

# The Graticule Weekly

UGA Geography's Weekly Newsletter



## CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2024!

### 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:

Jordanne Brisby (B.S.)  
Elijah Mattox (B.S.)  
Jared Rifkin (B.S.)  
Peyton Gunn (B.S.)  
Benjamin Johnson (B.S.)  
Nicholas Lounsbury (A.B.)  
Steven Peay (A.B.)  
Darien Smith (B.S.)

#### Graduate Students:

Rachel Arney (Ph.D.)  
Matthew Harris (Ph.D.)  
Peter Hawman (Ph.D.)  
Kayleigh Taillefer (M.S.)



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## UPCOMING DEFENSES - NOVEMBER 2024



Amber Orozco  
*Dissertation Proposal Defense*  
December 18, 2024  
10:30am, GGY 147



Sonrisa Reed  
*Thesis Proposal Defense*  
December 18, 2024  
2:00pm, GGY 147

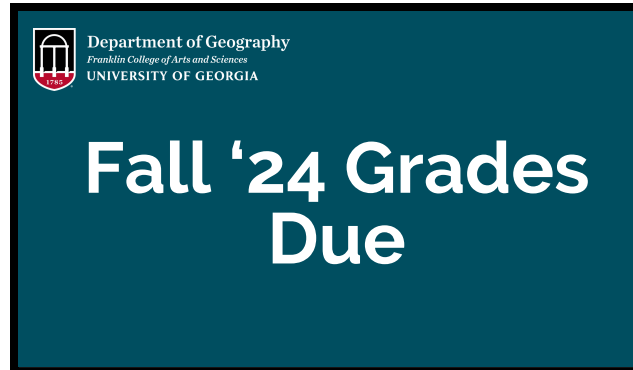


## LOOKING FORWARD



December 16  
Noon

All Fall 2024 Grades must be submitted by Noon on Monday December 16th



December 12 -  
January 5th  
Campus Wide

Hope everyone has a relaxing holiday break! We'll see you in the New Year.



December 6  
Noon  
Campus Wide

The first day of the Spring 2025 semester begins on Monday, January 6th, 2025.



## Prioritize Your Well Being:

### Crafty Coping Club

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December 11th  
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Crafts, chats and learning new skills -  
Crafts provided or bring your own -  
Crafting also not required, just come chat!



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Step into our 60-90 minute interactive upstander intervention program, where college students will be given the knowledge and skills to take action when they see someone in need. Change the narrative and become an upstander. All participants will receive a free Fontaine T-Shirt!

# 2024 WINTER SOCIAL - STARLAND LOUNGE & LANES

- Geography Office FWS Student Assistant Position Now Open

**Earn extra \$  
convenient  
flexible  
Apply!**



**Student Assistant**  
in GEOG Office  
FWS position  
[geography@uga.edu](mailto:geography@uga.edu)

## Geography Department

Spring Semester 2025

9-12 hours weekly

\$12/hr.

The Geography/ATSC major student assistant's role will consist of both weekly responsibilities and some special projects throughout the semester.

### Weekly responsibilities may include:

Staffing the front office to answer routine questions from visitors and callers. Sign for packages and notify recipients. Also, depending on the times they work, sort daily mail and put in mailboxes. Assist with simple requests such as logging in or searching for lost-and-found items, providing directions, or opening rooms for FMD technicians. Assist with periodic tasks such as changing out batteries in building clocks, moving light furniture around, or help with set-up for department events such as colloquia or the Geography graduation event.

### Special projects may include:

Compile internship opportunities and resources from faculty and other sources. Assist office manager with scanning items for annual inventory audit. Organize files and boxes for Records Retention and Destruction, according to their procedures listed on website.

**Other projects:** we're open to hearing your ideas!

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# OPPORTUNITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **GIS Transportation Internship**

The Northeast Georgia Regional Commission (NEGRC) is seeking a qualified GIS (Geographic Information System) Transportation Intern within its Planning & Government Services (PGS) Division. The GIS Transportation Intern will assist PGS staff with GIS work related to transportation infrastructure mapping in the Northeast Georgia region through the Roadway Element Validation and Mapping Program (REVAMP) and other general planning related activities. Responsibilities will include data validation, capture, and creation, as well as the development of maps and graphics. This position will primarily involve in-office work, with flexible scheduling to accommodate academic schedules as appropriate.

The ideal candidate will have experience and a working knowledge in GIS technology including, but not limited to: spatial data analysis and maintenance, design, and cartography. Experience in Esri products (ArcGIS Pro) is a requirement.

The NEGRC provides services to 12 counties and 54 cities in Northeast Georgia through its offices located in Athens, GA. This position reports to the NEGRC's GIS Planner. For more information on the NEGRC's PGS Division, visit <https://negrc.org/planning-government-services>.

Minimum Qualifications: Training & Experience Requirements Undergraduate degree or in the process of obtaining an undergraduate degree from an accredited college or university with GIS experience. The ideal candidate will be a student currently enrolled in a planning, geography, or similar graduate program that has already completed GIS coursework and has an interest in transportation planning.

To Apply Submit a resume and cover letter to: Amber Bailey, HR Manager, [abailey@negrc.org](mailto:abailey@negrc.org) -ORMail to: Northeast Georgia Regional Commission, Attn: Amber Bailey, 305 Research Drive, Athens, GA 30605-2795. Review of applicants will begin on December 1, 2024 and continue until an applicant is selected. No telephone inquiries accepted. Position open until filled. The NEGRC is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

- **Full-time AmeriCorps VISTA roles**

From Coleman Allums, Office of Service Learning Community Food Fellows Program Coordinator - I wanted to share this [job posting](#) with you in hopes you might share out with grads/undergrads in the department. We're recruiting for a few full-time AmeriCorps VISTA roles to begin in January. The focus of the work will be on building capacity for food security organizations around town—the placements we have remaining are with the Food Bank of NE GA, the Athens Community Council on Aging, and Abundance Athens/UGA OSL. VISTAs would be embedded with one of these three organizations for their service year. If there is anyone graduating this fall term, this position would be timed perfectly!



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- [The Willson Center Graduate Research Award for Arts & Humanities projects](#)

The Willson Center Graduate Research Award provides support of up to \$1,250 toward research and practice-related expenses for arts and humanities projects that are essential components of a graduate degree program. Applicants should explain the importance of their proposed activity and justify it within their field(s) of study in a context of research excellence. The Willson Center is particularly interested in fostering interdisciplinary research at the graduate level.

Application is open to any humanities and arts graduate student registered for an advanced degree. Previous Willson Center Graduate Research Award recipients are ineligible. Graduate students may be supported in travel to archives, installations and performances, and other sites related to their research or creative activity. Applicants who give a lecture or presentation of their work at another institution during the award of this grant must recognize the Willson Center as a source of support.

Deadline to apply for Current year award: Feb. 14.

#### Travel to Conferences and Professional Meetings

Applicants who are applying for travel support to present a paper at a domestic conference are encouraged to direct their request to the [Graduate School](#).

[Click for more information, and to apply.](#)

- [Tenure-Track Assistant Professor in Human-Environment Geography at University of Minnesota Duluth](#)

The Geography Program at the University of Minnesota Duluth invites applications for a tenure-track Assistant Professor in Human-Environment Geography that will begin August 18, 2025. This is a full-time, 9-month position. We seek a dynamic and innovative scholar whose research and teaching lie at the nexus of human-environment geography and sustainability, and who will contribute to the university's land grant and sea-grant missions. The successful candidate will demonstrate a commitment to place-based education that addresses critical issues in sustainability.

Our program offers a B.A. in Environment, Sustainability, and Geography, a B.S. in Geographic Information Science, and our faculty contribute to cross disciplinary graduate programs across campus. We are particularly interested in a candidate who can contribute to our existing programmatic strengths, while adding intellectual diversity to the Program in Geography in one or more of the following areas: environmental justice; energy systems and transitions; environmental health; climate change resiliency; environment and migration; or food systems. Scholars who utilize Geographic Information Systems (GIS) are especially encouraged to apply.

#### How to apply:

For the full posting and the link to apply, visit [employment.umn.edu](http://employment.umn.edu) and search Job ID# 365093.

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#BeWellUGA

**SCAN TO FIND  
DATES & LOCATIONS**



UNIVERSITY OF  
GEORGIA



University Health Center  
College of Pharmacy  
Well-Being Resources

Bring your UGA ID  
& Insurance Card!

- [Tenure-Track Assistant Professor in Applied GIS / Geographic Information Science James Madison University](#)

The Geography program in the School of Integrated Sciences (SIS) at James Madison University invites applications for two tenure-track assistant professor positions in applied GIS starting August 2025, part of a broader hiring initiative across SIS themed "Technology for Resilient Futures." We are seeking colleagues who can integrate and develop GIS and geospatial technology to build our students' skills and bring new understanding to critical environmental and human challenges.

Primary course area assignments for this hire will include introductory GIS and, depending on the areas of expertise, classes in programming, intermediate and advanced GIS, qualitative GIS, field technology, data analysis, cartography/visualization, or other applied GIS upper-level offerings.

- [Research Opportunities with the Community Mapping Lab](#)

The Community Mapping Lab (CML) is looking for up to two undergraduate students to work as research assistants this spring. The CML has been doing collaborative work with Historic Athens and other area residents to create maps that show the history of the Reese Street neighborhood. Located near downtown between Broad St. and Prince Ave., Reese Street was once a major hub of Black life in Athens. Drawing on city directory data and conversations with community elders, students will help develop a virtual walking tour of the area that helps preserve and promote its history.

Students should have some familiarity with GIS, especially ArcGIS Online, before starting in this position. Previous experience with qualitative research is also welcome, though not expected.

If selected, students can apply for funding through the [CURO program](#), which has a deadline of November 1st. Students can also register for credit hours under Geog4960R if desired.

Interested students can reach out to [jshannon@uga.edu](mailto:jshannon@uga.edu) with a CV/resume and a brief description of relevant experience/interests.

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# STUDENT & FACULTY OPPORTUNITIES

- [Job opening: Assistant Professor, Sustainable Cities at UNC Charlotte](#)

The Department of Earth, Environmental and Geographical Sciences (<https://geoearth.charlotte.edu/>) in the College of Humanities & Earth and Social Sciences at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte invites applications for a tenure-track appointment at the rank of Assistant Professor in the area of Sustainable Cities (broadly understood) to begin on August 11, 2025.

This is a joint appointment between the Department of Earth, Environmental and Geographical Sciences (75%) and UNC Charlotte's School of Data Science (25%). The salary range for the position is \$79,500-\$82,500 plus stipend. We seek a dynamic and broadly trained urban geographer who can theorize about the spatial dimensions of critical sustainability issues facing cities today, including but not limited to urban inequalities, housing affordability, transportation accessibility, clean energy/energy efficiency, and/or sustainable urbanization and land use.

- [Collegiate Assistant Professor in Meteorology](#)

The Department of Geography at Virginia Tech is seeking applicants for the position of Collegiate Assistant Professor in the area of meteorology. This is a full-time, 9-month appointment with an anticipated start date of August 2025.

We seek candidates with a passion for undergraduate instruction in meteorology who are able to offer courses in some combination of weather analysis and forecasting, mesoscale meteorology, atmospheric remote sensing, and other courses within the candidate's area of expertise.

[Learn More & Apply Here!](#)

- [Auburn U - Postdoctoral Fellow - Community Geography and Community GIS](#)

The Department of Geosciences at Auburn University invites applications for a new Postdoctoral Fellow position in Community Geography and Community Geographic Information Systems.

The successful candidate will co-lead the Citizen Science GIS lab's broader research and education efforts (e.g., community geography, GIS, UAV/drones, geoscience education, student mentoring, fieldwork, and outreach).

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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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