The newsletter is viewable on the department's website (www.ksu.edu/geography). Links below will work through the online version.

**KSU Presentations**

Dec 12  “Air Quality Initiatives that Relate to Food Safety & Security,” 1-2:30 pm, Union 206. NABC Forum.

Dec 13  Antoinette Satterfield: Open Forum as part of interview for Government Resources Librarian and Specialist in Geography, 10 am Hale Hemisphere Room.

Dec 14  Laura Sare: Open Forum as part of interview for Government Resources Librarian and Specialist in Geography, 10 am Hale Hemisphere Room.

Dec 20  Chella Vaidyanathan: Open Forum as part of interview for Government Resources Librarian and Specialist in Geography, 1:30 pm Hale Hemisphere Room.

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.

**Departmental Holiday Party**

We would like to invite you all to an informal year end/holiday celebration on Tuesday, December 12th. It will be held in the main office - Room 118. This is a potluck, so please bring something to share if you are able. Start time is 11:30 am, but welcome you to stop by at anytime throughout the day. If your schedule will not allow for you to stay & socialize, feel free to stop in long enough to grab a bite & refuel before your next final exam. We hope to see you all there!

**Mary Dobbs**

K-State awarded the PhD in Geography to Mary Dobbs, posthumously, on December 8th. Her oldest son, Chris Dobbs (aka Donovan Master) received it. The three younger children, Erica, Zach, & Thomas will be living with one of their aunts, Bonnie Fairchild. Materials (including donations for support of the kids) can be sent to the Mary Bird Dobbs Family, c/o Bonnie Fairchild, 2788 Melchester Dr., Herndon, VA 22071.

**Student Opportunities**

Several GIS positions are available at Langley AFB. See http://jobsearch.tyco.newjobs.com/jobsearch.asp?q=GIS&re=o&sort=rv&tm=&col=dltcj&CY=US%2CCA&brd=113&vw=b

The Cowley County MIS Department is seeking applicants for the position of GIS Coordinator. Under the direction of the MIS Director, this position is responsible for the operation of the Cowley County GIS through programming, software evaluation & installation, system operation & assistance to all departments. This position consults with the County staff to operate the geographic information functions of the County. Salary range for this position will be $35,380 to $41,371 annually. Excellent benefits provided. Applications are on the web at www.cowleycounty.org. Position will be open until filled. Cowley County is an EOE.

Michigan Tech is recruiting students for their new Peace Corps Master's International Program in Applied Science Education, where students combine service in the Peace Corps with study & research to earn a master's degree in Applied Science Education. Students spend one year at Michigan Tech before being assigned to a post with the Peace Corps. Those who complete the program will be close to teacher certification in the state of Michigan. They are looking for applicants with an undergraduate degree in any field of science, including geography, & a strong academic record. They should have an international outlook & a strong commitment to service in the global community. The program is appropriate both for those planning a career in science education & for those who desire a unique international experience before pursuing other vocations. Application is made simultaneously to the MI program & to the Peace Corps. Details are provided at www.ed.mtu.edu/peacecorps/index.html. Please contact Dr Sarah Green (sgreen@mtu.edu) or Dr Brad Baltensperger (brad@mtu.edu) for more information.

*** Happy Holidays! ***