

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1ST, 2023

The Graticule Weekly

UGA's Geography Newsletter



TODAY'S THE DAY: 2023 GEOGRAPHY WINTER SOCIAL



Today
(Friday, Dec. 1)



3:00 - 5:00pm



Lake Herrick Pavilion ([Click here for directions](#))



Free Parking at UGA's Intramural Fields Deck



Free food and refreshments provided

As we wrap up the Fall '23 semester and turn our sights towards the Spring, we invite you to our Annual Winter Social as an opportunity to relax and enjoy the company of colleagues before the push through final exams!

This year, our Winter Social will be held at the gorgeous [Lake Herrick Pavilion](#) adjacent to UGA's Intramural Fields. **This new venue has a covered area as well as a cozy indoor space-- please don't let the rain keep you away!**

Refreshments at this year's event will include a nacho bar from Agua Linda, hot chocolate/tea/coffee/cider and homemade desserts!

We'll have board games, yard games (weather permitting), giant scrabble, a gingerbread decorating competition, and more! The winners of our gingerbread decorating competition will be announced at 4:30pm. We can't wait to see you there!



Special thanks to the Geography office staff and graduate students Amber Orozco & Maya Henderson for helping to plan this year's event!

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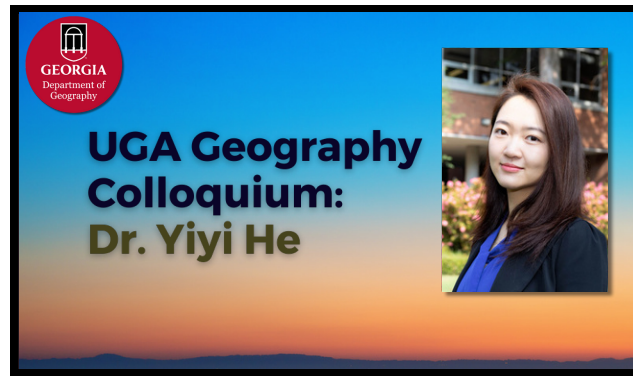


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GEOG/GEOL 200B
2:00 - 3:00pm

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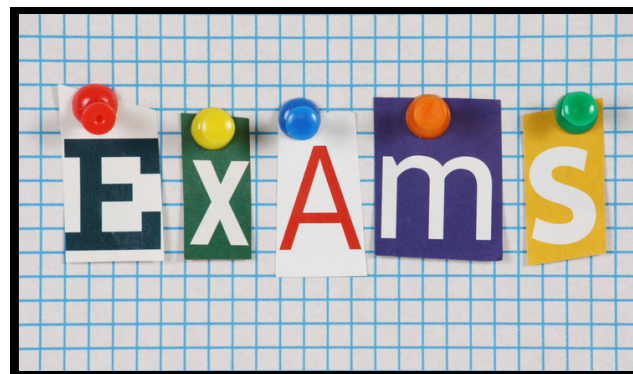
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December 7-13
Campus wide

UGA's final exam week will be held from December 7th- 13th. Good luck on your finals, students! And please remember -- UGA is always here to support you, especially in stressful moments like finals! Be sure to take advantage of the resources available to you.



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Stegeman Coliseum
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CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2023!

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

**Join us in congratulating
our Fall 2023 Graduates!**

Undergraduate Students:

Jai Gonzales
Victoria Nabb

Graduate Students:

Coleman Allums (Ph.D)
Alana Cordak (M.S.)
Ellen Delgado Florian (M.S.)



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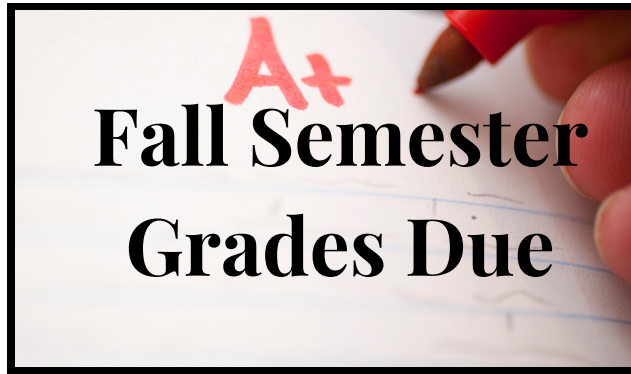


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January 8
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January 15
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This year's Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday will take place on Monday, January 15th. The University will be closed and classes will not be held.



January 17
5:00 pm
GGY 200D

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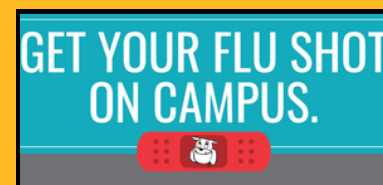
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