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Department of Geography

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On-Campus Speaker

17 Mar (Fri): Dr. Michel Gay (Toulouse), "Use of remote Sensing for Land Management Decisions in France." Seaton 132, 2:30 pm (Colloquium speaker)

Announcements

Enrollment for Fall 2006 is fast approaching! Pre-enrollment for continuing students begins on March 27th and runs until April 21st. You will need to visit with your geography advisor prior to enrolling for classes. You can find your enrollment time by going to: <http://courses.k-state.edu>

GEOG 821 Proposals

14 Mar (Tu), 3:50 pm:

Jeremy Aber - "The Landscape of the American Video Arcade"
Rorik Peterson - "County Re-Organization in Kansas: From Many to Manageable"
Derek George
Patrick Abbott

16 Mar (Th), 4:00 pm:

Felicia Wilcox
R. Trimper - "The Effect of the Main Street Revitalization Program in Kansas"
T.Smith

Professional Activities

In addition to the many presentations at the Chicago AAG meeting by KSU geographers (see the February 27th Globe), the Great Plains/Rocky Mountain student 'Geobowl' team took the 2006 championship! Two of the five team members are KSU students **Sumanth Reddy** and **Mitchel Stimers**.

Summer Courses

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.

Climate and Vulnerability (GEOG 735, Ref 02410) will be offered in the 1st summer session (June 5th-30th). The class will be instructed by Dr. John Harrington and will meet Monday-Friday, 12:20-12:20. Topics covered will include natural and human-induced climate changes, abrupt climate change and social science aspects of the vulnerability of people and places in response to climate variations. The seminar will address all 3 IPCC components of vulnerability or risk (exposure, sensitivity, and adaptive capacity). Seminar meetings are likely to involve introduction of new themes by the instructor, group discussion of readings, student presentation of journal articles, and film presentations. Contact Dr. Harrington (jharrin@ksu.edu) if you have any questions.

Call for Papers

The 29th Annual Applied Geography Conference will take place October 11-14 in Tampa, Florida, at the Sheraton Tampa Riverwalk Hotel. Abstracts for papers are due by May 1. Details on dates for submitting manuscripts, for organizing sessions, and for student posters are at www.appliedgeog.org. Please see Lisa or John Harrington if you have any questions.

Student Opportunities

Semester in London. Kansas State University is offering the opportunity to study for a semester in London, Sept. 1- Dec. 1. Housed in the centre of the city, students will have access to a great variety of historic sites & attractions. Classes take place Monday through Thursday. Students have free time to explore London and its surroundings or travel during three-day weekends. Courses for Fall 2006 include Theatre 630, Speech 106, History 597 (Art and Ancient Civilizations in the British Museum), History 580 (The British Isles Since 1603), & Philosophy 120 (Introduction to the Philosophy of Art). All courses count for UGE requirements. Program cost is \$9000 and includes tuition for 5 classes, housing, health insurance, & computer access. Tuition is the same for resident and non-resident students. Students can substitute one distance course for no additional cost. Application and a \$500 non-refundable downpayment required to reserve a space. Deadline is May 1. Scholarship deadline is April 14, 2006. For more information visit the Office of International Programs, 304 Fairchild.

Rotary World Peace Scholarship. Seniors, graduate students, & recent alumni that plan to seek a career broadly related to issues of international peace and conflict who might value a graduate degree related to conflict resolution, international affairs or a related area, might want to look into this opportunity. See www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/amb_scho/centers/index.html. These scholarships fully fund 2 years of study at one of 7 Rotary World Peace Centers: International Christian University in Japan, Duke/UNC Chapel Hill in the US, Universidad del Salvador in Argentina, University of Bradford in England, U of California Berkeley in the US, University of Queensland in Australia or Sciences Po in France. If the applicant is a US citizen, they must study at one of the schools outside the US. A 2nd language is required for all applicants. Each Rotary club is permitted to nominate one applicant to their respective district. Interested students are encouraged to contact Jim Hohenbary (K-State Scholarship Advisor; jim1th@ksu.edu) for more details. April 15th deadline.

Interviews. Recruiting companies will be visiting K-State throughout March & April. Many of them have fast approaching application deadlines. Please access the CES website for a list of employers at www.k-state.edu/ces/interview/Interview_List.html. Students will need to formally register with Career and Employment Services to participate in on-campus interviews. Contact CES (Holtz Hall) or Karl Kandt (kkandt@ksu.edu) for more details.

KSU Graduate Student Council travel grants. Grants are awarded to graduate students in the form of monetary compensation for expenses incurred while representing K-State in an official, non-recruiting capacity. Awarding of money is based on total expected travel expenses, accuracy and completion of the online application form, and previous awards received from GSC. As a general policy, no student is awarded more than \$200 during any one fiscal year, and smaller awards are more likely. While this policy limits the amount of aid each student can receive, it allows GSC to help fund a greater number of students. See www.k-state.edu/grad/gsc/travel/tginst.htm. The next deadline is April 15th.

Quotes

“We don’t have closure until it’s in print.” - L. Harrington

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