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Bear down for the Spring 2024 Semester!



WHAT'S NEW

New Majors Lab Coming Soon!

A new majors lab will be located on the west side of the 4th floor. This includes 10 individual work stations within cubicle walls. Students may log in with their NetID and work from any of these desktops. A printing station will also be set up for student use at the front desk on the 4th floor.

School Garden Workshop relocated

The School Garden Workshop (SGW) has relocated to S545. This lab is restricted access, for SGW affiliates only. Students are encouraged to utilize the new Majors Lab space on the 4th floor.

Spring Re-Orient 2024: Wellness Strategies for All Grad & Professional Students

The [Graduate Spring Re-Orient](#) is designed to empower graduate and professional students with essential skills and resources to thrive throughout their academic journey. In collaboration with CAPS, Campus Rec, International Student Services, Life Works Connections, and more this 90-minute webinar offered by the Graduate College will equip you with practical strategies to plan for the new year and manage the unique stressors of graduate life. Explore holistic well-being approaches encompassing physical, emotional, and mental aspects to ensure a balanced and fulfilling graduate school experience.

Friday, January 26, 2024

2:30-4:00pm

Free Zoom Webinar - we hope you can make the whole session, but if not, drop in when you can!

Register [here](#) for 2024 Graduate Spring Re-Orient

Geological Society of America Annual Connects Meeting

The GSA is holding its annual Connects meeting in Anaheim, California from September 22nd to 25th, 2024 (<https://community.geosociety.org/gsa2024/home>). With 22 different divisions (<https://www.geosociety.org/GSA/About/Divisions/GSA/Division/home.aspx>), GSA encompasses every aspect of Earth

and Planetary Sciences. At ~5000 meeting attendees, in-person GSA meetings are big enough to offer everything you may want to learn about, but small enough to connect with the communities that you are most interested in engaging with. Session proposals are due on February 1st, 2024. This year's major themes include "Water in our Changing World" and "Life along an Active Margin." We also encourage session proposals in any topical area in Earth and Planetary Sciences. We are particularly interested in session proposals that focus on water, climate, the environment, and resilience.

Faculty, postdocs, and graduate students alike are encouraged to consider submitting a session proposal!



EVENTS

SGDE Spring 2024 Colloquium ft. Dr. Mia Bennett: The spectral turn of satellites

>Friday, January 19, from 3-5pm

Join SGDE in welcoming Dr. Mia Bennett from the University of Washington to kick off our Spring 2024 Colloquium lineup! This talk will take place from 3:30-5pm on Friday, January 19 in room S107 of the ENR2 building. All are welcome!

Dr. Mia Bennett is an assistant professor in the Department of Geography. As a political geographer with geospatial skills, she is interested in transportation infrastructure and natural resource development in northern frontiers, namely the Arctic, Russian Far East, and the more remote corridors of China's Belt and Road Initiative. Her work combines ethnographic fieldwork and remote sensing to consider issues such as how local and Indigenous actors leverage geopolitical transformations to attract development to their homelands. In recent years, Bennett's work has expanded to consider the geopolitics and epistemologies of satellites and remote sensing, leading her to collaborate with colleagues to develop the field of critical remote sensing.

Sociology Colloquium ft. Dr. Thomas Dietz: Decisions for Sustainability: Research Challenges

>Friday, January 19 from 12-1:15pm

The first Sociology Colloquium of the semester will be Friday, January 19. Dr. Thomas Dietz will be speaking in Social Sciences Room 415, from 12:00pm -1:15pm. The talk will also be available by Zoom through the following link: <https://arizona.zoom.us/j/86758203501>. The password for the meeting is: UASOC. The title and abstract are included below.

Decisions for Sustainability: Research Challenges
Achieving sustainability requires decisions that take account of uncertain facts and diverse values. Research on individual and collective decision making is scattered across disciplines and traditions. But it can provide useful insights for moving in a just way towards increased well-being for humans and other species and reduced stress on the environment. Looking across work on decision making also suggests important research challenges. These include: 1-a greater engagement of science with normative theory, 2-addressing emergent issues, 3-better conceptual integration of structure and agency in a 21st century political economy 4-finding ways to articulate research insights with the needs of decision making, 5-processes for linking science and deliberation, and a 6-continued focus on the drivers of environmental stress as well an expanded focus on what shapes well-being. The contributions sociology can make to the study of well-being in the context of sustainability is illustrated by an analysis of environmental and other influences on subjective well-being in a sample of ~97,000 individuals across

SBSRI Research Showcase Event

>Thursday, February 1 from 2-4pm

You're invited to attend the inaugural SBSRI Research Showcase, where a group of faculty and graduate student SBSRI grant awardees will present research posters on their funded projects. Learn about exciting research projects on a range of topics, including social movements and war protests; personality cults; sex, race, rhythm and blues; lemurs; adolescent sexting; politics; international issues, languages, and groups; and [much more!](#)

College of SBS Dean Lori Poloni-Staudinger, members of the SBS Advisory Board, and research leaders from Research, Innovation & Impact, the Graduate College, and the W.A. Franke Honors College will be in attendance to share in the celebration.

When: Thursday, February 1, 2 - 4 PM

Where: Old Main, Silver & Sage Room

[View Agenda](#)

SBS Spring 2024 All-College Meeting

>Wednesday, February 7 at 3:15 p.m.

Integrated Learning Center (ILC), Room 120

Reception immediately following in the ILC Courtyard
Dean Lori Poloni-Staudinger will discuss what we know about the current budget situation and lead a conversation around creative and innovative ideas as we continue to advance the College mission. As always, you are welcome to submit questions in advance via [this link](#).

In person attendance is strongly preferred, with Zoom registration available for those who require accommodation. Please [register here](#) if you must participate remotely.

[More Information](#)



KUDOS!

Lucas Belury, Ph.D. Student

Kudos to Lucas Belury for his new article as a co-author in *Water Security: Justice and injustice in "Modular, Adaptive and Decentralized" (MAD) water systems*. It compares procedural injustice and informal water access in North Carolina, California, and Texas. Nice work!

Rohit Mukherjee, Postdoctoral Research Associate

Kudos to Rohit on achieving the next step in his career as a Postdoctoral Research Associate at Pacific Northwest National Laboratory with a likely path to a permanent research position there long term. He will be working with Dr. T.C Chakraborty (<https://tc25.github.io/>) and his group on using machine learning and remote sensing to improve planetary scale urban representation in climate models through DOE funded projects.
Congrats on this new position!

Enrique Alan Olivares-Pelayo, Ph.D. Student

Congratulations to Enrique Alan Olivares-Pelayo who has been awarded the UArizona Hispanic Alumni Scholarship to help support his work in the area of carceral and prison geographies and the advancement of justice and innovative alternatives in sentencing.

Dugan Meyer, Ph.D. Student & Colter Thomas, Undergrad

Dugan Meyer and one of our brilliant undergraduates, **Colter Thomas**, have been conducting a major analysis of surveillance towers and the continued militarization of the entire US/Mexican border. Here is a new look at their work by writer and activist **Todd Miller**:

<https://www.theborderchronicle.com/p/surveillance->

And kudos to Dugan for receiving a 2024 Confluence Center Mellon-Fronteridades Graduate Fellowship for this on-going major work.

<https://confluencenter.arizona.edu/programs/fronteridades/fronteridades-fellows/graduate-fellows/graduate-fellows-2024>

Dr. Kevin Anchukaitis

Kevin Anchukaitis received the [2023 Willi Dansgaard Award](#) from the American Geophysical Union in recognition of his exceptional contributions to the fields of paleoceanography and paleoclimatology.

Dr. Greg Barron-Gafford

Kudos to Dr. Greg Barron-Gafford, who, after a competitive process, has been named the next W.K. Kellogg Endowed Chair in Southwest Borderlands Food and Water Security! This is a very well-deserved appointment/honor, a recognition of Greg's amazing ability to weave together scholarship, teaching, and community engagement, and a tribute to his abiding collegiality. Southwest Center Research Social Scientist Emeritus, Gary Nabhan, was UArizona's first Kellogg Chair, working with SWCenter Director Emeritus Joe Wilder to win the endowment for the College of SBS. The endowment is essentially a research/outreach fund that will allow Greg to expand upon and take his work in new directions. Bravo Greg!

Dr. Andrew Curley

Kudos to Andrew Curley, new AAG Fellow! The American Association of Geographers (AAG) has announced the recipients of its 2024 AAG Honors, AAG Fellows, and two AAG Awards. Recipients will be celebrated during the **Annual Meeting, AAG 2024**. The full individual citations and background for this year's honorees can be found at **AAG's website**.

Maria Celis

Kudos to Maria Celis, the School Garden Workshop art integrationist who works with Title I TUSD students. She is the recipient of the Museum Studies Prize for her paper on "Decolonizing Self through Art Exposure." She is the winner in the M.A. category. Congratulations Maria!



FACULTY

2023 SGDE Faculty Annual Review

SGDE Faculty should be aware of upcoming annual reviews and be sure to input activity to Faculty Portfolio by the deadline, January 26. Click [HERE](#) for more details, including links to helpful tools for navigating Faculty Portfolio.

Udall Center Fellows Program

Those selected as Udall Center Fellows will be relieved of their teaching duties for a full academic semester so they can focus their time and attention on a research project of their choosing related to, informing, or potentially impactful to some aspect of public policy. Faculty members are invited to submit applications for this program for the 2024-25 academic year. The Udall Center Fellows Program has hosted 173 Arizona faculty members in 49 departments and 12 colleges in its 34-year history. SBS is proud to continue our partnership with the Udall Center to provide a custom track for social and behavioral sciences scholars. The application process is easy and straightforward. **Submissions are due by January 30**, so don't delay!

[Learn more about the UC Fellows Program and Apply here.](#)

February 9th - Fulbright Awards for Faculty

Is there a Fulbright in your future? Are you interested in research or teaching abroad, or both? Short- or long-term opportunities? Join this session to learn more about the exciting options offered under the Fulbright U.S. Scholar

Program and the Fulbright Specialist Program. Click here to RSVP.

Social and Behavioral Sciences Research Institute (SBSRI) Spring 2024 Competition Now Open!

Applications for [Faculty Small Grants](#) are due by **5:00 p.m. on Monday January 29th**. Apply via [SBS's Arizona Cultivate microsite](#). Applications are linked to your UA email address, so make sure to use your NetID to log in and to apply. **Please also note important changes to faculty competitions, which are reflected in the updated General Guidelines for SBSRI Awards (see attached)**. For further information, see our compilation of [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#) and [Application Tips](#).

Promotion and Tenure

Now is the time to decide if you want to go up for promotion during the 24-25 P&T cycle. If you are interested in going up, please speak with your unit head or director to determine if you are ready. The Office of the Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs and Inclusion will host several workshops this spring to help with the intricacies of what needs to be included in your promotion dossier, how to work in the Faculty Portfolio Promotion and Tenure interface, and to answer any individual level questions you may have. Workshop dates are as follows:

Sessions on the Faculty Dossier with the Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs and Inclusion

In-person: Thursday, February 22 from 2:30-3:30pm in Douglass 102

Zoom: Tuesday February 27 from 10-11am [here](#)

Sessions on Working in Faculty Portfolio

In-person: Tuesday April 9 from 3-4pm in Douglass 102

Zoom: Thursday April 18 from 2-3pm [here](#)

[More Information](#)

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