

## **GEO 5920: GEOGRAPHY COLLOQUIUM**

**Fall 2021**

NOTE: This class will begin live in Turlington 3018 as listed in the course schedule. Some speakers will be on Zoom projected into the classroom because they are distant or prefer to speak without a mask. The class format is subject to change due to COVID or university regulations.

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<b>COURSE HOURS:</b>	R   PERIOD 8 (3:00-3:50 PM) TUR 3018
<b>OFFICE HOURS:</b>	Fridays 9 to 12 AM and by appointment, Mask for In-person meetings
<b>COURSE WEBSITE:</b>	<a href="http://elearning.ufl.edu">http://elearning.ufl.edu</a>
<b>TEXTBOOKS:</b>	No textbooks required or needed.
<b>MATERIALS /SUPPLIES FEES:</b>	None
<b>PREREQUISITES:</b>	Graduate standing in Geography
<b>COURSE DESCRIPTION:</b>	Presentation and discussion of contemporary geographic research.

### **COURSE LEARNING GOALS:**

At the end of the semester, students will be able to

- *Understand more regarding the interdisciplinary and complex nature of geographic research*
- *Evaluate the components of a presentation and assess its goals and content*
- *Better formulate meaningful questions to help make talks more interactive*

### **COVID AND OTHER DISEASE PRECAUTIONS**

- Note this website: <https://shcc.ufl.edu/services/covid19/>
- Vaccines and COVID testing are available at the infirmary on campus
- My concern is for everyone's health and safety and for a smooth semester for all
- The hospitals in Gainesville are currently packed and
- Masks are expected as they protect you and others
- Please maintain social distance when possible to reduce chances of spreading viruses
- Coughing and illness, whether from COVID or another virus, is of concern to all of us.
- If you are coughing or ill, please get tested before coming back to the classroom. If you test positive, follow UF guidelines about self-quarantine. I will work with you to make up any missed content

## CURRENT COURSE SCHEDULE

Date		Speaker/Preference
26-Aug-21		Intro to class, discuss CANVAS site, conferences, first assignment, course policies
2-Sep-21	S1	Dr. Danlin Yu, Department of Earth & Environmental Studies, Montclair State University, via ZOOM
9-Sep-21	S2	Dr. Corene Matyas, Dept. of Geography, University of Florida, via ZOOM
16-Sep-21	S3	Dr. Cecilia Suarez, Dept. Agricultural Education and Communication (AEC), University of Florida
23-Sep-21	S4	TBA
30-Sep-21	S5	Dr. Zhe Jiang, Department of Computer & Information Science & Engineering and Center for Coastal Solutions, University of Florida
7-Oct-21		OFF before homecoming
14-Oct-21	S6	Dr. Becky Williams, Center for Latin American Studies (Master of Sustainable Development Practice and TCD program), Univ. of Florida
21-Oct-21	S7	TBA
28-Oct-21	S8	Dr. Vincent LeCours, Department of Geomatics, University of Florida
4-Nov-21	S9	Dr. Yin-Hsuen Chen, Department of Geography, University of Florida
11-Nov-21		OFF Veteran's Day
18-Nov-21	S10	SEDAAG practice talks and/or posters
25-Nov-21		OFF Thanksgiving
2-Dec-21	S11	Dr. Chris Silver, Dept. Urban and Regional Planning, University of Florida

### COURSE POLICY:

Attendance is important, although your classmates and I are requesting that you not attend if you are sick or have been exposed to COVID. Thus, communication is even more important. Please let me know if you cannot attend for any reason. I will work with you to make up the work through an alternative assignment. Additionally, professional behavior is expected. These speakers are volunteering their time to share their work. Avoid creating distractions or any non-class related use of technology or any behavior that is distracting to the instructor and/or other students (talking, loud typing, cell phone use) or arriving late to class. Clemency is granted for late work with valid excuse, including the possibility of COVID-related problems this term. Documentation is advised for excessive absence.

**GRADING SCHEME:** S/U

**GRADING REQUIREMENTS:** You are expected to complete all the brief reflections, speaker evaluation forms or alternative assignments in a professional manner. If it is unprofessional, I will comment in CANVAS that you have a redo. Failure to turn in or redo these assignments will result in a U. If there are extenuating circumstances such as illness, and if you have completed most of the work, I can assign a grade of I if you are unable to complete everything by course deadlines.

## **OTHER POLICIES:**

**HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH:** Please take care of your health and be aware that the University Counseling Center (<http://www.counseling.ufl.edu/cwc/Default.aspx>, 392-1575), the Student Health Care Center (392-1161) and Student Mental Health (392-1171) can assist students as they work through personal, academic and social issues. Provide advance notice and obtain documentation for excused absences where possible. If needed, University Police Department can be contacted at 392-1111 or Dial 9-1-1 for emergencies.

**U MATTER WE CARE:** Your well-being is important to the University of Florida. The U Matter, We Care initiative is committed to creating a culture of care on our campus by encouraging members of our community to look out for one another and to reach out for help if a member of our community is in need. If you or a friend is in distress, please contact [umatter@ufl.edu](mailto:umatter@ufl.edu) so that the U Matter, We Care Team can reach out to the student in distress. A nighttime and weekend crisis counselor is available by phone at 352-392-1575. The U Matter, We Care Team can help connect students to the many other helping resources available including, but not limited to, Victim Advocates, Housing staff, and the Counseling and Wellness Center. Please remember that asking for help is a sign of strength. In case of emergency, call 9-1-1.

**UNIVERSITY POLICY ON ACCOMMODATING STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES:** "Students requesting classroom accommodation must first register with the Dean of Students Office. The Dean of Students Office will provide documentation to the student who must then provide this documentation to the Instructor when requesting accommodation.

**UNIVERSITY POLICY ON ACADEMIC CONDUCT:** UF students are bound by The Honor Pledge as follows: "We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honesty and integrity by abiding by the Honor Code. On all work submitted for credit by students at the University of Florida, the following pledge is either required or implied: "On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment." The Honor Code specifies a number of behaviors that are in violation of this code and the possible sanctions. Furthermore, you are obligated to report any condition that facilitates academic misconduct to appropriate personnel. If you have any questions or concerns, please consult with the instructor of this class.

**COURSE TECHNOLOGY:** Access to and on-going use of a computer is required for all students.

**CLASS DEMEANOR OR NETIQUETTE:** Class members must follow rules of common courtesy in all discussions/ electronic communication. Consequences for violating UF netiquette guidelines include zeroes or reporting. See info at <http://teach.ufl.edu/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/NetiquetteGuideforOnlineCourses.pdf>

**EVALUATIONS:** Students are expected to provide professional and respectful feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing course evaluations online via GatorEvals. Guidance on how to give feedback in a professional and respectful manner is available at <https://gatorevals.ua.ufl.edu/students/>. Students will be notified when the evaluation period opens, and can complete evaluations through the email they receive from GatorEvals, in their Canvas course menu under GatorEvals, or via <https://ufl.bluera.com/ufl/>. Summaries of course evaluation results are available to students at <https://gatorevals.ua.ufl.edu/public-results/>