



# *The Seaton Globe*

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The newsletter is viewable on the department's website ([www.ksu.edu/geography](http://www.ksu.edu/geography)). Note that links found in the newsletter will work if you go to the online version.

**Welcome back! And welcome to new students, and to new faculty member Deborah Che.**

## **Fall Reception**

The Marstons will host the annual Fall Reception for faculty, staff, graduate students, undergraduate majors, and friends of K-State Geography at their home on Sunday, August 27th, from 4:30-6:30pm. Their address is 1214 Windsong Lane.

## **Departmental Presentation**

**Sept 1 Matthew Gerike:** "Rethinking Historiographies of Geography: Notes on the Continuous Construction of Geographical Knowledge." Dissertation proposal presentation, 2:30pm, 132 Seaton Hall.

## **Publications**

**Blake, Kevin S.** 2006. Zane Grey and Marshall University's Nickname. *The Zane Grey Review* 21(3):18.

**Marston, Richard.** 2006. President's Column: Geographers Leading Climate Change Studies. *AAG Newsletter* 41(5): 3, 8-9.

**Paul, Bimal Kanti.** 2006. Disaster relief efforts--An update. *Progress in Development Studies* 6(3):211-223.

**Sowers, Jacob.** 2006. Fields of opportunity: wind machines return to the plains. *Great Plains Quarterly* 26:99-112.

Veeck, Gregory, **Deborah Che**, and Ann Veeck. 2006. America's changing farmscape: A study of agricultural tourism in Michigan. *The Professional Geographer* 58(3):235-248.

## **Faculty & Student Activities**

**Doug Goodin** was interviewed about his hantavirus project with Earth And Sky, a short, public interest radio spot that appears on NPR. You can access <http://www.earthsky.org/shows/show.php?date=20060805>.

**John Harrington** and **Shawn Hutchinson** represented Kansas State University at the University Consortium for Geographic Information Science (UCGIS) Summer Assembly on June 28-July 1 in Vancouver, Washington. **John Harrington** also attended the Kansas Geographic Alliance Advanced Institute in Georgetown Colorado, July 31-August 3.

**Shawn Hutchinson** authored or co-authored six poster presentations delivered at the 2006 ESRI International User Conference and 2006 Integrated Training Area Management Workshop.

**Richard Marston** has been elected to the Advisory Board of the Mountain Studies Institute. The Mountain Studies Institute (MSI) is an independent, non-advocacy, not-for-profit mountain research and education institution and high-altitude field station established in 2002 in Silverton, CO. MSI's mission is to enhance understanding and sustainable use of mountains through research and education.

**Richard Marston** is one of eight co-PIs from Kansas State University on a 3-year \$598,000 grant from the USDA Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service (CSREES) to study "Land and Stream Sediment Process Restoration in an Agricultural Watershed."

During the week of August 7, GISSAL and the Department of Geography Computer Teaching Laboratory were used for workshops related to the 2006 Integrated Training Area Management (ITAM) Conference. This annual conference is attended by military land managers and contractors from around the world and is being held this year at KSU and Fort Riley as part of the Strategic Environmental Research and Development (SERDP) grant, on which **Shawn Hutchinson** is a co-investigator.

### **Student Opportunities**

*Call for posters:* Students are invited to present posters for the 29th Annual Applied Geography Conference held in Tampa, FL. The poster session will be held Wednesday evening on October 11<sup>th</sup>. The deadline for submitting an abstract is September 18<sup>th</sup>. Papers and posters presented at the conference and entered in the competition should emphasize completed research and/or projects. Papers dealing with thesis or dissertation *proposals are not appropriate* for presentation at the Applied Geography Conference. For more information, see: <http://appliedgeog.binghamton.edu/html/student.html>. All abstracts should be submitted to Burrell Montz, Department of Geography, Binghamton University, PO Box 6000, Binghamton, NY 13902-6000. Direct questions to Graham Tobin (gtobin@cas.usf.edu) or Burrell Montz (bmontz@binghamton.edu).

*Employment:* The Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) has excellent opportunities for freshly graduated geography/geology/geosciences students. The DIA will be hiring up to seven analysts within the next six months, and there is particular interest in a hydrologist and a couple of geographers that want to specialize in cultural and/or demographic aspects of analysis. Anyone who has an interest in studying exotic foreign cultures, traveling, and working in the Washington area is encouraged to look at available opportunities: see <http://www.dia.mil> and <http://www.diajobs.us/>.

*Internships/employment:* The Environmental Careers Organization (ECO): ECO's mission is to protect and enhance the environment through the development of diverse leaders, the promotion of careers, and the inspiration of individual action. ECO accomplishes this through internships, career advice, publications and research. Check out their website (<http://www.eco.org/careercenter>) if you are interested in pursuing an environmental career, whether working for the EPA, NOAA, National Park Service, US Geological Survey or other agency, for a state or local government, corporation or nonprofit organization.

*Employment & volunteer opportunities:* Career and Employment Services is sponsoring a Part-Time Opportunities Fair, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 24, in the K-State Student Union Ballroom. More information is available online at <http://www.k-state.edu/ces/>. The Career and Employment Services offers many free services for K-State students including individual advising for resume review, interview prep, job search, access to on-line job/internship listings, on-line resume posting, on-campus interviews, career building workshops, mock interviews, University Recognition program for approved internship/coops, and Career fairs.

### **FYI**

Geography grad students are asked to review <http://www.k-state.edu/geography/people/gradstudents.html> to insure that all information is correct. All graduate students, including incoming M.A. and Ph.D. students will have, at minimum, their name, K-State geography degree program, and last degree (type, year, and institution) listed on this site. Students may also opt to have an email address, vCard, and link to personal websites included. Contact Dr. Hutchinson ([shutch@k-state.edu](mailto:shutch@k-state.edu)) for revisions or to have new information

### **Websites**

Michigan State University lists upcoming regional, national, and international conferences in the humanities and social sciences: <http://www.h-net.msu.edu/announce/group.cgi?type=Conferences>.

EarthScope (<http://www.earthscope.org/>), funded by NSF, is an undertaking to apply modern observational, analytical and telecommunications technologies to investigate the structure and evolution of the North American continent and the physical processes controlling earthquakes and volcanic eruptions.