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

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**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 an 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
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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