

The Graticule Weekly

UGA Geography's Weekly Newsletter



CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2025!

A Message From Our Department Head, Dr. Hilda Kurtz



This week, we recognize the outstanding achievements of our graduating students, whose dedication, curiosity, and hard work have distinguished them in their academic journeys. Geography is, at its heart, a discipline of connection—between people and places, environments and economies, maps and meaning.

Our honorees have not only embraced that spirit, but have deepened it through their research, coursework, fieldwork, and community engagement. Whether investigating climate resilience, urban inequality, or GIS applications, these students have shown us what it means to think spatially, critically, and compassionately. They've asked hard questions, followed complex paths, and contributed meaningfully to the conversations that shape our world. We also recognize that none of these accomplishments happen in isolation. So we thank the faculty mentors, families, friends, and our incredible departmental staff who support and inspire our students every step of the way. To our graduates and honorees: we are so proud of you. You represent the best of what our department stands for, and we can't wait to see where your journeys take you next. **Congratulations!**

Join us in congratulating our Spring 2025 Graduates!

Undergraduate Students:

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|--------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Alexander Anderson | Daniel Griggs | Jada Lamar | Jared Rifkin |
| Emma Benedict | Annabelle Hall | Tristin Lawler | Micah Shannon |
| Radu Casapu | Jacob Hamil | Ethan Leclerc | Sean Walker |
| Emily Cranston | James Jordan | Timothy Naff | Madison Warner |
| Ian Earley | Sarah Justice | Jack Paino | Justin Williams |
| Shania Green | Riley Kline | Luke Pearlman | Logan Wiley |

Graduate Students:

- | | |
|---------------|-------------|
| Kyle Brooks | Kyle Steen |
| Taylor Hafley | Ben Thigpen |
| Alex Music | Jielu Zhang |

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UPCOMING DEFENSES



Mon.
5/12
Julia Tootle
Dissertation Proposal Defense
May 12, 2025
10:30am, GGY 147



Wed.
5/14
William Hinrichs
Dissertation Proposal Defense
May 14, 2025
11am, GGY 147



Fri.
5/16
Nancee Uniyal
Dissertation Proposal Defense
May 16, 2025
10am, GGY 147



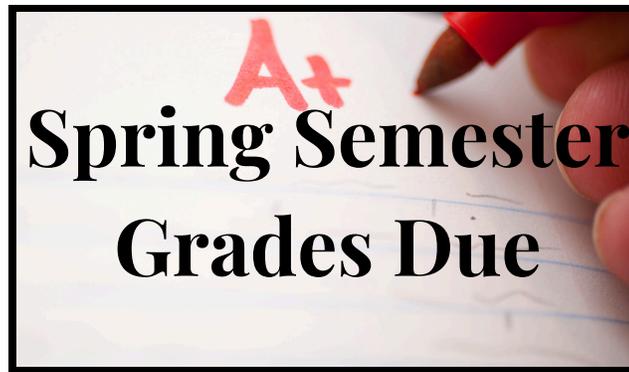
Wed.
5/20
Isabella Fiorentino
Dissertation Proposal Defense
May 20, 2025
12pm, GGY 147

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



May 12
Campus wide

Faculty take note: Spring Semester grades are due on Monday, May 12th, 2025!



January 8
Campus Wide

The Summer 2025 semester starts on Tuesday, May 13th! We can't wait to welcome our students, faculty, and staff back for another semester at UGA.



January 26
Campus Wide

This year's Memorial Day Holiday will take place on Monday, May 26th. The University will be closed and classes will not be held.



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OPPORTUNITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- [Summer Graduate School Deadlines](#)

June 20, 2025

Final date to apply for degree/certificate for Summer 2025 graduation.

- [Application for Graduation](#)

June 20, 2025

Final date for submitting program of study forms to the Graduate School for graduation in Summer 2025. An approved 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.)

- [Forms](#)

June 20, 2025

Final date for submitting applications for admission to candidacy to the Graduate School for doctoral candidates who plan to graduate in Summer 2025. If you were not admitted to candidacy prior to January 17, 2025, you must register for 10 hours Summer 2025.

- [Application for Admission to Candidacy](#)

June 23, 2025

Final date for submitting requests for transfer of credit, with accompanying transcripts, to the Graduate School for students graduating in Summer 2025.

- [Request for Transfer of Credit](#)

June 30, 2025

Final date for electronically submitting one complete copy of a thesis or dissertation for a format check for Summer 2025 graduation. (Note: this is the “first format check” deadline.)

- [Format check](#) – Please be aware that this link will send you to ProQuest. All ETD submissions are handled through ProQuest.

July 14, 2025

Final date for receipt of the following by the Graduate School: Final Defense Approval Form & Electronic Thesis & Dissertation Approval Form (all doctoral, MS, MA, MHP, and MLA) and corrected copy of thesis or dissertation document submitted to ProQuest for Summer 2025 graduation. (Note: this is the final format check, final defense approval form, and the release option form for all dissertation and thesis degrees.)

- [ETD Submission Approval Form](#)
- Final Defense Approval Forms: [Doctoral](#), [MA](#), [MS](#), [MHP](#), [MLA](#)
- [Final ETD Submission](#)

July 18, 2025

Final date for doctoral students to submit information for the Commencement program for Fall 2025 graduation. (Use the G120 form in gradstatus.uga.edu.) (Note: students graduating in summer have the option to walk in the fall commencement ceremony.)

- [Doctoral Graduation Ceremony Information Form \(EdD, PhD, DMA, DrPH only!\)](#)

August 1, 2025

Final date for completing all requirements except submission of theses / dissertations (see earlier deadlines – July 14, 2025). The Graduate School must receive notification concerning removal of incompletes, final examinations, etc., for Summer 2025 graduation. (Note: this does not include grades for courses in which students are currently enrolled.)

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• [Summer Service Learning Opportunity](#)



Educational Experiences in Classroom and Community (Honors)

Service-Learning Opportunity at the
Creative Explorers Camp (CEC)

EDUC 4460S

COURSE INSTRUCTOR:
ANNA ABRAHAM, PH.D.
TORRANCE CENTER

- Summer 2025 Course Offering (Thru Term)
- The Torrance Center runs signature annual summer day camps – Creative Explorers Camp (CEC) – at the Mary Frances Early College of Education. These weeklong day camps take place on the UGA campus in Aderhold Hall over June-July 2025.
- The camps are attended by 3rd to 5th graders from Clarke County and neighboring school districts. Each week is designed around a unique sensory-motor skillset, giving children the opportunity to enhance their creative thinking abilities across multiple modalities.
 - Creativity in Cooking (Jun 9-Jun 13)
 - Creativity in Music (Jul 12- Jul 16)
 - Creativity in Art (Jul 21-Jul 25)
 - Creativity in Words (Jul 28- Aug 1)
- Students enrolled in EDUC 4460S will gain vital experience in devising and implementing enrichment-oriented educational programs for young children that are centered on creative skill development. In gaining work experience as camp instructors, coordinators, and assistants, the course provides students the opportunity to develop wide pedagogically relevant skillsets while being directly engaged in societally meaningful work which directly aids the local community as it serves to hone creative skills of young children.

For more information, contact Anna Abraham, Ph.D. (anna.abraham@uga.edu; 706-542-8789)

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Staff Appreciation Celebration

THANK YOU, STAFF!

President Jere W. Morehead invites you to the
Spring Staff Appreciation Celebration

MONDAY Drop-in Lunch
MAY 12 11:00am to 3:00pm
2025 STEGEMAN COLISEUM

OPPORTUNITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- [Community Mapping Seeking Undergraduates Research Assistants](#)

The Community Mapping Lab is looking for 2-3 undergraduates who would like to work as research assistants in Fall 2025. CML is currently involved in multiple ongoing projects, and so your work could include the following:

- Brooklyn Cemetery: Doing work documenting families and other notable individuals buried in this historically Black cemetery
- Reese Street storymapping: Continuing archival work developing online guides to the Reese Street neighborhood, a once thriving Black neighborhood just to the west of downtown. This may involve some oral history/interviewing as well as archival work
- Mapping the R-51 urban renewal project: Contributing to an ongoing effort to digitize and analyze records from the R-51 urban renewal project in Athens, which included the section of College St. just north of downtown
- Developing the CML archive: We are trying to create an online archive of materials the lab has created over the year. You would help get that running and start adding materials to it.

Most of this work requires some past experience with GIS and/or ESRI storymaps. But qualitative research skills are also relevant.

Research assistants in CML can get course credit by taking Geog4960R. You can also apply for CURO funding for the fall, which includes a \$1,000 stipend. Past students have generally been successful applying for CURO funding.

If you're interested in participating in one or more of these projects, send your resume/CV and a short statement explaining your interest and relevant background to jshannon@uga.edu.

- [Morehead State University - Instructor of Geography/GIS](#)

The Department of History, Philosophy, Politics, Global Studies & Legal Studies at Morehead State University is currently accepting applications for a full-time, non-tenure track Instructor of Geography/GIS. The anticipated start date is August 11, 2025.

- We are seeking candidates with a master's degree in GIS or Geography (with a GIS certificate or demonstrable proficiency in GIS software). A Ph.D. and prior teaching experience in GIS are preferred.
- The successful candidate will teach 30 credit hours per academic year, including courses in geography, the general education program, and graduate-level Geography and GIS courses.
- Additionally, the role involves developing and recruiting students into a GIS certificate program, with opportunities for cross-departmental collaboration in fields such as Agriculture, Earth and Space Science, and Public Administration.

For full details and to apply, please visit:

<https://moreheadstate.peopleadmin.com/postings/36270>

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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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