

# The Graticule Weekly

UGA Geography's Weekly Newsletter



## 2025 Undergraduate Honors and Award Winners

The Department of Geography is proud to present our 2025 Undergraduate Honors and Award winners. We enjoyed celebrating the wonderful accomplishments of these students at our Honors and Award reception on Wednesday - thank you all for attending!

Please join us in congratulating our outstanding 2025 award winners!

Merle C. Prunty Memorial Undergraduate  
Scholarship  
**Lilly Cargile**

Atlas Award for Academic Excellence  
**Brianna Francis, Richard Little**

NCGE/AAG Outstanding Senior Award  
**Jamie Jordan, Micah Shannon**

Globe Award for Academic  
Accomplishment  
**Shania Green and Jack Paino**

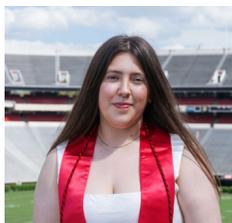
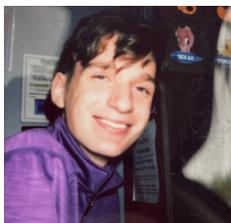
Department of Geography Alumni  
Awards

**Jada Lamar**  
**Jacob Hamil**  
**Emma Benedict**  
**Logan Wiley**

Engagement and Community Outreach  
Award

**Emma Benedict, Logan Wiley**

DeVorsev Travel Award  
**Sydney Eigman, Dani Da Silva**



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## FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

### Fausto Sarmiento Awarded 2025 Distinguished Landscape Practitioner Award



UGA Geography Professor Fausto Sarmiento has been awarded the 2025 Distinguished Landscape Practitioner Award by the North American Chapter of the International Association for Landscape Ecology (IALE-NA). This award is given to “individuals or organizations that have made significant contributions to the applications of landscape ecology principles to real-world problems.” In a recent press release, the IALE-NA shared the following about Dr. Sarmiento:

“Dr. Fausto Sarmiento, Full Professor of Mountain Science, in the Department of Geography at the University of Georgia, was awarded the 2025 Distinguished Landscape Practitioner Award by the North American Chapter of the International Association for Landscape Ecology (IALE-NA) at the annual meeting in North Carolina, Raliegh, USA, April 12-17th. This honor is bestowed to individuals or organizations that have made significant contributions to the applications of landscape ecology principles to real-world problems.

Demonstrated by nearly 30 years of devoted scholarship to neotropical cultural and natural mountain landscapes, Dr. Sarmiento has made substantial contributions to the field of mountain geography, biogeography, cultural landscapes, ecological legacies, ethnoecology, and biocultural diversity heritage conservation. Dr. Sarmiento is an editor of the book series “Montology” and has published several foundational montology research articles on the interaction of human-environment dimensions for high elevation forest landscapes – resulting in shifting paradigms on policy and management decisions for these sensitive environments including the Andean flanks. Dr. Sarmiento was the author or editor of 10 books on topics ranging from The Laws of Ecology and Critical Biogeography of the Northern Andean Highlands to Indigenous Revival and the Conservation of Sacred Natural Sites in the Americas. Sarmiento’s books are also written in Spanish thereby extending the reach of landscape ecology to Spanish-speaking regions. Notably, Dr. Sarmiento has provided a Spanish adaptation of Zev Naveh and Arthur Lieberman’s classic 1984 textbook “Landscape Ecology and Applications” published in 2002 for Latin American students and practitioners.”

[Learn more about Dr. Sarmiento’s Research here!](#)

## Reading Day Geography Decompress Zone

**GEORGIA**  
Department of  
Geography

# Need To Decompress?

**Music,  
coloring,  
& snacks!**

- **Reading Day**
- **11-3**
- **Geography Office (204)**

**NO STUDYING ALLOWED!**

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## UPCOMING DEFENSES



[Amanda Aragon](#)  
Dissertation Defense  
May 5, 2025  
1:00pm, GGY 147



[Atticus Tomcho](#)  
Dissertation Proposal Defense  
May 6, 2025  
1:30pm, GGY 147



[Julia Tootle](#)  
Dissertation Proposal Defense  
May 12, 2025  
10:30am, GGY 147



[Nancee Uniyal](#)  
Dissertation Proposal Defense  
May 16, 2025  
10am, GGY 147

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR



May 8<sup>th</sup>  
Stegeman Colliseum  
10am - Masters  
2pm - Doctoral

The University of Georgia will host its commencement ceremony for Graduate students on May 8<sup>th</sup> in Stegeman Colosseum. [Click here for more info.](#)



May 9<sup>th</sup>  
Stegeman Colliseum  
10am - Masters  
2pm - Doctoral

The University of Georgia will host its commencement ceremony for Undergraduate students on May 9<sup>th</sup> in Sanford Stadium. [Click here for more info.](#)



May 9  
MLC Reading Room  
11:00 am

Our 2025 Geography Graduation Ceremony will take place on Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 11 am. More information about location, ticketing, & more coming soon.



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# OPPORTUNITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- [Linnentown PBS Documentary Screening](#)

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Documentary Screening and Panel Discussion  
Clarke Central High School // Mell Auditorium

# Linnentown

Friday May 2 // Doors: 5:00pm // Film 5:30pm // Panel 6:00-7:00pm

Panel with Linnentown residents Bobby Crook, Christine Davis Johnson,  
and Hattie Thomas Whitehead,  
Geography Professor Dr. Jerry Shannon, Mayor Kelly Girtz  
Moderated by Taneisha Brooks of Historic Athens

- [Geography Graduate Student Association \(GGSA\) Elections!](#)

Polls are now open for next year's Geography Graduate Student Association (GGSA) executive board! Please cast your vote for our next GGSA executive board by 5 pm on Monday April 28th

The new e-board will be announced on April 29th.

Please contact Kayla Edgett ([kayla.edgett@uga.edu](mailto:kayla.edgett@uga.edu)) or Isabella Fiorentino ([isabella.fiorentino@uga.edu](mailto:isabella.fiorentino@uga.edu)) for questions or further information

- [Important Notes For Graduate Students](#)

**Advisement Forms** - This is a friendly reminder that all students must submit a signed [advisement form](#) to have their advising hold lifted for fall registration. Please send these forms to Fabiana BEFORE you break/leave for summer - even if you are only taking 7000/7300 or 9000/9300.

This is important to take care of soon for a few reasons: 1) courses get cancelled over the summer if enrollment is low. We need you to sign up before the last minute to avoid this. 2) Fabiana is helping new students get oriented in early August, so it is a good courtesy to her not to add this to her plate then. 3) The research and writing courses (7000/7300, 9000/9300) do require work on our end to open them up for you, so we appreciate not having to do this last minute.

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## • [Georgia Rotary Student Program \(GRSP\) Scholarship](#)

the Georgia Rotary Student Program (GRSP) and Rotary Clubs of Elberton, Hartwell and Madison County are offering one \$12,000 scholarship for an international student at the University of Georgia. The GRSP Direct College Selection Scholarship application for the Fall 2025 - Spring 2026 academic year.

- Award amount: \$12,000.00 total
  - This is a one-year non-renewable scholarship that pays \$6,000 for Fall Semester (2025) and \$6,000 for Spring Semester (2026) from GRSP. One scholarships will be offered.
- Available to a current or new undergraduate international applicants to the University of Georgia.
- Awardee will benefit from unique mentoring and networking provided by the Rotary Clubs.
- In addition, you will be assigned a Rotary “host family” for the full year and make a commitment to participate in this aspect of GRSP. The host families serve as your family away from home and help connect you to Rotary. You will also visit the homes of Rotarians when campus is closed, over school breaks or at other traditional times as well as for student weekend events. It is an immersive life-changing experience that allows both the student and family to learn about each other’s experiences, cultures, and customs.
- Awardee must be available August 15-17, 2025 for GRSP orientation, plus participate in six GRSP student weekends and District Conference. Rotary will provide transportation to all student events.
- Awardee will be required to make one presentation in Fall Semester and one in Spring Semester to each sponsoring Rotary Club
- Additional funds (from the student or other scholarships) would be required for costs over and above the scholarship amount

The Application will open Thursday, March 20 The deadline is 5 p.m. on Monday, May 5.

- **BEFORE APPLYING, BE AWARE:** the application CANNOT be saved to continue later. We suggest you print it out, gather all supporting documentation, and finalize your short answer replies separately. Then, when ready, copy and paste your answers into the application. You will need to have the contact information for a reference as well as a digital photo of yourself.
- This is an individual application for Georgia Rotary Student Program, so College staff cannot assist you with your application. A letter of recommendation is required. Letters can be sent directly to GRSP email, as noted on application.
- Apply here: [GRSP DIRECT COLLEGE APPLICATION 2025](#)
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What happens next?

- You will receive a confirmation email that your application has been received.
- The Rotary Club(s) may request an interview to better assess your candidacy.
- If offered the scholarship, you will be notified by email.
- By May 31, 2025, you will be notified if you have received a scholarship or not.
- If offered a scholarship and agreeing to the scholarship terms, you will be contacted by the local host family paired with you by GRSP.
- Scholarship funds are sent directly to the institution, not the awardee, and applied to the student’s account at the college/university in two payments in Fall and Spring semester.

If you have any questions or need assistance with the application, please email [grsp@grsp.org](mailto:grsp@grsp.org).

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- [Southeast Stormwater Association's Annual Conference](#)

**PLEASE JOIN US**

*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**

*All guests must RSVP at the link provided below.  
A token of appreciation for staff will be available on  
your way out.*

**RSVP HERE**



**UNIVERSITY OF  
GEORGIA**

- [12th Annual Atlanta Studies Symposium](#)

We are excited to share the program for the 12th Annual Atlanta Studies Symposium! In addition to our amazing keynote speakers Hannah Palmer and Dr. Jeffrey Ogbar, we have a great set of paper and panel sessions planned for this year's symposium touching on everything from housing and displacement, energy and environmental issues, Black culture in Atlanta and so much more! Please be sure to register for the symposium at the link below!



May 2nd  
Morehouse



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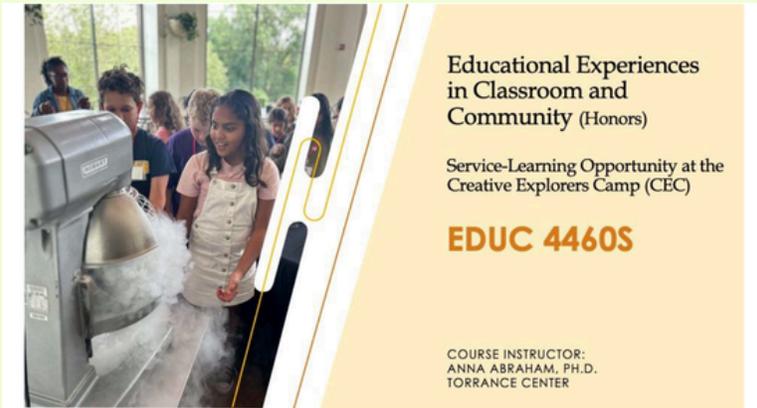
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# OPPORTUNITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## • [Summer Service Learning Opportunity](#)



- 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 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:anna.abraham@uga.edu); 706-542-8789)

## • [Important Notes For Graduate Students - from Fabiana Hayden](#)

- 1) If you are getting ready to reach important milestones in your program and would like to chat about your progress, schedule a short meeting with me here: [Bookings with me - Fabiana Hayden - Outlook](#). I will be happy to schedule a virtual meeting in Zoom if you're not available on Campus.
  - The Geography Graduate Handbook is also a great resource to guide you through your progress:
    - [MA/MS Handbook](#)
    - [PhD Handbook](#)
- 2) Remember to register for Summer term soon: [Graduate Students | UGA Summer](#)
- 3) Please fill out and get your advisor's approval in the [Advising Form](#). Then send the signed version to me by email.
  - This is done each term and is a crucial step to clearing holds and getting departmental permissions for desired courses.
- 4) Note that Fall 2025 registration for graduate students opens on Monday, April 7: [Registration Dates | Calendars | General Information | Office of the Registrar](#)

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- [TUTOR, UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION ACADEMIC SUPPORT SERVICES](#)

## DESCRIPTION

Provide individual and small group tutoring to student-athletes in the Rankin Smith Student-Athlete Academic Center. Assist students in improving academic achievement by meeting with them weekly to clarify concepts, enhance study skills, and review class materials.

## COURSES NEEDED

GEOG 1111

\*additional courses in other subjects needed as well\*

## COMPENSATION/HOURS

\*Undergraduate students - \$13/hour

\*Graduate students/professionals - \$15/hour

\*\*Please note that individuals with an assistantship or any other on-campus employment cannot exceed 20 hours per week across all jobs\*\*

## POSITION TYPE

\*Part-time, not eligible for benefits

\*Tutoring will be conducted in-person

\*Hours of Operation:

Sunday – 5-9:30pm

Monday-Thursday – 8am-9:30pm

Friday – 8am-4:30pm

\*evening availability is not required, but always needed

## QUALIFICATIONS

\*Must be in at least second year of undergraduate study or a graduate student/professional

\*Must have earned a B or above in course(s) you are tutoring

\*Must have a minimum GPA of 3.0

## DESIRED CLASS LEVEL(S)

\*3rd Year, 4th Year, Graduate Student, Alumnus

## EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING CREDIT

\*Undergraduate student tutors may be eligible to receive Experiential Learning Credit

## APPLICATION PROCEDURES/ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

\*If you are interested, please reach out to [rankintutoring@uga.edu](mailto:rankintutoring@uga.edu).

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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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