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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)
- 11 Apr (T) **Nathan Kettle (Kansas State University), "Living in Africa: Two Years in the Gambia,"** 11:30 am, Seaton 164H (Brownbag Series)
- 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

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.

Banquet reservations are now available. Please see a GTU officer if you haven't received a form for this.

Announcements

Applied Geography Conference: Call for Papers. The 29th Annual Applied Geography Conference will take place this October (11-14) in Tampa, Florida, at the Sheraton Tampa Riverwalk Hotel. Abstracts for papers are due by May 1, 2006. You can get full details on dates for submitting manuscripts, for organizing sessions, and for student posters from our website (www.appliedgeog.org). If you have any other questions, please contact John or Lisa Harrington (co-editors of the *Papers of the Applied Geography Conference* periodical), or Dr. Montz or Dr. Tobin while they are here on April 10.

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 www.k-state.edu/geography/academics/scholarships.html. Application forms are available in S 118. Also see last week's *Globe* for GTU scholarships.

Humboldt Award: Graduate Student Exploratory Research Grant (Cultural Geography Specialty Group (CGSG) of the AAG). This \$500 award is to help offset the costs involved in doing the groundwork for a high quality thesis or dissertation. The awards will be judged based on 1) scholarly merit, 2) organization & clarity of the proposal, and 3) student qualifications to conduct the proposed project. Students who are members of the Cultural Geography Specialty Group may apply. Eligible students should be at the beginning (exploratory) phase of their research project. CGSG especially encourages applications for international fieldwork, or fieldwork that will be a considerable distance outside the vicinity of the student's university location & hometown. The funding must be used during 2006. Applications are at <http://personal.ecu.edu/aldermand/cgsg/>. Applications must be sent electronically to Sara Beth Keough (skeough@utk.edu) & received no later than May 1, 2006. The winner will be contacted in early May. Letters of recommendation should be e-mailed separately to the CGSG Chair, Artimus Keiffer (akeiffer@wittenberg.edu) for verification. Please direct any comments or questions to Keough.

Faculty and Student Activities

Karen De Bres is the 2006 winner of the E. Walter Morrison Award, presented by the Kansas State University Student Foundation. The award is presented annually to a person connected with K-State who exemplifies the qualities of E. Walter Morrison, who in his life and community service exhibited sincerity of purpose, sense of justice, faith in hard work, and perseverance. Dr. De Bres was recognized with the award at the annual KSU Student Foundation Legacy Lecture on April 5 in the Union Ballroom.

Karen De Bres served as a panelist for a Sigma Iota Rho book panel at KSU on April 3rd. The panel was on *Collapse*, by Jared Diamond.

Richard Marston was the invited banquet speaker at the 37th annual South Dakota State Geography Convention, April 7th. His talk was entitled "Ecoregion Analysis: A Basis for Regional Physical Geography."

K-State Open House was Saturday, April 8th. For Geography, Open House 2006 was coordinated by **John Harrington** and **Tom Vought**. Students who helped included **Will Breitzkreitz, Mitch Stimers, Sumo Reddy, Darci Paul, Vicki Tinnon-Brock, Matt Gerike, Patrick Abbott** (many thanks!). Faculty who helped out were **Doug Goodin, Shawn Hutchinson, Jeff Smith, Max Lu, and Lisa Harrington**.

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