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Triple G Colloquium | Cities, governance, and migration: sorting out the contradictions | Dr. Michael Samers | 01-20-23 | 4 PM

Join us for our first Triple G Colloquium event for the Spring Semester as we welcome Dr. Michael Samers. Dr. Samers is a professor of Economic and Urban Geography with the Department of Geography at the University of Kentucky. He will present "Cities, governance, and migration: sorting out the contradictions." [Click here to register in advance.](#)

Dean of Libraries Search - Seeking Graduate/Professional Student Volunteers for Listening & Input Sessions

Are you interested in providing input on behalf of graduate & professional students for the upcoming Dean of Libraries search? If so, please email us and we'll put you in touch with the search committee. They will provide details and coordinate schedule. Please email us by Friday, Jan. 20th : office@cogs.msu.edu

Center for Survivors: Spring Volunteer Training | Application Deadline 01-23-23

The MSU Center for Survivors is now recruiting volunteers for its Spring 2023 Training Class. The Sexual Assault Crisis Intervention (SACI) Team provides essential support, advocacy, and outreach services to the MSU campus and greater Lansing community. Training will be held in-person. [Learn more and apply here.](#)

COGS Coffee & Connection | 01-24-23 | 9-10 AM @Foster Coffee in East Lansing

Join us for conversation, and treats at [Foster Coffee](#) - 196 Albert St in East Lansing on Tuesday, Jan. 24th! This popular meet-up will continue throughout spring semester, along with fun chances to meet up at various locations on and off campus to socialize with fellow graduate & professional students. More info to come soon, but make sure to keep an eye on our events page and social media for announcements on this and other fun COGS events! cogs.msu.edu/upcoming-events/ [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#).

Well-Being in Graduate School: Beyond Buzzwords | 01-25-23 | 4-5 PM

Well-being is a trendy topic these days, and it is also a vital component to a successful life no matter your field or focus. It may be hard to keep your mental, physical, and relational health as a priority while a graduate or professional student, but it is not impossible. In this session, we will discuss practical tips to help you manage the stress of graduate school while advancing your academic and professional goals. You will also learn about helpful resources offered through the Graduate School and at MSU. This

workshop is open to new and current graduate and professional students. Registration closes the day before each session. There will be an in-person version of this workshop on February 1st. [View workshop details.](#)

Wayne State University Graduate Research Symposium | Deadline 01-27-23 @ 5 PM

Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan is looking for scholars from around the country to share their research at the virtual 2023 Graduate Research Symposium, March 6-8. The Graduate Research Symposium is a fully virtual event that brings together 1,500 virtual attendees from 30 countries on five continents to learn about the latest graduate student and postdoctoral research. [Learn more and apply here.](#)

Dissertation Support Group | Deadline 01-27-23

This 6-week group provides doctoral students with a supportive, structured environment that helps mitigate the sense of isolation and frustration that often accompany the dissertation process. A weekly discussion topic will also allow participants to share experiences with and resources that help address some of the most common barriers to progress (e.g., low motivation, time management, stress/burnout). [Learn more and register here.](#)

Graduate School Write-In | 01-27-23 | 9 AM-12 PM

Graduate School Write-Ins are co-sponsored by the Graduate School and The Writing Center at MSU. The write-ins are hosted and facilitated to provide writers with an opportunity to write in a shared writing space where other writers are present, and a writing center consultant/staff member is present to provide consultations for writers who would like to have a consultation appointment during the session. [View workshop details.](#)

GRE Discount Vouchers | Register by 01-31-23

[Educational Testing Service](#) is again offering a series of discounts to students that are taking the GRE for admission to programs that accept GRE scores. Students that register to take the test by January 31, 2023, and take the test by June 30, 2023, will save \$50 on the [GRE General Test](#). In addition, ETS is offering a \$40 discount on the new [Official GRE Mentor](#) for students that want additional prep support. [Learn more here.](#)

CSTAT Seminar for Refresher Credit for Responsible Conduct of Research | 02-02-23 | 12-1 PM

A CSTAT Seminar, "Data quality, simple yet complicated," is being offered that is relevant to faculty involved in data management and to graduate students who need a refresher credit for responsible conduct of research requirements. [Learn more and register here.](#)

MSU Gender and Sexuality Campus Center Sponsors LGBTQIA2S+ Student Experience Study

Are you an LGBTQIA2S+ graduate or professional student at MSU? A team of faculty, administrators, staff affiliated with the MSU Gender and Sexuality Campus Center, and students are conducting a study in order to better understand the experiences and needs of our LGBTQIA2S+ students. We are seeking input from LGBTQIA2S+ students at all academic levels: undergraduate, graduate, and professional. Findings from the study will be used by administrators to inform programs and policies to improve experiences for LGBTQIA2S+ students at MSU, and results will also be published in order to promote

better experiences for LGBTQIA2S+ students more broadly. Students who complete the online survey will receive two dollars (\$2) in Sparty Cash. After completing the survey, participants will be asked if they are interested in joining an optional focus group or participating in an individual interview. Students who participate in a focus group or interview will receive twenty dollars (\$20) in Sparty Cash. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the MSU Gender and Sexuality Campus Center at gsc@msu.edu. Survey Link: <https://tinyurl.com/MSUstudentexperience>

Job Opportunities

Environmental Clearance Coordinator | MDOT

The Michigan Department of Transportation is looking for a great candidate to fill our Environmental Clearance Coordinator position. [Resource Analyst 9-P11 \(Environmental Clearance Coordinator\) - Bureau of Development | Apply tab | Career Pages \(governmentjobs.com\)](#)

USGS Student Contractor Programmer Position

The U.S. Geological Survey's Center of Excellence for Geospatial Information Science (CEGIS) in Rolla, Missouri is looking to fill a part-time (15-32 hours/wk) student contractor position as a scientific programmer, beginning in February of 2023. Remote work option a possibility. See attached for more details.

Student Employment Opportunity: Community and Economic Development Research Assistant

The MSU Center for Community and Economic Development is seeking qualified student applicants (graduate or undergraduate) to assist with the development of equity assessment tools which will help practitioners, organizations, and communities understand their movement towards equitable community development and equitable economic development. [Learn more and apply here.](#)



A new year means new beginnings! If you've been thinking about starting the next phase of your educational journey, save big on GRE now through Jan. 31, 2023.

- Use **NEWYEAR50** for \$50 USD off the [GRE® General Test](#). The code is good for three uses per person. Restrictions apply; please see offer terms below.
- Use **NEWYEAR40** for \$40 off our new [Official GRE Mentor](#) course. The code is good for one use per person.



Visit www.takethegre.org/resolutions to get these deals! See terms and conditions below.

New Year's Offer Terms & Conditions: The discounts of \$50.00 U.S. dollars off the GRE General Test (for up to three test registrations) and \$40.00 U.S. dollars off Official GRE Mentor (one per person) are valid in Bangladesh, Bhutan, Canada, Egypt, France, Germany, Ghana, Guam, India, Italy, Kenya, Mexico, Nepal, Netherlands, Pakistan, Puerto Rico, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom and the United States from January 5-31, 2023. Cannot be applied to previous registrations or purchases combined with any other offers. Not valid for cash or cash equivalent. There are no guarantees of seat availability. Offers are good while supplies last. Not valid for GRE® Subject Test registrations. Offers are void where prohibited by law. All federal, state and local laws and regulations apply. ETS may modify or discontinue these offers at any time without notice. For the GRE General Test discount specifically, the individual must register to test in one of the aforementioned countries by January 31, 2023 and take the test in one of the aforementioned countries by June 30, 2023.

Student Contractor Programmer Position #CGS403 – Rolla, MO
U.S. Geological Survey – National Geospatial Technical Operations Center,
Center of Excellence for Geospatial Information Science

For eligibility, you must be at least 18 years of age, a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident (Green Card), and not have a spouse, parent, or child currently employed by the USGS.

The U.S. Geological Survey's Center of Excellence for Geospatial Information Science (CEGIS) in Rolla, Missouri is looking to fill a part-time (15-32 hours/wk) student contractor position as a scientific programmer, beginning in February of 2023.

We are looking for a student with at least two to three years of college education majoring in computerscience and/or Geographic Information Science with programming experience in Python along with rudimentary knowledge of programming data structures. The student should have a general understanding of maps. Familiarity with Microsoft Excel, PowerPoint, and Word are recommended. Experience with managing and processing large quantities of data, such as through high-performance computing and/or parallel processing techniques, is beneficial.

Work activities include development of automated procedures to improve topographic maps delivered to the public by the National Geospatial Program; continue the development of processes to automate the download, preparation, extraction, and processing of USGS geospatial data, particularly elevation data, including lidar, as well as other sources of data. A crucial component of lidar and image processing for terrain feature extraction involves understanding and using spatial models with GIS and machine learning software. The student contractor will use various software, including an IDE (typically PyCharm) to write python code, various python libraries such as PyTorch, shapely, Fiona, NumPy, SciPy and OpenCV, ArcGIS, GRASS, and QGIS, to complete image and lidar processing and construct spatial models. The student may also work with ontology and semantics software packages, such as Protégé, Parliament, and others. Additional work might develop and implement logical workflows and computer programs for building Resource Description Framework (RDF) triples of subject, predicate, and object for terrain features.

Pay is commensurate with the level of education and experience as well as the level required by the position (\$17.44 - \$24.08/hour).

If you have questions about or wish to apply to this position, please email your resume to Ally Johnson at ngp_ngtoc_cor@usgs.gov referencing "Student Contract Programmer Position #CGS403 – Rolla, MO" in the subject line.

All applications must be received by midnight, Sunday, January 22, 2023 to be considered.



SEXUAL ASSAULT CRISIS INTERVENTION SPRING TRAINING

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- Staffing our 24-hr Hotline & 10am-10pm Crisis Chat
- Campus outreach
- In-person crisis response to MSU's Sexual Assault Healthcare Program and designated residence halls

In-Person TRAINING DATES:

- Sun. 1/29 1pm-5pm EST
- Wed. 2/8 6pm-8pm EST
- Sun. 2/12 1pm-5pm EST
- Sun. 2/19 1pm-5pm EST
- Sun. 2/26 12pm-5pm EST for Crisis Advocacy training

**APPLICATION
DUE**

**Mon. Jan
23rd**

Informational Meeting: learn more about volunteer opportunities to be held on Wed, Jan 18th at 6pm via zoom. This meeting is NOT mandatory in order to apply or volunteer.

Applications can be found at centerforsurvivors.msu.edu

Contact Kathryn, Volunteer Coordinator, at naberkat@msu.edu with questions or to RSVP for the Informational Meeting.

Ethnolinguistic and Ethnoreligious Nationalism(s) in Education in the Context of Global Crises

Symposium on the Humanities and Education

The ascension of populist leaders (e.g., Jair Bolsonaro in Brazil, Donald Trump in the US, Gotabaya Rajapaksa in Sri Lanka) keenly supported by ethnoreligious and ethnolinguistic groups and movements in democratic societies is a global phenomenon in the past decade. In their struggle for power, neo-nationalist groups (e.g., Boko Haram in Nigeria, Buddhist-nationalists in Myanmar and Sri Lanka, and Bharatiya Janata Party of India) have led to crimes against humanity testing the strength and boundaries of democratic societies and their values. Neo-nationalist movements have impacted education systems making schools and other educational institutions a site of struggle between proponents and detractors of ethnocentric education.

We are convening a one-day symposium on the 3rd of March, 2023, on the topic of Ethnolinguistic and Ethnoreligious Nationalism(s) in Education in the Context of Global Crises. The theme of the symposium emerged as our sensitivity to ethnonationalist violence around the world, especially in Brazil, India, Sri Lanka, China, and the US during the past decade.

CALL FOR PAPER PRESENTATIONS

We invite graduate students to submit abstracts (preferably not more than 150 words) that resonate with the above issues. Our attempt through this symposium is to create a safe and enabling space to share graduate students' work that disrupts the banality of evil (Arendt, 1963) in educational spaces. We hope this symposium will lead to more discussions on this topic at MSU and in future publications.

SUBMIT YOUR ABSTRACT BY JANUARY 20, 2023

March 03, 2023
Michigan State University

Invited Speakers

Mary Juzwik

Professor, Department of Teacher
Education & Department of
English, MSU

Sitara Thobani

Assistant Professor, Residential
College in the Arts and
Humanities, MSU

Arjuna Parakrama

Professor of English, Department
of English, University of
Peradeniya, Sri Lanka

SUBMISSION LINK



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