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LETTER FROM THE CHAIR



Testing Our Resilience

When the department's last newsletter went to press in early March 2020, we had just begun to transition our courses online due to the emerging coronavirus pandemic. The year since has likely been the most challenging in the history of our department. Students and faculty have dealt with most of our classes being online since mid-March 2020. Mentoring and training that would have been easy early last year now often require extraordinary effort. Travel remains suspended by the University, changing the experiences of doing fieldwork or going to a conference. Care for children or parents has created additional challenges for many of our students and faculty.

While the impacts of the pandemic were not unique to our department, we also had several additional challenges to contend with over the last year. The morning of March 18, 2020 brought a magnitude 5.7 earthquake on the Wasatch Fault, with an epicenter only 20 kilometers west of campus. The initial earthquake and subsequent aftershocks kept us on edge during the uncertain transition to online classes. In late June our College was victim of a ransomware attack that hit dozens of department computers and prevented some students and faculty from getting to their data for weeks or months. September brought a historic windstorm that toppled thousands of trees, including many on campus and in Salt Lake City parks, and resulted in long power outages.

Through all of the challenges we have faced over the past year, I've been awestricken by the continued resilience of our Geography community. Undergraduate and graduate students have stayed engaged, whether quarantined in their apartment in Salt Lake City or taking care of family in a distant place. Our staff have kept the department running from their homes. Faculty quickly

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adapted their classes to online teaching and have uncovered new opportunities for remote learning. Despite all of the pandemic-related challenges, our faculty devoted time to work on diversity, equity, and inclusion issues with a new sense of urgency. Research continues across the department, but in many cases in different ways than before the pandemic.

While our department functions in a radically different way than it did just a little over a year ago, we have adapted to the point that this new way of doing things may almost seem normal. Since this time has been so historic, this year's newsletter captures the reflections of our students, staff, and faculty on the past year (*Balancing Act: Life in the Time of COVID-19*, p. 16). These reflections provide some insight into the wide range of experiences we've had during the pandemic. We'll be archiving these reflections, and I hope you'll take the opportunity to send us your own thoughts and photos capturing your experiences to add to the archive.

As I write this, trends point to us being able to transition back toward pre-coronavirus life sometime this summer. The department is planning on offering more than 75% of our Fall 2021 classes in person. I'm looking forward to the day when we can return to Gardner Commons and experience more personal interactions with students and colleagues. Regardless of the timeline, I have strengthened confidence in our department's ability to adapt to future challenges. Our community has been tested, and not only has it proved resilient, but in some ways it has thrived.



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Upcoming Events

SPRING RECEPTION: *April 23, 2021 @ 4pm – 5pm on Zoom*

If interested in attending please RSVP before April 12th to: cheryll.brog@geog.utah.edu or call 801-581-8218 to get the zoom link.

CONVOCATION

The College of Social and Behavioral Science will hold in-person convocation for undergraduates and graduates of the Class of 2021 and the Class of 2020. Attendance is limited to graduates, with no audience allowed.

Undergraduate convocation for the classes of 2020-2021 will be held outdoors in Rice Eccles Stadium on Friday, May 7, at 11:30 a.m. Attendance is not mandatory but we hope that those who graduated last year and those who will graduate this year will be able to attend this ceremony and celebrate with your classmates. More information to come.

In special recognition of 2020-2021 graduates receiving their Master's degree or Ph.D., an in-person hooding ceremony will take place Aug. 27 at Red Butte Garden amphitheater. More details will be provided later.

Research Highlights

SUMMER RUPPER, with her graduate students and postdocs, has been focused on understanding glacier and ice sheet changes and the downstream impacts on water resources, hazards, and sea-level rise. This work has led to publications in *Nature*, *Science*, *Science Advances*, and other top-tier journals over the past year, with many of these publications led by students. Summer is also serving as the lead scientist for NASA's High Mountain Asia Team; this team focuses on interdisciplinary, collaborative efforts to assess the changing hydrology and cryosphere of the High Mountain Asia region.



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SIMON BREWER has continued his research in to changes in the Earth's ecosystems at large space and time scales. His PhD student, Tom Brussel, graduated in 2020, and they co-authored a study using a new approach to understand past biodiversity and ecosystem function in *Frontiers of Ecology and Evolution*. He has been advising multiple students at the University on spatial statistics and machine learning, and has been involved in a range of projects from social justice to archeological modeling.

TIM COLLINS engages in team-based interdisciplinary research and research training with students and faculty through the Center for Natural and Technological Hazards (CNTH). Members of the CNTH team have published three articles focused on air pollution in the Salt Lake Valley. These studies document increased air pollution based on higher racial / ethnic minority (vs. non-Latinx White) neighborhood and school composition, and lower math and English-language arts standardized test scores across elementary schools based on increased particulate matter pollution. Tim recently received a 5-year grant through the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (with CNTH Co-Director Sara Grineski) for an undergraduate research program for U students from underrepresented racial / ethnic minority backgrounds called "Health, Air Pollution, and Population Initiative in Education and Science Training" (HAPPIEST; see: <https://nexus.utah.edu/research/project-happiest.php>). The first HAPPIEST cohort kicks off this summer!

ALEXANDER HOHL focused on surveillance of COVID-19 in the United States, which resulted in a series of studies that applied the space-time scan statistic to identify areas of elevated disease risk. He is currently working on various follow-up projects, e.g. identifying the drivers of adverse sentiment towards the pandemic.

NENG WAN has been working on seven Health Geography research projects. Two of the projects analyzed spatial access to emergency general surgery (EGS) services in the United States. This line of research identified significant socio-demographic and geographic disparities in EGS access and outcomes. Neng's other projects focused on using GIS to understand the influence of neighborhood contextual factors (e.g., poverty, safety, social cohesion) on health behaviors such as smoking and physical activity.

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Recent research and forthcoming publications by **RICHARD MEDINA** include projects on gender and extremism, police shootings, and conspiracy theory diffusion. Methodological approaches in these areas include qualitative and quantitative methods and social media mining. He works with others on these and other social problems in the Hate, Aggression, Terror, and Extremism Research (HATER) Lab.

This pandemic year was full of so many challenges -- the least of which were disruptions and changes to work plans. Convening over Zoom instead of travelling to meetings, **KATHLEEN NICOLL** co-authored a commentary published in Nature Ecology and Evolution entitled: "Field-based sciences must transform in response to COVID-19" (<https://www.nature.com/articles/s41559-020-01317-8>). It presents some ideas how coping with emerging diseases as we endure global warming requires us to fundamentally remodel the way field-based sciences are taught, conducted, funded, and communicated. Nicoll usually does fieldwork in the summer months, but this year stayed "socially distanced" from ongoing archaeological projects -- publishing about Israel, where she has been excavating and mapping agricultural installations (pictured below) since 2013, and Iraqi Kurdistan -- results of a large project has just been accepted for publication in Journal of Maps. Nicoll is busy helping to guest edit a thematic volume of the journal Quaternary International on "Interdisciplinary Research in Africa" with papers presented at the 2019 INQUA Meeting in Dublin, Ireland.



Excavations of bedrock installations – likely grape crushing vats – used in ancient Judah during the Late Bronze (~1300 BCE) and Iron Age II A – B periods (9th – 7th Century BCE).



Large pot discovered at the city of Tel Burna in Israel.

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New Faculty

We would like to welcome our new faculty members



MICKEY CAMPBELL joined the Geography Department in June, 2020 as a Research Assistant Professor. He earned his PhD from the Department in 2018 after successfully defending his dissertation research on remote sensing and geospatial modeling of wildland firefighter safety. Following his PhD, Campbell accepted a position as a teaching-focused Assistant Professor in the Geosciences Department at Fort Lewis College, a small, public liberal arts college in Durango, CO. Having recently returned to Utah to focus more on research, he is now immersed in several exciting projects pertaining to wildland fire and forest and woodland ecology. He is also serving as the DIGIT Lab Assistant Director, where he works closely with Phoebe McNeally and the Lab's graduate assistants on a wide variety of GIS and remote sensing project work.



EMILY NICOLOSI's research focuses on the geography of social and environmental movements. One vein of her research explores the potentialities and limitations of grassroots innovations for sustainability in the context of sustainability transitions. As a part of this work, Emily maintains the Utah Resilience Map, a community-based mapping effort that helps link up local sustainability projects. Another vein of her research explores the spatiality of hate groups and crimes in the United States. In this effort, she helped to create the Hate Incident Reporting System, an app for collecting information about hate incidents. In all her pursuits, Emily enjoys doing rigorous research that has broader, real world impacts.

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In Memoriam



MARYANN GOLIGHTLY

It is with sad hearts that we announce that MaryAnn Golightly passed away December 11, 2020 from cancer at age 70. She worked at the University of Utah for over 14 years and almost 12 of those years she worked in the Geography Department. MaryAnn's last day working in the office was Dec. 18, 2015. She left right before our move to Building 73 and before OSH had been torn down. MaryAnn's official retirement date was Jan. 1, 2016. MaryAnn was a vital member of our staff and touched many lives in her various roles. She was dependable, hard-working, and dedicated in helping undergraduate and graduate students be successful. MaryAnn was a wonderful colleague, advisor, and friend and will be missed by so many in our department and on campus. Our

sympathy goes out to MaryAnn's husband Dennis and their five children, their spouses, and grandchildren.



KIANA FELT LUFT

February 19, 1998 - October 31, 2020

This year we said goodbye to Kiana Luft. She was an undergraduate student majoring in Geography with interests in environmental science and climate change. Kiana loved the outdoors and was passionate about the environment. We loved having Kiana as one of our students and she will be greatly missed.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Josh Reynolds, MS, 2017



Current Role: Transportation and Land Use Modeler

Company: Wasatch Front Regional Council

Time in Role: 1 year

Current Location: Salt Lake City, UT

Greetings from... well, three blocks west of the U of U. Although I graduated from the master's program less than five years ago, it's never too soon to reminisce on the positive experiences I had being a graduate student in the Geography Department. I would like to give special thanks to Dr. Philip Dennison and Dr. Phoebe McNeally for their mentorship and helping me prepare for a successful career in the industry.

Some of my favorite memories of my time in the department include camping with other graduate students in Canyonlands National Park, attending conferences in other cities, and having Friendsgiving with other students that weren't travelling home for the holidays.

After graduating in 2017, I got my first job as a Geospatial Programmer for Redcastle Resources. There, I helped produce the 2016 NLCD Tree Canopy Cover data product. I also developed a few applications in Google Earth Engine that help analysts assess post-wildfire burn severity in forested lands. The experience I gained from working with the many talented individuals there was invaluable.

In March 2020, I accepted a new job opportunity at Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC) as a Transportation and Land Use Modeler. Our goals at WFRC are to build consensus and enhance the quality of life in the Wasatch Front region by developing and implementing plans for a multi-modal transportation system, livable communities, a strong economy, and a healthy environment. My responsibilities range from developing python code for forecasting land use out to the year 2050,

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to creating jupyter notebooks that process and analyze data. While I don't get to stretch my cartography legs as often as I used to, I still play a role in developing some cool maps such as comparing taxable sales across Utah municipalities pre-pandemic vs post-pandemic.

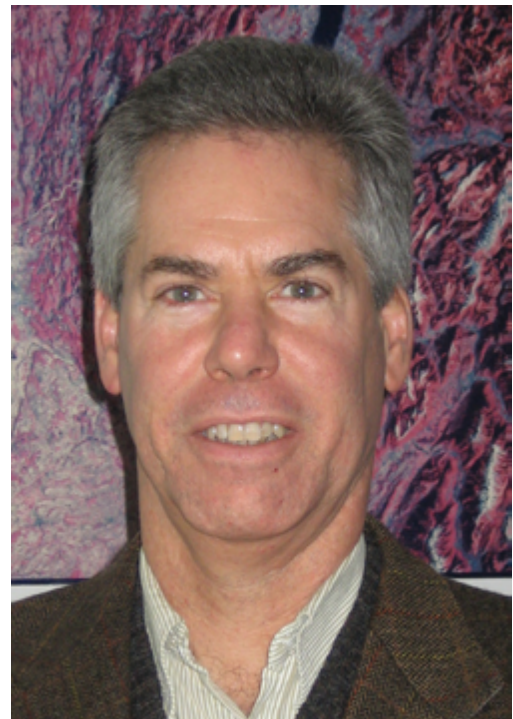
In my spare time, I enjoy playing in competitive basketball leagues and tournaments, peak-bagging in the Wasatch, dining at new restaurants, and embarking on roadtrips.

One piece of advice for graduating students, is to be open to outside opportunities such as internships, positions in other industries, and out-of-state and international positions. Also, make sure to build and maintain connections with faculty, colleagues, and other professionals. Those relationships will be invaluable for many years to come!

Ron Witt, MA, 1980

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I can only remember good things about my three years in Salt Lake City and the time I spent at the UofU Geography Department. I loved the environment in which the campus is located and that of the city more generally. There was great camaraderie in the Department among the grad students, and with many of the professors included it was a bit like being part of an extended family. I still remember taking classes and doing my research internship work in the mornings, and taking off on the nicer afternoons to ski up in one of the canyons - what a luxury for a 'flatland' skier like myself! And I also still remember that in those "bad old days", when we were doing remote sensing data analyses, we needed to prepare piles of punched cards as 'jobs' that were run through mainframe computers (no PCs or laptops in the 1980s!), and walk them all the way across campus in foul or good weather to the UofU computing center - and then return some hours later to get the results on large printouts. At least this gave us a reason to leave the Geog Department's building and get some exercise a few times per day.



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I was fortunate to be recruited by NASA (Goddard Space Flight Center) straight after completing my Master's, and spent five years doing remote sensing tech transfer work between the federal government and state agencies, and related research on uses of new satellite sensors. I was even luckier to be recruited five years later by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) with its headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya, which took me halfway around the world. I never looked back and eventually settled in Geneva, Switzerland, where I worked for UNEP until my retirement in late 2014. I had a rewarding career in GIS/remote sensing applications that led to my directing UNEP's Global Resources Information Database (GRID) center in Geneva and, from 2000, the European side of UNEP's environment assessment and early warning programme. And of course lots of interesting related travel to many places around the world!

During my early and enjoyable retirement, I still do occasional consulting work for the UN and a certain number of mentoring activities with local grad students and refugees. The nicest thing about retirement is having the luxury of choosing what activities one would like to engage in and - at least until these covid times - where to travel and when.

My career/life advice is: always set your sights as high as reasonably possible, explore all interesting possibilities and never close any door until you are sure you won't enter it! And try to make at least a general plan for your future career and know where you would like to be (where you see yourself) at least ten, if not 20 years down the road.



GRADUATE STUDENT PROFILES



Kripa Thapa

Kripa Thapa is a 2nd-year master's student from Kathmandu, Nepal, working with Dr. Summer Rupper at the Snow and Ice Lab. Her interests revolve around studying the impacts of climate change and glacier shrinkage on the vulnerable population living downstream in developing countries. In her first year, Kripa was awarded the graduate fellowship by the Global Change and Sustainability Center (GCSC). Currently, she is a Teaching Assistant (TA) for Geography's GIS classes. Over the past year, she has been advancing towards making progress with her thesis research, which involves conducting a water vulnerability assessment at Nepal's sub-basin level.

She is interested in building a water supply index for each basin and investigating what roles various indicators such as precipitation, glacier runoff, snowmelt, lakes, and reservoirs help determine the water supply for the region. Also, her research incorporates socio-economic variables such as population density and GDP per capita to aid in identifying a region's vulnerability. The study will elucidate the primary drivers of water vulnerability in Nepal and provide a framework to help combat potential water scarcity that will be of interest to policymakers and researchers in the long run.

In the meantime, Kripa also worked remotely as a United Nations volunteer from Aug – Oct 2020, where she helped in drafting grant proposals related to mitigating coastal pollution in Cameroon. In Dec 2020, she was recognized as one of the fifteen leaders in Open Street Mapping (OSM) by the United Nations – World Food Program (WFP), Nepal, for her contribution in digitizing the remote regions of the Nepalese Himalayas. Kripa is set on graduating with her MS degree in the summer and is exploring both pertinent job and Ph.D. opportunities at the moment.

GRADUATE STUDENT PROFILES



Doug Tharp

My path to geography wound through economics which I studied as one undergrad major in my masters program. After working in corporate America in financial services for some years, I had the opportunity to work on various research grants across campus here at the University of Utah. These research projects were in a variety of fields including public health in Pediatrics, at the Utah Population Database and in Family and Consumer Studies as well as in dual language education in Linguistics. In addition to the research experience I gained, I realized that any analysis involving humans or human behavior needs to consider spatial domain. To formulize my study of geography's spatial theory, methodologies, and techniques, I applied to and was grateful to be accepted into our PhD program. I am continuing to work on public health topics as a human / public health / demographic / geographer under the direction of Doctors Medina and Brewer. I am funded by the Department of Psychiatry in the School of Medicine working on understanding the ecology of Utah's crisis in youth suicide and the efficacy of the associated prevention programs. Some positioning of the spatial epidemiological considerations of this work will feature in my dissertation. In all my spare time, I do the usual Utah recreation things – skiing in winter, biking in summer, hiking and camping all the time.

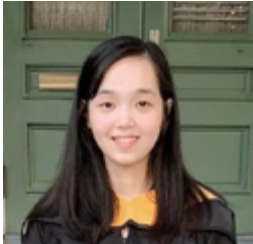
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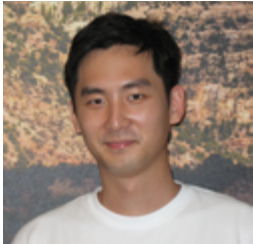
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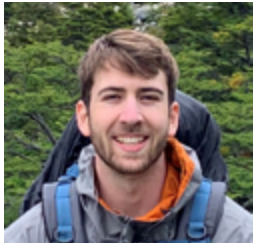
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Balancing Act: Life in the time of COVID-19



Digging a snowpit in masks in something I never expected to have to do. Should be interesting to explain these pictures in ten years!

McKenzie Skiles

To be honest I benefited a lot from the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 in terms of having additional time to work on my dissertation each day because I didn't have to spend time commuting or going to campus. I was able to finish up all three manuscripts for my dissertation and I don't think I could have done that if it had been a "regular" year. I found communication with my advisor and committee improved because it was easier to meet virtually over zoom.

Matt McCulloch

My words for last year for my personal experiences are grateful, healing, and eye-opening. My words for school experiences are grateful, frustrated, and annoyed...the online experience has been unique for sure, especially with really slow home internet impacting zoom meetings and file uploads/downloads.

Yvette Hastings

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This past year has been something. My three kids were home with Sara and I from March through August. While my work routine was disrupted during that time, I was able to spend a lot more time with my kids than I would have otherwise. We did a lot of fun things. Besides walking for miles around our neighborhood every day, we did some day trips, camping trips, and house rental trips in the region. We had some great times. Julian and Luna started up with child care in August, which enabled Sara and I to have more dedicated work time. Then Caleb started in person elementary school last month. So, in some ways, our routine has become more normal.

These have definitely been some tough times, but I feel quite fortunate to have had a stable livelihood that has enabled my family to stay safe for the past year. Although work has been challenging given the shift to everything remote, I feel that a lot of progress is being made by the students I work with and on my collaborative projects. I'm looking forward to getting vaccinated, seeing extended family again, and working mostly in person sometime in the not too distant future.

Tim Collins

COVID has been a challenge for all of us. Working from home has its ups and downs. When we first left the office, we quickly found out how much we love our standing desks and office chairs. Mostly we missed the people! Since I am very high risk, I have hardly left my home this year.

My office started out in my living room with TV trays for my desk. After my daughter and I realized that it was going to go a little longer than we planned, she made up her new desk for me in an extra bedroom. I had already gone back to the office to get more supplies and my desk chair. Pretty sure I have worn out my carpet as I have been doing laps to keep moving.

I think we have learned much during the pandemic. Especially that kindness counts.

Pam Mitchell

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Despite this year being difficult in many ways, I wanted to share a collaborative victory that has allowed me to keep moving forward with my dissertation research. I had been planning a trip last May to Germany to sub-sample some sediment cores for my research, but that wasn't going to be possible. Our colleagues were so generous and took the time to sub-sample cores for me, ship them to the US and share their data! It's been really nice to make these connections and to feel like I'm still on track despite the setbacks.

I definitely miss having more face-to-face interactions at school, and am looking forward to being able to do that again in the future.

Stella Mosher



Here is a photo of my "at home" lab. I went from working at the NHMU in the Power Paleoecology Lab to working at my desk at home. I do charcoal history for Mitch Power. It was an interesting transition but my partner and I made it work and I came to enjoy doing it from the comfort of my own home, though I miss the museum!

Rachel Struhs

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Here's a photo of how we spent last New Year's Eve. If toasting with COVID-19 test tubes doesn't sum up 2020, I'm not sure what does! (Don't worry, it was only precautionary and our results were negative.)

I know many people have struggled over the last year or so, and my heart goes out to those who have lost loved ones. Although I don't want to undermine these difficulties, I must admit that I have truly appreciated this slower pace of life. Having my daily routine suddenly come to a halt has forced me to reprioritize and look at life from a fresh perspective. I have also officially become a morning person, and I look forward to watching the sunrise each day (this was definitely not the case a year ago).

Although I am very anxious to travel again, I think my dogs enjoy having me home 24/7, and I'm not quite sure if I can leave the house again without them. I might have to bring a couple of furry guests with me when we all meet again in person. :)

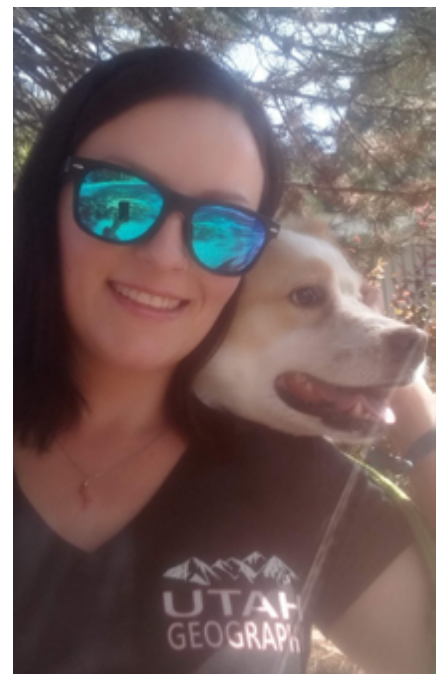
Chelsea Ackroyd

Last year was very tough for me. As a long hauler from Covid-19 and a person that does not have any family or close friends in USA, I felt most of the time scared.

I had several "mild symptoms" that lasted 12 weeks and after that, It took me 6 months to fully recover from fatigue syndrome and migraines as a consequence of the virus. Here is what I would like to share:

Last year taught me to be resilient.

Susana Velásquez-Franco



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Here are a couple of pictures from my pollen analysis class last semester practicing social distancing, masks, and white cotton gloves.

Ken Petersen



Throughout the pandemic I have experienced an amazing level of understanding, compassion, and thoughtfulness throughout the University community. Everyone has had their own struggles, and the renewed focus on the human component of the University is much appreciated. The people make the U and I am really looking forward to in person chats, meetings, and discussions.

The silver lining of COVID was the ability to be living anywhere. This locational freedom saved me during the pandemic and allowed me the ability to juggle professional and personal responsibilities.

The picture – one of the many rainbows experienced on the farm in Maine this year. Often times this past year has felt like we were chasing the end of the rainbow.

Phoebe McNeally

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Staying Connected

By Troy Saltiel, MS Student, Department of Geography

The Geography Club at the University of Utah is a student-run organization that explores the world of geography through a variety of fun activities. These include social events, hiking, snowshoeing, rafting, camping, mapping for humanitarian response, and visiting internationally themed restaurants. As the Department of Geography's main student organization, we aim to bring the department together as well as reach out to those throughout the university who are interested in geography, or just want to attend a fun event! During the Covid-19 pandemic, our ability to hold events has certainly been limited. While we haven't been able to hold any outdoor activities or enjoy fantastic food together, we've been able to remain connected. We continue to hold our humanitarian mapping virtually and even created a new event, a virtual hangout before and after the Department's colloquium. A benefit to our virtual events is the capability

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of anyone, from anywhere, to join us. No longer do we need to consider whether our members are on campus or not. That's not to say we don't miss the free food that often goes along with these events!

With a positive outlook, perhaps we will begin to transition closer to normal by the turn of 2022, so we'll recount our very last trip before Covid-19 in February of 2020. We had a combination trip day of snowshoeing in the morning and our international food event, also known as Tastes From Around the World, in the afternoon. The group was a mixture of undergraduates, graduates, geographers, and non-geographers, many of whom have never snowshoed before. Of course, we had an experienced snowshoer lead us up the trail, at the Millcreek Terraces. On the way up, we learned that three of us could speak German, rather surprisingly. The hike was of moderate-intensity with plenty of views and a couple of creek crossings. Overall, a rather successful snowshoe trip for everyone. We followed the snowshoeing with Tastes from Around the World at African Restaurant in western Salt Lake. They specialize in traditional east African food, with most of their dishes coming with budenaa, a crepe-like flatbread that is used to scoop up a wide variety of foods by hand. Everyone loved their food, and perhaps we would have savored it even more had we known it would be one of the last times we'd get to do something like that for at least a year!

The Geography Club is looking forward to continuing our virtual events, and hopefully, we'll be able to resume our normal events sometime soon!

Join the Club's Campus Connect page at
getinvolved.utah.edu/organization/geography-club
for the latest updates.

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