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Department of Geography

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On-Campus Speakers

- 10 Apr (M) **Burrell Montz (Binghamton University) & Graham Tobin (University of South Florida), "Relocation as Flood Mitigation: The Differing Experiences of Soldiers Grove and Valmeyer,"** 2:30 pm, Union Little Theater (Geography Department speaker)
- 13 Apr (Th) Robert Ricklefs, "Ecology and Evolutionary Biology of Avian Malaria," 12:30 pm, 324 Ackert
- 14 Apr (F) Robert Ricklefs, "Constraints on the Evolutionary Diversification of Avian Life Histories," 4:00 pm, 120 Ackert
- 27 Apr (Th) **Katherine Hirschboeck University of Arizona), "Dr. Douglass and the Missing Rings--How Place, Time, and Serendipity Spawned Modern Dendrochronology"** (GTU Banquet)
- 28 Apr (F) **Robert Maddox (University of Arizona), "The Great Tri-State Tornado Disaster of March 18, 1925 - Preliminary Re-Analysis,"** 8:30 am, 132 Seaton (Geography Department speaker)
- 28 Apr (F) Katherine Hirschboeck (University of Arizona), "Tree-Ring Science: a Legacy of Interdisciplinarity from the Borehole to the Boardroom," time/place TBA (WESP)

GTU/Geography Club

GTU scholarships. Eleven scholarships are available to qualified members. This is the first time GTU is offering so many scholarships. All the scholarships are \$500 each. The deadline for application is 1 May. A list of the scholarships and criteria are posted on the GTU bulletin board by the department office. Contact **Max Lu** with questions (maxlu@ksu.edu).

If you would like to join the Gamma Theta Upsilon honor society (GTU) please see any of the current officers (**Mitch Stimers, Rorik Peterson, Nancy Brown, Darci Paull, and Rex Robichaux**). Initiation is at the GTU Banquet, 27 April.

Announcements

Graduate Ice Cream Social. The Graduate Student Council & the Graduate School are organizing an Ice Cream Social on April 6th, 12:30-2:00 pm, East Side of Fairchild Hall.

KSU Blood Drive. April 3rd-6th, 10:30-4:30, and April 7th, 8:30-2:30 (Union Ballroom); April 3rd 3:00-8:00 (Rec Center); April 4th-6th, 3:00-8:00 (Putnam Hall). Free KSU 'Bleed Purple' T-shirts. Call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE for an appointment. Walk-ins welcome.

MidAmerica GIS Symposium. The 2006 symposium will be held April 23-27 in Kansas City. Registration is still open and there are some short courses available. For program and registration information, please visit the MAGIC website at <http://magicweb.kgs.ku.edu>. The K-State

Department of Geography and GIScience Targeted Excellence Program are co-sponsoring this event.

Student Opportunities

Reminder: Grimm, Self, Seyler, and Marston scholarship deadlines are 14 April. See last week's Globe or check in Seaton 118 for more information. Application forms are available in S 118.

Also see GTU scholarships above.

Faculty and Student Activities

Publication:

Donovan, Anne, and Karen DeBres. 2006. Foods of freedom: Juneteenth as a culinary tourist attraction. *Tourism Review International* 9:379-389. (Anne's first publication!)

Other:

The 6 DVD series, Geography for Students, has recently been released. The programs were designed for students in grades 5-9. Interviews with **John Harrington, Jr.**, were filmed at AAG Meridian Place AAG Headquarters in Washington, appear in 4 of the programs: Environment and Society, Places & Regions, Physical Systems, and Geographic Perspectives: The United States of America (www.libraryvideo.com).

Richard Marston has been appointed to membership on the Editorial Board of the Association of American Geographers, March 2006-December 2009.

K-State Geographers Contribute to State Geography Bee: Almost 100 grade school students from across Kansas converged on Abilene to compete for the one opening to represent Kansas in the national geography bee in May. Two K-State faculty members (**Richard Marston** and **Lisa Harrington**) & 5 graduate students (**Jeremy Aber, Will Breitzkreitz, Chris Laingen, Sumo Reddy, Tom Vought**) helped make the 2006 Kansas Geography Bee a success. The five students represented GTU at the event in Abilene and assisted with scorekeeping and setup tasks. **Marston** was the Moderator for the Final & Championship Rounds; **Harrington** was a Moderator for a Preliminary Round and a Judge for the Final & Championship Rounds. **John Harrington** attended as co-chair of the Kansas Geographic Alliance.

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