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Department of Geography

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On-Campus Speakers

7 Feb: **Dr. Deborah Che** (Western Michigan University)

Opportunities and Challenges in Strengthening Michigan's Agriculture and Tourism Industries through Agritourism 11 am, Union Big 12 Rm. [Geography Speaker]

10 Feb: **Dr. William Wyckoff** (Montana State University)

Rephotographing Montana: Exploring a Western American Landscape

4:00 pm, Big 12 Room. [Geography Colloquium speaker]

Reception 6:30-8:30pm, home of Richard & Linda Marston, 1214 Windsong Lane (587-4149).

Faculty, staff, students, & friends of Geography are invited.

GTU/Geography Club

Bramlage cleanup on Feb 11, with a call time of 4pm. Meet at Section 21 of the arena.

The Geography Club/GTU is sponsoring our first ever ***Relay for Life*** team this year. Relay for Life starts Friday, April 21 at 6:00 pm and goes till Saturday, April 22 at 6:00 am. It's a fun 12 hour event located at the Old Stadium on campus. Geography Club/GTU will pay your \$10 registration fee (which includes a t-shirt). If you raise \$100 or more you will eat for free and get other prizes all evening long. This is a great opportunity to get involved in a worthy cause and also have a good time with other geographers. If you are interested or want more information please contact either Sumanth Reddy (sreddy@ksu.edu) or Darci Paull (btbdarci@ksu.edu). Registration & donations can be done online at www.acsevents.org/ksu, or you can do it the old fashioned way (Darci has the forms in Seaton 20). If you do choose to register online please still talk to Sumo or Darci so we can get you signed up for a t-shirt & registration fee. Please consider helping a good cause and representing the Kansas State Geography Department.

KSU Geographers' Activities

Doug Goodin was an invited participant in a National Academies of Science workshop on the "Contributions of Remote Sensing for Decisions about Human Welfare," January 30-31, Washington, DC.

On Saturday, January 28, the Department of Geography once again contributed to the "Engineers and Scientists to the Rescue" workshop sponsored by the KSU Women in Engineering and Science Program (WESP). Geography students **Iris Wilson, Clancy Jensen, Darci Paull, & Tom Vought** provided content and hands-on exercises dealing with tornado climatology, vulnerability to tornado hazards, and the utility of geographic information systems, with **Shawn Hutchinson** as supervisor. They hosted approximately 30 middle school girls from across the state of Kansas in three one-hour sessions.

K-State Passwords

Wednesday, Feb. 8, is the deadline for all K-Staters to change the password on their eID for spring semester. To change it, sign in at eid.k-state.edu and select the password "change" link on your eProfile page. For security purposes, passwords cannot be reused within a two-year period.

A&S Student/Faculty Member of the Month

The Arts and Sciences College Council has established new awards, the A&S Student and Faculty Member of the Month. Students will nominate faculty and faculty will nominate students for the award. Up to one award in each category will be selected. A certificate and possibly a small token of appreciation will be presented to each month's winner, and winners' names will be publicized. If you have questions about the award or wish to obtain nomination forms, please contact Assistant Dean Allison Wheatley (aliwheat@ksu.edu; 2-6900) or the president of the College Council, Adam Kretzer (abk5533@ksu.edu).

Student Opportunities

Videotaped Practice Interviews: Thursday, February 9, 1-4 pm, Holtz Hall. Interview with a CES rep, get feedback and a DVD to take home. Call CES to schedule your interview time (532-6506).

Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) - Program In Water Research The Water Center at Colorado State University is seeking applications for its 2006 NSF Research Experiences for Undergraduates program in Water Research at Colorado State University. Fifteen select undergraduate students will undertake an individual research project in water research under the supervision of a Colorado State University faculty member. The research will be performed at Colorado State University during 8 weeks in the summer (June and July). In addition to their research experience, students will participate in weekly workshops, seminars and discussions on topics in water research, and field excursions to introduce them to important water issues. Students will present the results of their research (in the form of papers or posters) at an end-of-program symposium. Students will be encouraged to present their work also at the CSU's Undergraduate Research and Creativity Symposium during Fall Semester 2006, and to participate in the 2007 edition of the AGU Hydrology Days at Colorado State University. REU students will receive a stipend of \$3,000 for participation in the program. Students will be provided with housing during the 8-week summer program. Reimbursement for child care expenses may be available on request. Eligibility Requirements: 1) At least a junior standing in an appropriate major at the time of application with good academic standing; 2) students must have at least one semester left prior to graduation as of June 1, 2006; 3) application form completed and submitted on-line with a copy of transcripts and two letters of reference; 4) one-two page essay describing student's interest in water research. Application Procedure: Only on-line applications will be accepted. In order to apply, go to <http://waterreu.colostate.edu/> and follow the directions provided. The process includes filling out a short on-line form, providing copies of official transcripts, and obtaining two letters of reference. For additional questions you may contact Dr. Jorge Ramirez (Jorge.Ramirez@ColoState.edu).

Summer Field Research Opportunities in Landscape Evolution Mesa State College will host an REU program entitled "A Field-Based Study of Landscape Evolution in Western Colorado." The program will provide 12 undergraduate students (sophomore or junior standing in the Fall of 2006 preferred) to conduct field-based research in western Colorado. The program will be for 8 weeks (May 16-July 11), & will involve ~6 weeks of field work & attendance at the Rocky Mt Section Geological Society of America (GSA) meeting, and ~2 weeks of data compilation & synthesis. Each student participant will receive a weekly stipend (\$2400 for the 8 wk period), housing, a meal allowance, & round-trip travel to & from Grand Junction, CO. Students will receive a travel allowance to attend several GSA Rocky Mtn section meetings. Fieldwork will involve a combination of geological mapping, field observations, stratigraphic studies, & GPS surveys. When not in the field, students will be housed in Mesa State's dormitories, and will have most weekends free. Grand Junction is close to many great areas such as Canyonlands/Arches NP, & the San Juan Mountains. Details of the REU program & application materials are available at www.mesastate.edu/nsfreu. Application deadline is March 6; applicants must be U.S. citizens. For questions, please contact Andres Aslan (aaslan@mesastate.edu).

Race, Ethnicity, and Place Conference

The third international Race, Ethnicity, and Place Conference will be held at Texas State University in San Marcos, TX on 1-4 November 2006. The conference will include nationally distinguished public speakers,

scholars of various disciplines from throughout the world, and students from across the continent who will discuss contemporary diversity and equity issues, particularly those affecting Latinos and African Americans. Important conference themes that touch people of all racial and ethnic heritages will be quality education, healthcare accessibility, affordable housing, and immigration. To register or submit paper/poster/session abstracts for the conference, visit <http://rep-conference.binghamton.edu/>. For additional details, e-mail REP3@geo.txstate.edu.

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Websites

This week's theme: *study techniques*

Cornell note taking method www.westshore.edu/webs/ltc/cornell_note_taking_method.htm
Cornell note taking www.clt.cornell.edu/campus/learn/LSC%20Resources/cornellsystem.pdf
Study skills/self-help www.ucc.vt.edu/stdysk/stdyhelp.html
Ten bad listening habits www.dartmouth.edu/~acskills/docs/10_bad_listening_habits.doc

Quotes

“They should remove his batteries.” -T. Vought (*whose batteries?*)

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