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## **On-Campus Speakers**

23 Jan: **President George W. Bush**

*Landon Lecture*, 11 a.m. Bramlage Coliseum. Tickets generally required.

24 Jan: **Mr. Jeff Onsted** (ABD, University of California-Santa Barbara)

*Examining the Effectiveness of California's Land Conservation Act*

11 am, Union Little Theater [GISci speaker]

26 Jan: **Dr. Deborah Thomas** (University of Colorado-Denver)

*Geographical Contributions to Examining Racially Biased Policing in Denver*

11 am, Union Little Theater [GISci speaker]

27 Jan: **Dr. Kirstin Dow** (University of South Carolina)

*Vulnerability and Adaptation in Water Resources Management: The Case for Greater Scientist-Stakeholder Collaboration*

3:30 pm, Union Big 12 Room. [Geography Colloquium speaker]

Evening reception: 6:30-8:30, Harrington house

31 Jan: **Dr. Jill Coleman** (Ohio State University)

*Atmospheric Circulation Types Associated with Cause-Specific Daily Mortality in the Central United States*

11 am, Union Big 12 Room. [Geography Speaker]

3 Feb: **Dr. Curtis Holder** (University of Colorado-Colorado Springs)

*Seeing Through the Fog: The Hydrological Significance of a Tropical Montane Cloud Forest in Guatemala*

3 pm, Seaton 132. [Geography Speaker]

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 Room. [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]

## **GTU/Geography Club**

The Beta Psi chapter at KSU has been named the 2005 GTU Chapter of the Year by Gamma Theta Upsilon, the International Geographical Honor Society. The award is given to an outstanding chapter that exemplifies active participation at their school. This is the second time in recent years that the K-Sate chapter has won the prestigious award, having also been recognized as Chapter of the Year for 2000. Though small in size, the Beta Psi chapter is one of the most active in the United States. In three of the last five years a member of the Beta Psi chapter won the Buzzard scholarship, awarded annually based on nationwide competition. The chapter raises funds to help students attend professional meetings, co-sponsors geography speakers at KSU, and is active with variety of educational and other activities.

## **Current GTU Activities**

GTU/Geography Club meeting: Jan 23, 4:15 pm, Room S131.

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

## **Professional Activities**

**John Harrington** participated in a National Science Foundation Long Term Ecological Research team meeting on Agrarian Transitions in Tempe, Arizona, January 16-18.

## **Student Opportunities**

**Budweiser Conservation Scholarship Program.** Anheuser-Busch & the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation are seeking applications from graduate & undergraduate students in the US for the 2006 Budweiser Conservation Scholarship Program. This competitive scholarship program supports & promotes innovative research or study that seeks to respond to today's most pressing conservation issues. The program will provide a minimum of 10 scholarships of up to \$10,000 each to cover students' expenses for tuition, fees, books, room & board, and other direct expenses related to their studies. Awards will be made based on merit and will take into consideration the student's academic achievements & ability and commitment to develop innovative solutions that are designed to address pressing issues affecting fish, wildlife, & plant conservation efforts. For more information, see <http://fconline.fdncenter.org/pnd/5002316/nfwf>. The deadline is January 27.

**National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR) Graduate Student Visitor Program.** The NCAR Advanced Study Program (ASP) has established a new Graduate Student Visitor Program. The program is designed to provide NCAR staff opportunities to bring graduate students to NCAR for 3- to 12-month collaborative visits with the endorsement of their thesis advisors and in pursuit of their thesis research. These visits have the goal of enhancing NCAR partnerships with other public and private institutions. To learn more, see [www.asp.ucar.edu/gradvisitor/](http://www.asp.ucar.edu/gradvisitor/).

**NASA: DEVELOP Summer Internship Program.** NASA has announced an internship program for undergraduate & graduate students with an interest in GIS or Remote Sensing. This is a paid 10-week internship program located at NASA Ames Research Center in Mountain View, CA, beginning June 5 (for semester system). Student teams research NASA science capabilities relevant to community concerns, create & complete projects using remote sensing & GIS, and create advanced computer generated visualizations demonstrating research results. Activities are student-led, with mentors from NASA & partner organizations. A stipend will be provided for selected students. Housing for students will be provided near the DEVELOP facilities, with accessible public transportation. Per diem & other travel costs for fieldwork conducted during the program are covered. The application deadline is March 31. Telephone interviews will be conducted shortly after applications are received. Students selected for a summer 2006 DEVELOP internship will be notified by April 28, 2006. For more information, see <http://develop.larc.nasa.gov/> or contact Cindy Schmidt (650/604-0021; [cschmidt@mail.arc.nasa.gov](mailto:cschmidt@mail.arc.nasa.gov)).

**Current Jobs for Graduates.** Career and Employment Services at KSU subscribes to an on-line resource geared toward students who have a degree from a liberal arts discipline such as geography. Access the site by going to [www.graduatejobs.com](http://www.graduatejobs.com). Click on "Subscribers;" user name is 'ksu' & password is ces66506.

**KSU Academic and Career Information Center (ACIC).** ACIC is seeking Career Specialists, to begin employment for Fall 2006. ACIC provides information for students who are exploring and selecting academic majors and career options. Career Specialists are student workers who assist people individually in the career planning process. Qualifications for employment include 1) willingness to participate in a paraprofessional training program, 2) minimum GPA of 2.75, 3) a 30 credit hour minimum completed by May 2006, 4) ability to work with minimum supervision, and 5) time commitment of at least 8 hours/week. Informational meetings will be held on January 30, January 31, &

February 9 at 4:00pm in Holton Hall room 14. If interested but unable to attend any of the informational meetings, contact Michelle Haupt at 532-7494 or mhaupt@ksu.edu.

**Research and Exploration in Patagonia Expedition.** Students can gain fieldwork experience following graduation as a member of Global Vision International's research and exploration expedition in Patagonia. Expedition members join the GVI team throughout the year for periods of 3 months. The expedition combines conservation work with arduous physical challenges, exploring and trekking through untouched & unique habitats in Patagonia. GVI is particularly interested in recruiting students from the fields of geology & geography and other related degree courses. The 12 week expedition costs \$5,460, including all food, equipment and accommodation. Further details, including a detailed expedition briefing are outlined at [www.gvi.co.uk/pages/projectDetail.asp?expedition=74](http://www.gvi.co.uk/pages/projectDetail.asp?expedition=74) or can be requested by contacting GVI directly (888-653-6028 or [nancy@gviusa.com](mailto:nancy@gviusa.com)).

**Congressional Internships.** College undergraduates (including graduating seniors) are being sought to serve in a Congressional internship program where students work for members of the Congressional Black Caucus. CBCF must receive your application by Feb. 6. Program dates are May 28, 2006 - July 29, 2006. Interns will be based in Washington, DC, where they will be provided with housing and a stipend. Visit [www.cbcfinc.org](http://www.cbcfinc.org) for more information and an application.

### **Websites**

GIS Data and Resources at NSIDC: <http://nsidc.org/data/gis/>.

Global Land Ice Measurements from Space (GLIMS) Glacier Database: <http://nsidc.org/data/nsidc-0272.html>. Region & GIS compatible output choices are given.

Online Glacier Photograph Collection: <http://nsidc.org/data/g00472.html>. Metadata from this collection has been incorporated in EarthSLOT ([www.earthslot.org](http://www.earthslot.org)).

[www.careersabroad.co.uk](http://www.careersabroad.co.uk) lists placements and career opportunities for graduates, students, and professionals looking for practical fieldwork experience, at the same time benefiting local non-governmental or aid reliant organizations.

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