



# *The Seaton Globe*

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Department of Geography

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## Departmental Presentation

**29 Aug Jacob Sowers:** "Negotiating Myths and Reality in the Desert West." Dissertation proposal presentation, 11:00 am, 164H Seaton Hall.

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

## Faculty & Student Activities

### *Publications*

**Blake, Kevin.** 2006. Zane Grey first time in paperback updates. *The Zane Grey Review* 21(4): 24-28.

**Reddy, Sumanth G.,** Doug Henry, and Joseph R. Oppong. 2005. Conflict, diamonds, and the political economy of instability in Africa. *African Geographical Review* 24:51-70.

### *Other Activities*

**Karen DeBres** presented "Food's of freedom or just fair food: An outsider's perspective on a local festival," 18 August, at the Charles I. Brown Historical Symposium in Hale Library. The presentation was based on published research by **Anne Donovan** and Karen DeBres.

**Lisa Harrington** did a live interview for a Florida radio station in June, covering some of the research she has done with **Bimal Paul** and Joye Gordon (Mass Communications) on Hurricane Katrina evacuation decisions.

**Richard Marston** presented a colloquium at the University of Kansas on 23 August, co-sponsored by the KU Department of Geography and KU Environmental Studies Program. The talk was titled "The Geographic Advantage in Studies of Environmental Change."

**Bimal Paul** participated in Voice of America's Bengali program discussing global interfaith conflicts (23 August).

## Student Opportunities

*Employment & volunteer opportunities:* K-State's All-University Career Fair will be 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 19-20, at Bramlage Coliseum. Tips on getting the most out of the fair, as well as information about special workshops being offered prior to the event, are available at <http://www.k-state.edu/ces> and clicking on the career fair icon.

*Call for participation:* The Association of American Geographers joint meeting of the Great Plains-Rocky Mountain Division and the West Lakes Division will take place 5-7 October in Lincoln, Nebraska. The K-State Geography Department will provide a van to take students to the meeting. If you wish to present a paper or poster submit your abstract prior to the 5 September deadline.

Students are especially welcome as special events are planned, including breakfast-with-a-mentor, student paper competition, and the Geography Bowl competition. Information about the meeting is available at <http://calmit.unl.edu/aag/>.

*Call for posters:* Students are invited to present posters for the 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 18 September. Please see <http://appliedgeog.binghamton.edu/html/student.html>. Direct questions to Graham Tobin (gtobin@cas.usf.edu) or Burrell Montz (bmontz@binghamton.edu).

*Call for student papers:* The GIS Specialty Group (GISSG) of the Association of American Geographers will have an Honors Competition for Student Papers on Geographic Information Science (GIS) topics to be presented at the annual meeting. Guidelines and submission requirements are posted at [www.geo.wvu.edu/~jmiller/AAG\\_GISSG.html](http://www.geo.wvu.edu/~jmiller/AAG_GISSG.html). The deadline for abstract submission to this competition is 26 September. Please direct any questions to Jennifer Miller (jennifer.miller@mail.wvu.edu).

The Department of Geography will provide \$200 in travel funds to graduate students who present a paper or poster at the 2007 Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers in San Francisco, CA, 17-21 April. This award will be made to students who do not have their expenses entirely covered by other KSU sources. The AAG call for papers can be found at: <http://www.aag.org/annualmeetings/SF2007/call4papers.cfm>.

KSU Graduate Student Council makes travel grants to students traveling to professional meetings. Upcoming grant periods are: Winter travel (1 Nov.- 28 Feb): 15 Sept deadline; Spring travel (1 March-30 June): 1 Feb deadline. See <http://www.k-state.edu/grad/gsc/travel/tginst.htm>.

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