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## ***Welcome to a New Year!***

### **On-Campus Speakers**

19 Jan: Wanhong Yang (University of Guelph), TBA, 11, place TBA [GISci speaker]

24 Jan: Jeff Onsted (ABD, University of California-Santa Barbara), TBA, 11, place TBA [GISci speaker]

26 Jan: Deborah Thomas (University of Colorado-Denver), TBA, 11, place TBA [GISci speaker]

27 Jan: Kirstin Dow (University of South Carolina), "Vulnerability and Adaptation in Water Resources Management: The Case for Greater Scientist-Stakeholder Collaboration," 3:30, Big 12 Room. (Evening reception: 6:30-8:30, Harrington place)

10 Feb: William Wyckoff (Montana State University), "Rephotographing Montana: Exploring a Western American Landscape," 4:00, Big 12 Room.

### **In Memoriam**

John Johnson, Geography graduate (BA and MA); Associate Professor at Hale Library, specializing in government documents; and friend of the department, passed away on January 2<sup>nd</sup>. He will be missed. Memorial contributions may be made to the KSU Botanical Gardens.

### **GTU/Geography Club Activities**

The Beta Psi Chapter of Gamma Theta Upsilon has received the 2005 GTU Chapter of the Year award. This adds to the record of excellence and past awards for our chapter and chapter members!

### **K State Geographers' Activities**

#### **Publication**

VanLooy, J.A., and **C.W. Martin**. 2005. Channel and vegetation change on the Cimarron River, Southwestern Kansas, 1953-2001. *Annals of the Association of American Geographers* 95(4):727-739. [This is based on Jeff's KSU masters thesis, with Chuck Martin advising.]

#### **Meeting Participation**

**Bimal Kanti Paul**, on sabbatical leave in Bangladesh, participated in a conference on Hurricane Katrina on 7 January. The Foreign Minister of Bangladesh and other officials attended the conference. The meeting was covered by TV and newspapers.

### **Student Opportunities**

#### **Student Conservation Association Internships**

SCA is offering students an opportunity to gain skills in GIS mapping & GPS technology through hands-on 12 week to 10 month internships. GIS/GPS internships include a wide range of opportunities. Many other internships not involving GIS also are available. See [www.thesca.org](http://www.thesca.org) for a listing of current positions and information about applying.

### **Society of Woman Geographers Fellowships**

The SWG Pruitt National Fellowship for Dissertation Research Program invites applications from women Ph.D. students for the annual Pruitt competition. SWG expects to make two awards of up to \$15,000 for 2006-7. Applications are due by February 1; awards will be announced by April 15.

The SWG invites applications also for the Pruitt National Minority Fellowship Program. Women who are members of a minority group and who have been admitted to and plan to enroll in a Masters program in geography or geographical aspects of an allied field are strongly encouraged to apply. It is expected that an award of \$5,000 will be made for 2006-7. Applications are due by May 15. It is expected that the award will be announced by July 1.

Application guidelines for either the dissertation or minority program should be requested from Dr. Ruth I. Shirey, Chair of the SWG National Fellowship Committee ([rishirey@iup.edu](mailto:rishirey@iup.edu)).

### **Kansas Graduate Student Research Forum**

The Graduate Student Council is organizing the 11th Annual Graduate Research Forum on campus on March 3 and the 3rd Annual Graduate Student Capitol Research Summit at the Capitol on March 8, in collaboration with the University of Kansas and Wichita State University. These events provide students an invaluable experience to present their work to fellow graduate students, faculty members on campus, and Kansas legislators at the Capitol.

The GSC is now accepting abstracts for these events. The deadline for submitting an abstract to both these events is 5:00 pm on January 25. The abstracts submission is an online process. For further information about these events, instructions and guidelines for submitting an abstract, visit [www.ksu.edu/grad/gsc/research](http://www.ksu.edu/grad/gsc/research). The GRF is evaluated by a panel of judges in different disciplines. There are awards in the form of gift cards to K-State Student Union. The Topeka Capitol Research Summit is highly competitive and only 8 posters from K-State will make it to the Capitol.

### **NASA Internship**

NASA is offering the DEVELOP Summer 2006 Internship Program for undergraduate and 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, California that begins June 5, 2006 (for semester system) or June 19 (for quarter system).

DEVELOP is a NASA Science Mission Directorate Applied Sciences Program that fosters human capital development to extend science research to local communities. Student teams research NASA science capabilities relevant to community concerns, create and complete projects using remote sensing and GIS techniques, and create advanced computer generated visualizations demonstrating research results. The activities are student-led, with mentors from NASA and partner organizations.

A stipend will be provided for selected students. Housing will be provided and is located near the DEVELOP facilities, with accessible public transportation. The Program also covers per diem and other travel costs for fieldwork conducted during the Program. The deadline for receiving completed applications is March 31. Telephone interviews will be conducted shortly after applications are received. Students selected for a summer 2006 internship will be notified by April 28. For further information on the Internship Program, access <http://develop.larc.nasa.gov/>. See or e-mail Lisa Harrington ([lbutlerh@ksu.edu](mailto:lbutlerh@ksu.edu)) for an application. For more information or clarification contact Cindy Schmidt ([cschmidt@mail.arc.nasa.gov](mailto:cschmidt@mail.arc.nasa.gov)).

### **Dendroecology Workshop**

The Laboratory of Tree-Ring Research (<http://www.ltrr.arizona.edu/>><http://www.ltrr.arizona.edu/>) at University of Arizona is offering a short course on dendroecology May 15–June 2. This three-week intensive course will introduce students to basic theory and techniques in dendroecology. Lectures, laboratory training, and a multi-day field trip including data collection are integral to the course. The

class is designed for graduate or advanced undergraduate students or with an interest in the field, as well as faculty and postdoctoral researchers. Working professionals in forest ecology and management with suitable background are also welcome.

Dendroecology can be taken for undergraduate or graduate credit by registering with the University of Arizona for GEOS (Geosciences) 497k/597k. Registration will be limited to 20 students. Tuition will be payable to the University of Arizona upon acceptance into the course by the instructors and submission of application materials. On-campus housing is available near the LTRR and must be arranged separately. The course fee includes meals and accommodations during the field trip only. For more information contact one of the instructors (Donald Falk [dafalk@u.arizona.edu](mailto:dafalk@u.arizona.edu)>[dafalk@u.arizona.edu](mailto:dafalk@u.arizona.edu) or Thomas Swetnam [tswetnam@u.arizona.edu](mailto:tswetnam@u.arizona.edu)>[tswetnam@u.arizona.edu](mailto:tswetnam@u.arizona.edu)).

### **Meetings**

**International Conference On Interdisciplinary Social Sciences**, University of the Aegean, Island of Rhodes, Greece, 18-21 July 2006. The conference will examine the nature of disciplinary and interdisciplinary practices across the social sciences, as well as the relation of the social to the natural sciences, applied sciences and the professions. The focus of papers will range from the finely grained & empirical (research practices and results exemplifying one or more disciplines), to wide-ranging multi-disciplinary & transdisciplinary practices, to perspectives on knowledge & method. One of the featured themes of the 2006 conference will be interdisciplinary perspectives on gender. Presenters may choose to submit written papers for consideration before or after the conference in the fully refereed International Journal of the Interdisciplinary Social Sciences, to be launched in 2006. If you are unable to attend the conference in person, virtual registrations are also available which allow you to submit a paper for refereeing and possible publication in the journal, and give you access to the electronic version of the journal. The deadline for the next round in the call for papers (a title and short abstract) is 31 January. Proposals are reviewed within 4 weeks of submission. Full details of the conference, including an online call for papers form, are to be found at [www.SocialSciencesConference.com](http://www.SocialSciencesConference.com).

### **Websites**

Electronic map library "Atlases Of Panoramic Images" of the world and several western states: <http://130.166.124.2/library.html>

Volcano World web site: <http://volcano.und.nodak.edu/>

Grand Challenges for Disaster Reduction:

[www.ostp.gov/NSTC/html/SDR%20Grand%20Challenges%20for%20Disaster%20Reduction.pdf](http://www.ostp.gov/NSTC/html/SDR%20Grand%20Challenges%20for%20Disaster%20Reduction.pdf)

Report on 2005 Global Temperatures from GISS: <http://data.giss.nasa.gov/gistemp/2005/>

### **Quotes of the Week**

"Anthropogenic climate change will basically produce another planet ... Earth won't have another ice age until humans go extinct." -NASA scientist Dr. James Hansen, on Dec 6th (American Geophysical Union meeting)

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