

# The Graticule Weekly

UGA Geography's Weekly Newsletter



## Message From The Department Head

### Dr. Hilda Kurtz Shares a Message Following the 2024 Election



Hilda Kurtz  
Department Head  
UGA Geography

Good afternoon - The 2024 U.S. presidential election was arguably the most polarized and highest stakes such contest of our lifetimes to date. Whichever way the votes went, this election was going to bend the arc of history. At the conclusion of the election, half the electorate is exultant and the other half is deeply disheartened. At times like this, it is perhaps more important than ever to offer kindness and grace to friends, family and strangers alike.

Geography as a discipline and academic community develops vital skills of critical, rigorous and nuanced thinking. An important part of UGA Geography's mission is to encourage paths of discovery and connection for our students and the greater community. These efforts are supported by institutional norms and expectations for mutual respect even across difference.

As members of the UGA community, we are all expected to uphold The Pillars of the Arch:  
**Wisdom, Justice and Moderation**

**Wisdom** challenges us to apply lessons received inside and outside the classroom to our everyday lives. Wisdom transcends knowledge, embracing curiosity, discovery, and expression throughout our community.

**Justice** leads us to be fair in our dealings, accountable for our actions, responsible for ourselves, and empathetic for others. Justice requires honesty and celebrates diversity, establishing credibility and integrity for our community and ourselves.

**Moderation** compels us to act with civility, bolstering our faith in others and the faith others have in us. Moderation accentuates our self-respect, promotes responsible citizenship, and enhances pride in our university.

(Read further on [UGA Student's Rights and Responsibilities](#))

The Department of Geography's mission statements outline the strengths, values and ambitions of your major department as well: <https://geography.uga.edu/>. Our doors are open, please reach out and drop in any time.

Warmly,

Dr. Hilda Kurtz

### Campus Resources For All Students

Student Care & Outreach - SCO is available to anyone experiencing grief or hardship.

Counseling and Psychiatric Services - CAPS is available 24/7, standing ready to assist

UGA Safe App -Download for mobile access to UGA safety and well-being resources

Code of Conduct - Learn about behavioral expectations that uphold the Pillars of the Arch

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## UPCOMING DEFENSES - NOVEMBER 2024



Ashley Cornish- Proposal  
Defense  
November 11, 2024  
10:00am-12:30pm, GGY 147



Kelly Neighbour- Proposal  
Defense  
November 22, 2024  
8:30am-11:30am, GGY 147



Molly Azami- Proposal Defense  
November 11, 2024  
11am, Zoom



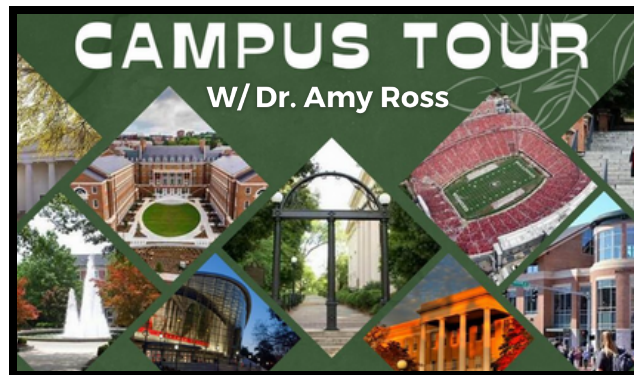
Maya Henderson- Proposal  
Defense  
December 6, 2024  
10:30am-12:30pm, GGY 147

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR



November 15  
Time TBA  
North Campus

Join GUSTO for an official walking tour with Dr. Amy Ross. Participants will visit and discuss racialized spaces on campus. Lunch will be catered by GUSTO. DM GUSTO on IG for more info.



November 16  
Time TBA  
GGY Courtyard

Our building neighbors, the Department of Geology, has very graciously invited all Geography students, faculty and staff to attend their Department Tailgate. Free food will be provided - bring a dish to share!



Nov. 20  
Jackson Street  
CRIT Building

GIS day is a national event that highlights the research and other work being done with GIS inside and outside the academy. Our current schedule includes a networking fair, graduate student poster and paper competitions, and an expert panel discussion.



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## OPPORTUNITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALLING ALL STUDENTS!

Are you  
interested in GIS?  
Have you made a  
cool project that  
used GIS?

Scan the QR code  
to learn more info  
about GIS Day!

#### WHEN

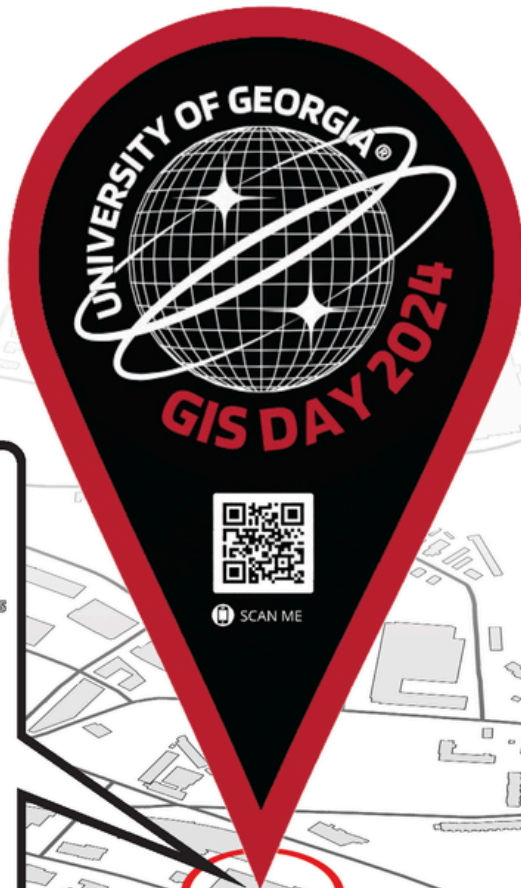
**Nov. 20, 2024**

**11 - 12:30 pm**  
Student Poster Sessions

**12:45 - 1:45 pm**  
Student Lightning  
Talk Competition

#### WHERE

**Crit Space @  
Jackson St Bldg**  
285 S Jackson St.



Any additional questions? Contact Professor Jerry Shannon at [jshannon@uga.edu](mailto:jshannon@uga.edu)



### JOIN THE GEOGRAPHY UNDERGRADUATE GROUPME!

All UGA Geography and  
Atmospheric Sciences  
undergraduate students  
are invited to join our  
new UGRD GroupMe -  
scan the QR to join!



### Prioritize Your Well Being:

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## • [GGSA'S NOVEMBER CALENDAR](#)

Keep up to date with all of this month's exciting events hosted by UGA's Geography Graduate Student Organization! For more information, contact GGSA co-chair Isabella Fiorentino here!



**MARIO CART TOURNAMENT**  
Pizza party and Mario Cart Tournament November 8th from 5-7PM in Geography room 147!  
There will be prizes for 1st and 2nd place so start practicing now!

**UGA GIS DAY**  
Celebrate GIS Day with us on November 20th with various events throughout the day including a networking fair, poster session, drone demonstration, and panel discussion from industry experts.  
More details to come so be on the lookout!



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 Fall Break - No Classes	2
3	4	5 Election Day Go Vote!	6	7	8 Mario Cart Competition in GEOG 147 at 5PM	9
10	11 Veterans' Day	12	13	14 Happy Hour at Little Kings Shuffle Club 5PM	15	16
17	18	19	20 GIS Day at UGA	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 THANKSGIVING BREAK - NO CLASSES			30

## Campus Sustainability Grants

Learning through innovation and action.

Up to \$5,000 per project. Deadline is November 18th.  
Learn more at [sustainability.uga.edu](https://sustainability.uga.edu)



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- **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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FLU SHOT ON CAMPUS!** **#FLUGA**  
NO OUT-OF-POCKET COST FOR STUDENTS!

#BeWellUGA

**SCAN TO FIND  
DATES & LOCATIONS**



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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