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Department of Geography

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On-Campus Speakers

- 19 Apr (W) Seydou Ouedraogo (Burkina Faso Farmer), "How can U.S. policy be formed in a way that benefits agriculture and the rural economies of both here and in the developing nations of the world?" Conf room, IGP Building (Grain Sci bldg on Kimball), 1:15 pm.
- 20 Apr (Th) Bernard Boxill, "Affirmative Action and National Identity," 4:00 PM, Hemisphere Room, Hale Library. (Arts and Sciences Diversity Lecture)
- 21 Apr (F) Steven Ricke (University of Arkansas), "Development of a Food Safety Center: Current Perceptions and Future Goals." Schedule--2:00 Introductory comments; 2:15-3:00 presentation; 3:00-3:15 questions; and 3:15-3:30 Interdisciplinary interaction (National Agricultural Biosecurity Center (NABC) Forum). Union Big 12 Room.
- 24 Apr (M) **John Hart** will present his dissertation proposal, "Legendary Landscapes," 9:00 am, S 164H. A copy will be available in S 118.
- 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," 2:30 pm, Union Little Theater (WESP)

Memorial Reception

A memorial reception and dedication to honor John Johnson will be held Friday, April 21, 4-6 p.m. Remarks will be at 4:30 p.m. in the Hemisphere Room (Hale Library); map collection dedication will be at 5 p.m. on the third floor.

GTU/Geography Club

GTU meeting Tuesday, April 18th, at 4:30 P.M. in Seaton 164H. Topics will include the many upcoming events such as Relay for Life, GTU picnic, Banquet, Speakers for the remainder of the year, and announcement of new officers.

GTU/Geography Club members will participate in American Cancer Society Relay for Life on from 6 p.m. Friday, April 21st, to 6 a.m. Saturday, April 22nd, at Memorial Stadium. Other geography faculty, staff, and students are encouraged to attend. There will be games, bands, entertainment, and more. Anyone and everyone can attend, walk at the event and hang out. Hope to see you there!

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

The 10th Biennial MidAmerican GIS Symposium will be held April 23-27 in Kansas City, Missouri. See <http://magicweb.kgs.ku.edu/> to register and browse the program.

Applied Geography Conference: Call for Papers. The 29th Annual Applied Geography Conference will be October 11-14 in Tampa, Florida. Abstracts for papers are due by May 1, 2006. Get 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, a peer-reviewed publication).

Student Opportunities

Study abroad in London, Fall 2006. Deadline to apply for London program and scholarships: May 1, 2006. The program includes 3-day weekends for individual travel & exploration is still available. A number of \$1,000 scholarships from the Office of International Programs have been designated for this program, and other forms of financial aid are available. See www.k-state.edu/oip/students/index.htm or contact overseas@ksu.edu for more information.

GIS Application Developer (Computer Information Specialist), Office of Mediated Education, KSU. Position to assist with a multidisciplinary effort in Ecological Forecasting to centralize a number of disparate collections of hydrological, geophysical, biological, & sociological data into a centralized system for collaborative research. The goal is to make these data more accessible by establishing web portals for the gathering, analysis, and visualization of data. The successful candidate will have the opportunity to work on a team of dedicated application designers & programmers with cutting-edge technology to develop a state of the art web presence for K-State geoscience research. See <http://ome.ksu.edu/employment/gisapplication.shtml>.

Faculty and Student Activities

Lisa Harrington was an invited speaker at the National Hurricane Conference, Orlando, April 12-14. She presented "Hurricane Katrina: 'Leavers & Stayers' in Southeast Louisiana," coauthored with Joye Gordon and **Bimal Paul**. The talk was picked up by the media, which got the story mostly right (www.floridatoday.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20060414/NEWS04/604140340).

Lisa Harrington has been appointed to the Meredith F. Burrill Award Committee of the AAG, for July 1, 2006-June 30, 2009.

Alumni Achievements Ryan Reker (MA 2004) was awarded the "Outstanding Undergraduate Alumni Award" from the Department of Geography at South Dakota State University. The award was presented at the banquet of the 37th Annual South Dakota State Geography Convention.

Brad Rundquist (PhD)19 has been approved for tenure at the University of North Dakota.

Websites

Union of Concerned Scientists' database on over 800 satellites orbiting Earth: www.ucsusa.org/global_security/space_weapons/satellite_database.html

National Snow & Ice Data Center-photos of glaciers, 1883- 1995: http://nsidc.org/data/glacier_photo/

Gas price outlook: www.eia.doe.gov/emeu/steo/pub/contents.html

Local gas prices: <http://mapgasprices.com/>; www.gasbuddy.com/

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