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### GPHY 500.01: Geography Graduate Colloquium

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**University of Montana**  
**GPHY 500 Geography Colloquium**  
**Tu 3.40-5.30, Stone Hall 217**

**Instructor Information:**

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**Course Description:**

The Geography Colloquium is a speaker series and forum for sharing research and practice on issues with geographic dimensions. It brings together faculty, graduate students, UD undergraduate students, and other interested parties. The speaker series sets out to span the broad range of topics in geography or with connections to geography. Speakers are scholars from within the department, from other UM departments, from other institutions, and practitioners from the public and private sector.

It is also a forum for sharing information, for instance, of Geography Club activities, and research opportunities. Early sessions also set out to orient incoming students to the program, to other students and faculty; and to provide guidance on professional development.

**Learning Goals and Outcomes:**

1. Incoming graduate students will be welcomed, introduced to students and faculty in the program, and oriented to the graduate programs in Geography
2. Students will receive guidance toward professional development, including Curriculum Vitae and Resume preparation
3. Participants will gain an appreciation of the broad range of topics with geographic dimensions, from the sciences and social sciences to the arts, from theoretical to methodological to professional practice.
4. The audience will benefit from exposure to academics and practitioners in Geography, GIS, Planning, and allied fields.

**Required Textbooks:**

There are no required textbooks.

Geography Graduate Student Handbook Draft (probably sent by e-mail).

For Curriculum Vitae versus Resumes, please consult the UNC Writing Center's guidelines <http://writingcenter.unc.edu/handouts/curricula-vitae-cvs-versus-resumes/>

Additional readings may be assigned.

## **Course Guidelines and Policies:**

### **Assignment Expectations**

- Students and faculty take turns in providing refreshments to be shared before and/or after the guest presentations. A signup-sheet will be circulated.
- Early in the semester, students will receive a draft copy of our Graduate Student Handbook. They are expected to provide feedback.
- A Curriculum Vitae (CV) and Resume are due by Tuesday, November 25, the class period before the Thanksgiving Holiday.

### **Attendance**

- Regular attendance is expected. Active participation in the discussion, typically at the end of a talk, will enhance the experience for speaker and audience.

### **Grading Policy**

Grading mode is C (CR Credit; NCR No Credit.)

### **Student Conduct Code**

All students at the University of Montana must practice academic honesty at all times. Academic misconduct is subject to an academic penalty by the course instructor and/or a disciplinary sanction by the University. All students need to be familiar with the [Student Conduct Code](#). The Code is available for review online at [http://www.umt.edu/vpsa/policies/student\\_conduct.php](http://www.umt.edu/vpsa/policies/student_conduct.php)

### **Course Withdrawal**

Sept 15, 5pm, the 15<sup>th</sup> Day of Classes. Last Day To: Register for classes, add classes with override slip/electronic override, change credits in variable credit courses or drop classes with a refund on CyberBear or with an override slip/electronic override.

For additional relevant dates, please see [Important Dates and Deadlines](#) <http://www.umt.edu/registrar/PDF/ImportantDatesFall2014.pdf>

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## Course Calendar:

Dates	Topic	Speaker
Aug 26	Introduction of Faculty and Students; Orientation of Incoming Graduate Students	Christiane von Reichert and colleagues
Sept 2	CV-Resume-Professional Development	David Shively and colleagues
Sept 9	UM Futures: Ecology and Ecosystem Science	Richard Hauer, Director, Montana Institute on Ecosystems, Professor of Limnology, Flathead Lake Biological Station
Sept 16	Access to Meadows and Markets in the Himalaya: The Case of Ophiocordyceps Sinensis	Laura Caplins, PhD student in Society and Conservation, College of Forestry and Conservation
Sept 23	The Critical Role of Geography in Natural Resource Management and Conservation	Catherine Maynard Ph.D. Natural Resource Analyst, GISP, USDA-NRCS, Helena
Sept 30	Tentative: Researching Organic Farming in the Subarctic (~Fulbright Scholarship to Finland)	Sophia Albov, Master's student in Geography
Oct 7	Whale Hunting and Traditional Conservation in the Insular Atlantic	Russell Fielding, Assistant Professor in the Environmental Studies, University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee
Oct 14	Our Missoula. Looking Inward. Moving Forward. How the City is Planning for the Next 20 Years of Growth. <a href="http://www.ourmissoula.org">www.ourmissoula.org</a>	Casey Wilson, GIS Planner, Office of Development Services, Long Range Planning Section
Oct 21	Tentative Title: Big Data and Business	Russ Fletcher, Inteneo Systems, Missoula
Oct 28	Tentative: Collecting and Analyzing Climate Data	Kelsey Jensco, State Climatologist, Montana Climate Office; and Assistant Professor, Watershed Hydrologist, College of Forestry and Conservation
Nov 4	Election Day – no class	
Nov 11	Veteran's Day – no class	
Nov 18	The Role of Glaciers in Stream Flow of the Amu Darya and Syr Darya Headwaters, Pamir and Tien Shan Mountains	Caleb Pan, Ph.D. student in Systems Ecology, and Ulrich Kamp, Associate Professor of Geography
Nov 25	Overlay	James Bailey, Professor, School of Art
Dec 2	<i>Filmstädte</i> : A History of the German Urban Cinemascape	Marton Marko, Associate Professor of German
Dec 9	Finals	TBD