



# *The Seaton Globe*

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## **On-Campus Speakers**

24 Apr (M) **John Hartly** will present his dissertation proposal, "Legendary Landscapes," 9:00 am, S 164H. A copy will be available in S 118.

26 Apr (W) **Darci Paull** will present and defend her thesis, "Free Land for People: A Study of a New Program for Saving Small Towns in Kansas," 9 am, S 305.

Willem J. de Lange (Natl Inst for Inland Water Mgt, The Netherlands). " Experiences for Integration of Water Basin Modeling Approaches Using GIS Support in Europe and The Netherlands, 2:30 pm, Hemisphere Room, Hale (VPAST Lecture in Emerging Technology).

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)

**Jessica Burnum** will present and defend her thesis, "Spatial Analysis of Seized Methamphetamine Labs in Colorado Springs, CO, 1999-2005," 10 am, S 164H.

**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, Geography, & GTU)

Paul Stapp (CSU-Fullerton), "Spatial subsidies and pulsed resources: Lessons from Insular Communities in the Gulf of California, Mexico," 4 pm, 221 Ackert (Division of Biology)

2 May (T) **Darci Paull** "A Glimpse of the Brazilian Environment," 11:30am, Seaton 164H (Brownbag Presentation)

## **GTU/Geography Club**

Votes are counted, and new officers for next year are: President - Rorik Peterson, Vice president - Mitch Stimers, Treasurer - Felicia Wilcox, Secretary - Chris Motley, and Social Functions - Tom Vought.

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**

If you want to see a short article based on William Wyckoff's work (presented earlier this year at KSU), see: William Wyckoff. 2006. "Second Views of the Treasure State" in *Montana: The Magazine of Western History* 56(1):20-29.

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](http://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).

Call for papers, the American Studies Graduate Committee, UT-Austin: graduate conference on "The American Environment: Within and Without," Austin, Sept 28-29. Propose one paper only. There will be a \$10 registration fee. To propose a paper, please submit a cover page with your name, contact information (mailing address, phone number, & email) for summer and fall, and a 100-word bio for publication in the conference program; a one-page abstract of the paper; and a detailed request for audiovisual equipment. All submissions are due June 30. Presentations will be Sept 29. Submissions of materials in the body of an email or as an attachment in Word, text, or PDF documents, sent to [utamst06@gmail.com](mailto:utamst06@gmail.com), are preferred. Contact the conference co-chairs, Rebecca Onion & Lisa Powell ([utamst06@gmail.com](mailto:utamst06@gmail.com)) with questions.

## **Student Opportunities**

### **Coursework:**

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](http://www.k-state.edu/oip/students/index.htm).

Careers in Science and Engineering (DEN 130/DAS 130) will meet this fall (W 3:30-5:20 pm, Fiedler Auditorium). The course will focus on a different engineering or science field every week. The objective of this course is to familiarize students with the variety and types of career opportunities available to science & engineering graduates. Practicing engineers & scientists will be invited to come to campus to share information about their careers, the type of work they do, typical salary ranges, and advice they have about earning a science or engineering degree. Two \$500 awards are to be given away by drawing to students who successfully complete DEN 130 fall term. Only students with excellent attendance will be eligible for the drawing.

### **Jobs:**

Fort Leavenworth's Directorate of Installation Support (DIS) is seeking a summer intern to assist with the development and up keep of the Directorate's geographic information system (GIS). Key roles of the summer intern will be to provide hands-on geospatial data development and georeferencing of key installation features. See the geography job board or Dr. Hutchinson for additional details. Interested persons should forward a cover letter and resume to: Jeff Helton, GIS Coordinator, 820 McClellan Ave., Fort Leavenworth, Kansas 66047. (913) 684-8937 email: [jeffrey.helton@leavenworth.army.mil](mailto:jeffrey.helton@leavenworth.army.mil)

Point Inc. is looking for good people that have experience in the geomatics field. Positions primarily would be technical support and/or product testing in the Olathe, KS, office. Point, Inc is a company that manufactures GPS hardware and software for the survey and construction market (joint owned by NovAtel in Canada and Sokkia in Japan). They also are involved in GIS. Please check [www.point-inc.com/careers/index.html](http://www.point-inc.com/careers/index.html).

### **Professional Development Workshops:**

The NSF ADVANCE Programs at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC) & Virginia Tech announce professional development workshops for future science & engineering faculty. Programs are for post-doctoral research fellows & upper-level graduate students who are interested in pursuing a faculty career in the US. There are opportunities July 13-15 at UMBC, and July 20-22 at VA Tech. The workshops, funded by NSF, are intended to provide post-doctoral research fellows & upper-level graduate students, particularly women, in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics fields with the skills necessary to become successful tenure-track faculty in the US. Special attention is paid to including women from underrepresented groups. Participants must apply & be accepted; participants will be selected for only one workshop. Funds are available to help defray the cost of participation. The application is available at [www.umbc.edu/advance/faculty\\_horizons.html](http://www.umbc.edu/advance/faculty_horizons.html) or [www.advance.vt.edu/2006\\_Conference/conf.html](http://www.advance.vt.edu/2006_Conference/conf.html) (April 10-May 8). Email [advance@umbc.edu](mailto:advance@umbc.edu); for general information about ADVANCE, visit [www.advance-portal.net](http://www.advance-portal.net).

## **Faculty and Student Activities**

**Richard Marston** was named University Distinguished Professor. !!

[www.mediarelations.k-state.edu/Web/News/NewsReleases/udp41806.html](http://www.mediarelations.k-state.edu/Web/News/NewsReleases/udp41806.html)

The Kansas NSF EPSCoR office was recently notified that "Building Research Infrastructure to Address Grand Challenge Problems in Ecological Forecasting" was funded by the National Science Foundation. This 3 year project involves collaboration among faculty at KU, K-State & Ft Hays State and is funded at 2.25 million per year. **John Harrington, Jr.** is one of the K-State co-PIs; he will administer a 'geography' budget of 325,000 for the 3-year project ([www.nsf.gov/awardsearch/showAward.do?AwardNumber=0553722](http://www.nsf.gov/awardsearch/showAward.do?AwardNumber=0553722)).

**John Harrington, Jr.** has been awarded a \$1,000 travel award from the Kansas NSF EPSCoR office.

### **GEOG 821 presentations (S164H)**

April 25	3:55 pm	Jeremy Aber: Landscape of the American Video Arcade
April 27	3:55 pm	Patrick Abbott: Interpretations along the Oregon Trail
	4:30 pm	Travis Smith: A Spatial and Temporal Analysis of Western Film
May 2	3:35 pm	Ron Trimper: The Effect of the Main Street Revitalization Program in Kansas
	4:30 pm	Rorik Peterson: Spatial Reorganization of Kansas Counties
May 4	3:55 pm	Derek George: Is Scenery Important to Economic Attraction
	4:30 pm	Felicia Wilcox: Eminent Domain and Residential Displacement

### **Websites**

The National Agricultural Library (NAL) has launched the NAL Digital Repository (NALDR), with the full text of selected USDA publications: <http://naldr.nal.usda.gov/>

### **Powercat Graticule Mugs**

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