapelo Island, GA
- UGA Marine Extension Field Offices, Brunswick, GA

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## • [Nelson/Nygaard Transportation Planning Summer 2024 Internships](#)

*Nelson/Nygaard Consulting Associates is seeking Transportation Planning Interns to join our team during the summer of 2024. We're looking for students who are eager to gain hands-on experience in the transportation planning field. This is an outstanding opportunity to be involved in the firm's nationally recognized work in planning for more equitable and livable communities.*

*Our summer intern program is designed to give current students an opportunity to gain experience with planning work that helps shape our communities. You will work on and produce deliverables for some of our most exciting projects, supporting junior and senior planners with writing and research, data analysis and mapping, and client and community engagement activities. [Learn more here!](#)*

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- [Summer 2024 Data Science Internship with OpenTopography](#)

*OpenTopography is recruiting at least one Data Science intern this summer via the EarthScope Student Careers Internship Program. The intern(s) will work with the OpenTopography team to ingest and process data, and/or to develop workflows and services related to processing, analysis, and visualization of topographic data managed by OpenTopography. Open to graduate and upper-level undergraduate students, applicants must be authorized to work in the U.S. [Learn more and apply here!](#)*

- [Community Planner and Grants Specialist Positions, NGRC](#)

*The Northeast Georgia Regional Commission has two positions open, a Community Planner and a Grants Specialist. The job listings and responsibilities are posted on our website: <https://negrc.org/careers/>*

*We're looking for people who are creative and interested in working on community-based projects related to housing development, infrastructure, solid waste, development of public facilities, conservation, comprehensive planning, and community engagement. Good writing and public speaking skills are important, and some experience with graphic design and ArcPro would be preferred.*

[Learn more here!](#)

- [Postdoctoral Position in AI and Census Microdata, Univ. of Utah](#)

*The College of Social and Behavioral Science at the University of Utah is seeking applicants for a Postdoctoral Research Associate with an interest in applying Artificial Intelligence (AI) to US Census data. AI is having far-reaching effects as it moves into everyday systems, such as healthcare, education, policy, immigration, and criminal justice, often with a focus on individualized outcomes.*

*Interdisciplinary research is critical for developing "responsible" technologies that forward the public interest, recognizing AI as both a technological approach and a social practice (e.g. how humans are classified, how we identify technological problems, how we understand our society). Federal Statistical Research Data Centers, such as the Wasatch Front Research Data Center (WFRDC), located in the Interdisciplinary Exchange for Utah Science (NEXUS), offer a unique resource of census microdata, allowing the exploration of socio-demographic dynamics at an individual level, and there is a significant opportunity to apply AI methodologies to these data.*

*We seek a researcher interested in developing research that integrates AI methods with the type of microdata held in the WFRDC. The successful candidate for this position will have a record of working with socio-demographic data and AI methods, and a commitment to responsible AI applications.*

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### 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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