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**On-Campus Speaker**

2 Mar (Th): Alan Leshner (CEO of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and Executive Publisher of the *Science*), "The Current Context for Science, Society, and Public Policy." Hemisphere Room, Hale Library, 3:30 p.m. [Provost Lecture Series]

**Professional Activities**


**Scott Deaner** and **Anne Donovan** each received travel grants from Graduate Student Council.

**KSU Presentations at AAG Meeting in Chicago**

**Wednesday, March 8th**

8:20 **John A. Harrington, Jr.** & Andrew C. Comrie: A Geography of SPI-Derived Drought Exposure in the United States

10:40 **Max Lu**: Mortality in the American Great Plains: Is there an urban-rural divide?


1:00 **M. Duane Nellis**—discussant—Frontiers in Human-Environment Geography 2: Knowledge Management and Cyberinfrastructure for Human-Environment Collaboration

2:20 **Bimal K. Paul**: The 2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami Emergency Relief: A Review

3:00 **Jacob Sowers**: Wonder Valley: A Place In-Between

7:30 World Geography Bowl

**Thursday, March 9th**

10:00 **Shawn Hutchinson, L. Emerson**, S. Oko: Agricultural Biosecurity and GIS: A Site Evaluation Model for Livestock Disposal

1:40 **Jeffrey Smith**—discussant—Geography Undergraduate Program Assessment

1:20 **Lisa M.B. Harrington**, Joye Gordon, & **Bimal Kanti Paul**: Factors Related to Hurricane Katrina Evacuation and Nonevacuation in Southeastern Louisiana

3:00 **Bimal Kanti Paul**—panelist—Katrina: Change of Scape, Change of Plans

5:00 **Clancy Jensen**, Levi Gahman, Ian Gray, **Iris Wilson**: Societal Response to Hydro Climatic Variation in Southwest Kansas (poster)

5:00 **John Harrington**—speaker—Harold A. "Duke" Winters Tribute Session

5:00 **Richard Marston**—speaker—Harold A. "Duke" Winters Tribute Session

6:10 **Richard Marston**—discussant—Career Development and Graduate Geography
Friday, March 10th

8:20  **David E. Koch, Douglas Goodin, Shawn Hutchinson:** Hantavirus transmission model testing using cellular automata-like systems and GIS

10:00  **Jeffrey S. Smith:** The Significance of Penitente Moradas in Folk Geography

12:40  **Mary Dobbs:** The Economic Effects of the Conservation Reserve Program.

4:00  **Kevin S. Blake:** Art, Symbolism, and Place Identity in the Landscape of Lighthouses

4:20  **Anne Donovan:** A Cookbook Approach to the Experience of Place: An Examination of Place Representation Through Contemporary Chinese Cookbooks

8:00-10:00 pm: Dr. Marston’s Reception, KSU Geography, the Penthouse Suite of the Palmer House

Saturday, March 11th

8:00  **Christopher R. Laingen:** Abandoned Farmsteads and Hog Farming in Southwestern Minnesota

8:40  **Karen J. DeBres:** The Geographies of Power and Privilege at Plains Land-Grant Colleges I 1862-1918

9:00  **Charles W. Martin:** Vertical Heavy Metal Trends from Two Radiocarbon Dated Sediment Cores, Dill River, central Germany

10:40  **John P. Harty:** Legendary Landscapes: Paul Bunyan and the Northwoods

11:00  **Laura M. Moley:** Creating Overland Park: Landscape Aesthetics and Community Development

2:00  **Mitchel J. Stimers:** A Relative Severity Index for Tornado Events: An Index to Describe the Effects of a Tornado on Individual Communities

2:20  **L. Scott Deaner:** The "Mighty MOX" and the Geography of Cardinal Country

3:20  **Douglas G. Goodin & Rhett Mohler:** An Object-Oriented Approach to Land Cover Classification at an Atlantic Forest Site

4:20  **Matthew J. Gerike:** Spaces and Places of Geography in the New Yorker Magazine

*Dr. Marston will be active as Chair and Introducer for a number of sessions throughout the meeting. Other faculty members also are serving as session chairs at a variety of times. For more information on AAG sessions, see [http://communicate.aag.org/eseries/aag_org/program/index.cfm?mtgID=51](http://communicate.aag.org/eseries/aag_org/program/index.cfm?mtgID=51).*

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**Summer Course**

Geography of Religion and Sacred Places (GEOG 490, Ref 02390) will be offered in the 1st summer session (June 5th-30th). The class will be instructed by Jacob Sowers and will meet Monday-Friday, 12:40-2:40 pm. The enrollment will be capped at 20 students so as to allow greater student interactions. The two hour blocks will include lecture, discussion of readings, group activities, film
presentations, and guest speakers. The content will focus on source regions of major world religions, movement/dispersal of major world religions, religious landscape features, the controversial meetings of the sacred and profane, and the preservation and destruction of sacred places. If you have any questions please email Jacob at jsowers@ksu.edu or stop by his office Seaton 126.

**Job Opportunities**

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State Department Map Library (Virginia) “Interesting place to work with opportunity for travel. The library is looking for geographers with GIS training/experience.” 703-487-8008 fax resume; 703-742-8642 voice

**National Weather Service**

Skywarn Spotter Training 2006
March 01, 2006 Manhattan, KS (Riley County)
7:00 pm Ramada Inn

**Kansas Severe Weather Awareness Week is March 13 - 17, 2006**

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