

# The Graticule Weekly

UGA's Geography Newsletter



## FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

### Dr. Marshall Shepherd Wins Environmental Achievement Award



University of Georgia Distinguished Professor of Geography and Atmospheric Sciences, Dr. J. Marshall Shepherd has been named the recipient of the prestigious 2023 Environmental Achievement Award. This accolade is presented annually by the Environmental Law Institute to individuals or organizations that have made notable contributions to environmental protection, conservation, and sustainability.

“Dr. Shepherd’s outstanding career and commitment to understanding and communicating about climate science and its implications for global environments and communities is truly remarkable,” said Environmental Law Institute (ELI) President Jordan Diamond. “With a long-standing record of exceptional scientific research, thought leadership, and public education on atmospheric sciences, he has been instrumental in bridging the gap between scientific discovery and public discourse.”

“Dr. Marshall Shepherd embodies the very essence of what the Environmental Achievement Award stands for,” said Sandra Nichols Thiam, ELI’s vice president for research & policy. “His dedication to both rigorous scientific inquiry and its translation to actionable insights for policymakers, communities and the general public is unparalleled.”



Through his work, he has significantly advanced our collective understanding of Earth’s climate systems and the importance of proactive environmental stewardship.”

“To join the esteemed list of recipients is humbling and quite an honor,” said Shepherd. “The ELI is a key beacon and this award highlights that we face the crisis of our time and must apply every tool in the box to fix it.” The 2023 Environmental Achievement Award will be presented to Shepherd at the ELI Annual Award Dinner on Oct. 24.

[Learn more about Dr. Marshall Shepherd’s work here.](#)

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[Read more about the Environmental Law Institute’s Environmental Achievement Award.](#)

## General News and Announcements



*The Graticule Weekly is distributed each Friday Afternoon. If you have any news or events you'd like to share throughout the semester, please share them with Matt Calonius well in advance.*

[Past editions of The Graticule Weekly are available to view on our website!](#)



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*With the Summer semester in full swing, our community will remain busy as faculty, staff, students, and visitors navigate our campus. Prioritize your transportation safety and the safety of other's by checking out [the Watch For Dawgs official website.](#)*

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# UPCOMING EVENTS



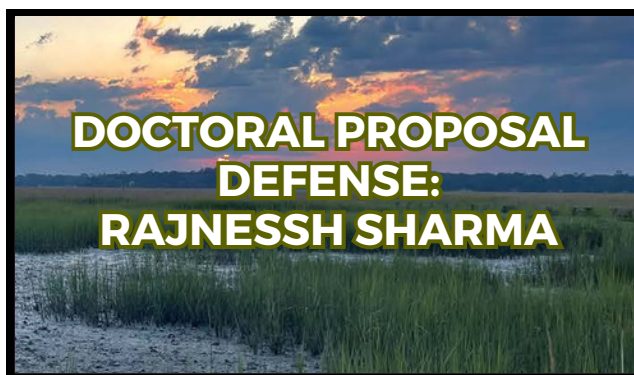
September 8th  
3:30pm  
GGY 200D

Interested in learning what UGA Geography faculty and grad students were up to this summer? Join us for our annual Summer Slideshow.



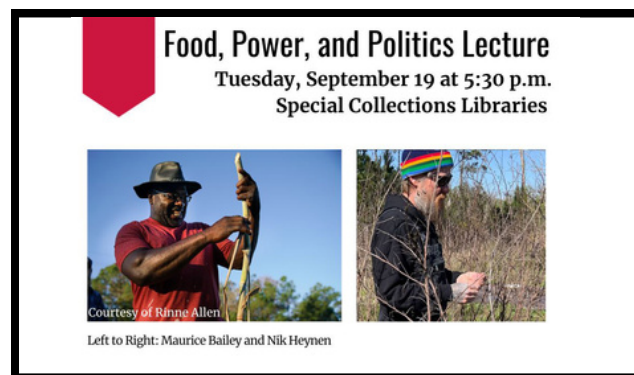
September 8th  
GEOG Room 147  
1-3pm

All are welcome to attend Rajneesh Sharma's Doctoral Proposal Defense titled: "Remote sensing of surface and subsurface soil organic carbon in the tidal wetlands." See flyer at the end of this week's Graticule for more info



September 19th  
Special Collections  
Library  
5:30- 7:30 pm

Join us for the fourth annual Food, Power, and Politics Lecture featuring Maurice Bailey, President & CEO of Save Our Legacy Ourself (SOLO), a non-profit based on Sapelo Island. Geography professor Nik Heynen will moderate the event.



September 28th  
GEOG Room 200D  
10:00 - 11:00am

Join us for a talk by Yifan Zhang titled "GeoGPT: Understanding and processing geospatial tasks through an autonomous GPT."



## Social Media

Want to stay up to date with all things UGA Geography? Follow us on our social media accounts. If you have any events, news, awards, or other information you'd like to share on our social media, please reach out to Matt Colonius.



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## OPPORTUNITIES AROUND CAMPUS

You're invited to join GUSTO next Thursday (9/7) to hang out, make crafts, and watch the sunset on the green roof while eating FREE PIZZA! GUSTO will also be holding elections for a couple executive positions (anyone is welcome to run). Bring a friend! Can't wait to see you there!



## NEW SEMESTER, NEW RESOURCES

The University Health Center, in partnership with the College of Pharmacy and UGA Well-being Resources, announces the launch of this year's #flUGA flu shot campaign. Highlights include no out-of-pocket cost for anyone wanting a flu shot, regardless of insurance status, and mobile pop-up flu shot clinics around campus utilizing a golf cart. The dates and times of these pop-up clinics will be announced weekly during September and October on social media @UGAHealthcenter.



SCAN TO FIND  
DATES & LOCATIONS



University Health Center  
College of Pharmacy  
Well-Being Resources

Bring your UGA ID  
& Insurance Card!



### **Free professional photo booth:**

Professional photos are a must-have for any LinkedIn account, but they can also be used for websites, portfolios, conference presentations, and more! The problem is finding the time and resources to get a professional photo taken. That's why the UGA Career Center is proud to present our free, self-service photo booth.

Drop by the UGA Career Center 2nd Floor in Clark Howell Hall to take your photos! The booth is open Monday-Friday, from 8:30 AM until 4:30 PM.

**No appointment necessary!**



## Transportation Update Oconee Street

The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) has completed its work to upgrade the culvert on Oconee Street near the Farmer's Exchange building in downtown Athens. All lanes on Oconee Street and Foundry Street are now reopened.

Please continue to be mindful of other travelers and plan accordingly for extended commute times due to increased traffic from students, faculty, staff, and visitors navigating campus and adjusting to the fall semester.

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# STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

Did you know that UGA Geography now has it's very own job board? Internship opportunities, part-time, and full time Geography relevant postings are updated weekly. Click the image below to see available opportunities!



- [Geography Community Mapping Lab Research Opportunities](#)

**Hot Corner:** This section of downtown Athens (where the Morton and Trapeeze are today) was the center of Athens' Black business district until the 1980s. The lab is working with Homer Wilson (owner of Wilson's Barber Shop) and others to create historic maps of this section of town based on city directory data and oral histories. A student research assistant would do some archival work to further develop our already existing list and be part of one or more focus groups with community elders to further refine the data.

If interested, email Dr. Jerry Shannon, [jshannon@uga.edu](mailto:jshannon@uga.edu) with an email explaining your interest and qualifications along with a resume. Any questions are also welcome.

- [GIS Position at Gwinnett County Public Schools](#)

Gwinnett County Public Schools Planning Department is hiring a GIS Analyst. The primary responsibilities of this position are to coordinate the processes associated with the Geographic Information Systems (GIS) map development and maintenance, student information, and map synchronization for the Planning Department. [See more details and application instructions here!](#)

- [Montgomery College- Full Time Geography Faculty Member](#)

Montgomery College, Rockville Campus, is seeking an Applied Geography faculty member to fill a position starting January 2024. We are seeking an enthusiastic and dedicated teacher who exhibits a high degree of professionalism, a strong commitment to our students, and the ability to motivate and educate in an engaging manner. This position is part of a collective bargaining unit. [See more details and application instructions here!](#)

- [Student Research Award](#)

The Society for the Anthropology of Food and Nutrition invites applications for our \$800 annual research award for Masters or PhD level students at an accredited college or university with a concentration in food and nutritional anthropology. The funding is intended to support the research phase of the project. This year we are particularly interested in decolonized, ethical research focused on food justice and food sovereignty.

Winners will be recognized at SAFN's Reception at the annual American Anthropological Association meeting. [Learn more here!](#)



## Construction Advisory

Sanford Stadium

Construction activities for Phase 1 of the Sanford Stadium South Side Improvements will begin on November 28, 2022 and continue through August 2023.

A portion of sidewalk will be closed on the east side of Sanford Drive between Field Street and Hooper Street. A temporary crosswalk will be added for crossing at Sanford Drive in line with the east Tate Student Center pedestrian bridge.



## Construction Advisory

Poultry Complex Construction

The north portion of D. W. Brooks Drive and the sidewalks within the construction fence will be closed for the duration of construction. Temporary walkways along with existing sidewalks around the perimeter of the construction site will remain open to allow access for pedestrian traffic around the construction site. Please refer to the map linked below and contact the Office of University Architects at (706) 542-3605 if you have any questions.

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# DOCTORAL PROPOSAL DEFENSE

## REMOTE SENSING OF SURFACE AND SUBSURFACE SOIL ORGANIC CARBON IN THE TIDAL WETLANDS

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UNCW)

PHYSICAL LOCATION AND TIME:  
**ROOM 147, DEPT OF GEOGRAPHY**  
**SEPT 8TH, FRIDAY, 1-3 PM**

Zoom info: <https://zoom.us/j/9958810430>

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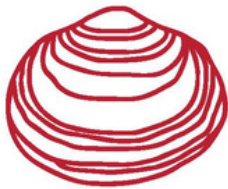


## CONFLUENCE: UGA WATER SCIENCE & POLICY POSTER SYMPOSIUM

**3 to 5 p.m. Oct. 20, 2023 • UGA Special Collections Library, Banquet Room 285**

This fall, join us for a poster contest, interdisciplinary networking opportunity and social!

The River Basin Center invites UGA graduate students who are conducting water science or policy research in any field to participate in a poster contest. We welcome research submissions at any stage, from early works in progress to completed projects. Posters may be submitted under two broad categories:



Natural Sciences Category — a research topic is related to physical, chemical, biological, and ecological processes in water resources research.



Social Sciences & Policy Category — a research topic is related to socio-economic, political, geographic, and policy implications of managing water resources.

**Abstracts are due Sept. 15.**

**Cash prizes will be awarded, and snacks & beverages will be provided.**

Learn more and find  
submission guidelines.



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### 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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