

# UofSC Geography Undergraduate Newsletter

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## Spring 2020 Dates to Know

### **Jan. 13, Monday**

Classes Begin

### **Jan. 20, Monday**

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Service  
Day (no classes)

### **Jan. 21, Tuesday**

Last day to change/drop a course  
without a grade of "W"

### **Feb. 16, Sunday**

Last day to apply for May graduation

### **March 8–15, Sunday–Sunday**

Spring Break

### **March 28, Saturday**

Last day to drop a course or  
withdraw without a grade of "WF"

### **April 16, Thursday**

Awards Day

### **April 27, Monday**

Last Day of Classes

### **April 28, Tuesday**

Reading Day

### **April 29–May 6, Wednesday– Wednesday**

Final Examinations (includes exams  
on Saturday)

### **May 8–9, Friday–Saturday**

Commencement Exercises in  
Columbia

## Undergraduate Geography Club

If you are interested in an undergraduate geography club, join us on Thursday, Jan. 30, 6–7 p.m., in Callcott, room 112 for pizza and a discussion of possible activities for spring semester.



*Photo by Alan Hardman*

## Spring Colloquia

The Geography Department invites outside scholars to talk about their recent research. Join us at these talks!

Friday 1/24 Colloquium: [Diego Riveros-Iregui](#), UNC Chapel Hill, 3:30–5 p.m., Callcott 201

Friday 2/7 Colloquium: [Bethany Cutts](#), NC State University, 3:30–5 p.m., Callcott 201

Friday 3/20 Minghi annual lecture + reception:  
John Pickles, UNC Chapel Hill 2:30–5 p.m., Hollings Library  
Program Room

## Senior Awards

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University of South Carolina's Honors and Awards Commission honors graduating seniors with the **Outstanding Senior** awards each spring. Many of our current seniors have accomplished great things, and we, therefore, encourage you to apply for one of the university awards conferred on seniors each year. Information and a link to the application form is at [bit.ly/UofSCSeniorAwards](http://bit.ly/UofSCSeniorAwards). *Application deadline is Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2020.*

## Scholarships

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### Ernest F. Hollings Undergraduate Scholarship.

This scholarship, available to sophomores only, supports students with interests that align with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's mission. Awards include \$19,000 of scholarship money, a fully-funded and paid summer internship at a NOAA facility, and additional funding for conference travel and presentations. Act fast, recommendation letters are due *Jan. 24*; full applications must be submitted electronically by *Jan. 31*. More about this and other scholarships at [https://www.sc.edu/about/offices\\_and\\_divisions/fellowships\\_and\\_scholar\\_programs/index.php](https://www.sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/fellowships_and_scholar_programs/index.php)



The US Geospatial Intelligence Foundation's 2020 **Scholarship Program** is now open. USGIF is dedicated to supporting promising high school, undergraduate, and graduate students studying geospatial intelligence core disciplines such as geography and GIS, remote sensing, geospatial database management and data visualization, and/or related disciplines. The Stu Shea Scholarship application is due Feb. 28; all other applications are due May 15. Learn more at <https://usgif.org/education/scholarships>.

## Summer Programs

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The **Columbia, SC, National Weather Service Forecast Office** in West Columbia, SC, is accepting applications through Feb. 28, 2020, for volunteer intern positions for the summer of 2020. This program allows current college students to gain hands-on operational experience in a Weather Forecast Office as well as conduct a guided research project that will be presented at the end of the summer. Students will be selected through a competitive application review and phone interview process. [More information available at the NWS website.](#)

**Magellan Scholar Undergraduate Research Grant** program is open to all UofSC undergrads with minimum institutional GPA 3.30. Magellan Scholars receive up to \$3,000 to help fund a faculty-mentored research project. Students compete for this award with the submission of a research, scholarship, or creative project proposal developed in collaboration with a faculty mentor. Selection is based on the project's educational and intellectual merit, the potential impact of the project, and the mentoring plan. See the [Magellan Scholar website](#) for more information and REQUIRED workshop dates/times. *Proposals are due: Feb. 19, 2020, by 5 p.m.*

The **Moore Undergraduate Research Apprentice Program** (MURAP) invites applications for a ten-week summer research fellowship for undergraduate students (rising juniors or seniors) in the humanities, social sciences, and fine arts. The program will be held from May 20 to July 24, 2020, at the UNC-Chapel Hill. MURAP seeks to prepare talented and motivated students from under-represented racial and ethnic backgrounds, or those with a proven commitment to diversity and to eradicating racial disparities in the academy, for future careers as academic researchers and faculty. Working under the guidance of a UNC faculty mentor, students participate in a rigorous research experience that prepares them for graduate study and academic careers. The deadline is Feb. 7, 2020. For more details about MURAP or to access an application, see <http://www.murap.unc.edu> or contact [murap@unc.edu](mailto:murap@unc.edu).

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### Gamecocks Get Hired!

The **UofSC Spring Career Fair** will take place on Tuesday, Feb. 18, 12–4 p.m. at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center, 1101 Lincoln Street, Columbia, SC 29201, USA. Learn more at the [University of SC Career Center](#).

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### UofSC Data Visualization Lab

The Data Visualization Lab is a resource for those working on research projects related to visualization and spatial analysis. The lab's librarian, Peng Gao, is a graduate of our department and would be happy to work with you on your projects. Visit the lab at L516D of the Thomas Cooper Library, or online at <https://guides.library.sc.edu/data-viz-lab>

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### South Carolina Environmental Conference

The **South Carolina Environmental Conference (SCEC)** Technical Program Committee is soliciting student poster presentations for the [2020 South Carolina Environmental Conference](#), to be held March 15–18, 2020, in Myrtle Beach, SC. Student posters will be displayed and judged as a part of the technical program. The poster session will be held Monday, March 16. Students may enjoy full conference registration at a reduced rate of \$65, which includes Sunday Exhibitor Reception, one Luncheon, Operator Breakfast, and the Grand Finale. A One Day Full registration is available to students at no charge. (Poster presenters are not required to attend the entire conference.)

Interested students should contact: Jonathan Sherer, P.E., SCAWWA Student Activities Committee Chair, [jsherer@greenvillewater.com](mailto:jsherer@greenvillewater.com), 864-241-6107. Deadline for abstract submittal is January 31, 2020.



*Beach scene; photo by Raoul Croes*

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### Maymester 2020 in Aruba

Professors Jerry Mitchell and Conor Harrison are offering GEOG 343 (Environment and Society) during Maymester 2020 in **Aruba**!

The course will investigate environmental challenges on a small island state, including water, energy, and sustainability; environmental quality and pollution; sustaining biodiversity and cities; and environmental economics, politics, and ethics. The trip will include visits to farms, a desalinization plant, a refinery, a landfill, a gold mine, and a national park.

**For more information contact:** Dr. Jerry Mitchell, [mitchell@sc.edu](mailto:mitchell@sc.edu), 777-2986 or Dr. Conor Harrison, [cmharris@mailbox.sc.edu](mailto:cmharris@mailbox.sc.edu), 576-6010.

You must sign up by the end of January

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