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

In Memoriam

Kansas State University and the Department of Geography lost one of its scholars and most caring souls Thursday night when Mary Dobbs, PhD candidate, passed away at her home. Mary received her dual B.A. in History and Geography at KSU, and her M.A. in the department. She was serving as an instructor at Emporia State University while working to complete her PhD here at K-State. Mary's dissertation proposal was the first in departmental history to receive support from the NSF's Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant program. Mary was 44 years old and was a single mother caring for three children (Erika, Zach, and Thomas), with one adult son overseas. Her energy, intelligence, and outlook were inspirational to those who knew her. She will be deeply missed.

Her funeral will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday and from 9 a.m. to service time Wednesday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Great Bend Cemetery. Memorials may be sent to the American Red Cross, in care of the funeral home.

KSU Presentations


Dec 6    Jaime Barnes (Univ of New Mexcio): “Studying Serpentinization, Seafloor Tectonics, and Arc Volcanism Using C1 Stable Isotopes,” 4 pm, 213 Thompson Hall. Geology Seminar.


Jan 19    Derek Alderman (East Carolina Univ): “Naming Streets for Martin Luther King Jr: A New Geography of Memory in America,” 3:30 pm, Union Forum Hall. Geography/GTU Colloquium.

Faculty & Student Activities

John Harrington made an invited presentation on global climate change to the Blue Valley Yacht Club. (Yes, there’s a yacht club in the Flint Hills!) on Dec 2. The title was “Rapid Global Change: Assessment, Drivers, and Implications.”

Shawn Hutchinson was named a member of the Food Science Graduate Faculty and Food Science Institute (FSI) on November 14.

Bimal Paul has been selected as Chair, Seminar Committee of the Federation of Bangladesh Associations of North America (FOBANA), for its 2007 conference.

Elizabeth Samson has been accepted into a fieldwork program in Kenya for summer 2007. This is a competitive program run by the School for Field Studies (www.fieldstudies.org/).

Iris Wilson has been selected as one of 5 KSU students to represent K-State in the national competition for Udall Scholarships!

Meetings

Emerging Issues Along Urban/Rural Interfaces: Linking Land-Use Science and Society, to be held April 9-12, 2007 at the Sheraton Atlanta. The focus of this conference is the linking of ecological aspects and human dimensions of land-use science and practice along urban/rural interfaces, with interfaces construed broadly. Conference information & submission instructions can be found at www.sfws.auburn.edu/urbanruralinterfaces.

1 Listed alphabetically
Abstracts can be submitted electronically. Closing date for submission of abstracts is 12/31/06. NSF is providing support money for travel grants ($250-$750) to a sizable number of undergraduate and graduate students who want to attend the conference. Priority will be given to students who contribute actively to the conference program, by making either a paper or poster presentation. Interested students can apply on-line.

**Student Opportunities**

The International Student Center is looking for volunteers for the spring 2007 orientation, to drive newcomers to shopping, for a tour of the area, and to Social Security. They rent a mini van, so there is no need for anyone to have taken the van training course. However, in order to drive the van, you must be employed by K-State either in some way. If you are interested in volunteering, please specify the day(s) and time(s) you would like to help. Times include: Jan 4 & 5: 10-noon; Jan 8, 9, & 10: 10-noon, noon-2, 2-4. Contact Maria Beebe, 2-6448.

**Websites**

An enlightening look at problematic charts is provided at [http://junkcharts.typepad.com](http://junkcharts.typepad.com). Use it as a guide regarding what to consider in your own graphs and charts.


Climate change glossaries, acronym definitions, and gazetteers are provided by NASA at: [http://gcmd.gsfc.nasa.gov/Resources/FAQs/acronyms.html](http://gcmd.gsfc.nasa.gov/Resources/FAQs/acronyms.html)

The Smithsonian Institution has an online exhibition of satellite imagery at [www.earthfromspace.si.edu/online_exhibition.asp](http://www.earthfromspace.si.edu/online_exhibition.asp). It includes subsections on the living planet, water and air, structure of the land, the human presence, and satellite technology.

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