



# *The Seaton Globe*

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## **KSU Presentations**

- Nov 14 **Nancy Brown:** "The Impact of Prescribed Fire on Biodiversity of Understory Forbs in an Old-Growth Pine Ecosystem in the Upper Midwest," 10:45 am, 164H Seaton (Thesis Defense)
- Isaac Brewer:** "Exploring the Intersections of Emergency Management, Intelligence Analysis and GIScience: A Cognitive Systems Engineering Approach Using Nightmare Scenarios," 4pm, Union 207 (Special Geography Presentation).
- Nov 15 **Scott Deaner:** "Becoming part of 'Cardinal Nation'," 12:15 pm, Seaton 164H (GTU brownbag)
- Nov 17 **Patricia Solís:** "Heuristics, Serendipity, and Enlightened Opportunism: Making a Difference through Geography," Union Little Theater, 3:30 (Geography Colloquium/Geography Awareness Week Speaker). Solís is our first **Distinguished KSU Geography Alumna** (M.A. KSU Geography 1996). She is the Director of Research and Outreach for the Association of American Geographers, stationed in Panama. See [www.mediarelations.k-state.edu/newsreleases/nov06/solis110906.html](http://www.mediarelations.k-state.edu/newsreleases/nov06/solis110906.html). (Solís is also listed as a speaker on the International Education Week website [see below].)

## **Geography Awareness Week**

The department will have a booth set up in the Union Monday-Friday from 11am-1pm to help celebrate Geography Awareness Week. Contact to Tom Vought, [tvought@ksu.edu](mailto:tvought@ksu.edu), if you can help him set up the booth.

Dr. Dario Solís will be touring the Department of Geography and GISSAL on November 17 from 2:30-3:30. Dr. Solís is the Director of Research at the Technological University of Panama. Shawn Hutchinson will be facilitating his visit & will escort Dr. Solís to the Distinguished Alumnus Lecture.

## **International Education Week**

This (appropriately) coincides with Geography Awareness Week (see [www.ksu.edu/oip/events/IntlEdWk.htm](http://www.ksu.edu/oip/events/IntlEdWk.htm) for a full schedule)

## **GTU**

The next GTU/Geography Club meeting will be Monday, November 20, at 12:30 pm in Seaton 164H. Items on the agenda include the continuing discussion on the Spring Banquet, the status of upcoming events, t-shirt design and other fundraising methods for the organization, Relay for Life, Telefund, etc.

## **Faculty & Student Activities**

### *Publication*

**Hutchinson, Shawn.** 2006. Responding to the Threat of Agricultural Bioterrorism. Directions Magazine (Nov 9). [http://www.directionsmag.com/article.php?article\\_id=2333&trv=1](http://www.directionsmag.com/article.php?article_id=2333&trv=1)

### *Other Activities*

**John Harrington** received a Making a Difference Award from the Women in Engineering and Science Program (WESP) at KSU. He received the award at the 3rd Annual "Making a Difference Awards Celebration." Honorees were nominated by female students for making a difference in their university experience. He was nominated by **Iris Wilson**.

**John Harrington** and **Doug Goodin** have received \$15,000 funding from NASA in Kansas Space Grant for "Improving the Research Experience for Geographic Information Science Students."

**Shawn Hutchinson** and **Vicki Tinnon Brock** attended the URISA Caribbean GIS Conference held at the Atlantis Resort near Nassau, Bahamas from October 30 - November 3.

The Department of Geography conducted two GIS-based spatial analysis classes on November 11 in conjunction with the Women in Engineering and Science Program's "Planet Keepers" Workshop for 6th-8th grade girls. **Tom Vought** and **Katie Franke** designed and executed the course. **Shawn Hutchinson** and **John Harrington** served as faculty partners.

### **Student & Faculty Opportunities**

**Study Abroad Fair:** Thursday, November 16, 11:00-2:00, Union Courtyard. Information about Peace Corps, service learning, teaching English in China and Japan, graduate studies, scholarships, internships and other study abroad opportunities. Former study abroad students will discuss their experiences 12:00-1:00 pm.

**Graduate Research Assistantship:** The Institute for Civic Discourse and Democracy (ICDD), at KSU, is looking for a GRA for AY 2007-8. Please contact Erika Imbody for a summary flyer ([erika@ksu.edu](mailto:erika@ksu.edu)).

### **Alumni Newsletter**

It is time to again to request faculty news, faculty selected accomplishments, and other information that applies to the upcoming 2007 Alumni Newsletter. All articles and photos need to be submitted to Kathy Zimmerman in the Main Office by Friday November 17, 2006.

### **Meetings**

**24<sup>th</sup> Annual Water and the Future of Kansas Conference**, March 15, Topeka: "From Dust Bowl to Mud Bowl: The Threat of Sedimentation to Our Federal Reservoirs." Topics are open to any water resource-related issue. An abstract of the proposed topic must accompany the entry and consist of approximately 500 words. Keep the abstract brief, easy to read, and non-technical. Submission deadline is Dec 1. Incomplete or late entries will not be accepted. Submit your abstract and entry electronically at [www.dce.ksu.edu/conf/waterfuture/presentation](http://www.dce.ksu.edu/conf/waterfuture/presentation). Notification of acceptance and format (oral or poster) will occur in January. **Please note:** one of the Plenary Session speakers for the Conference is geographer Bill Renwick. His title is: "An Overview of the Current State, Sedimentation Rates, and Future Trends in Federal Reservoirs." Renwick is chair at Miami University of Ohio ([www.users.muohio.edu/renwicwh/](http://www.users.muohio.edu/renwicwh/)).

### **Websites**

A British psychologist used an array of socio-economic factors to create a "happy map" that compares happiness levels in different countries. [www.le.ac.uk/pc/aw57/world/sample.html](http://www.le.ac.uk/pc/aw57/world/sample.html)

Maps showing current and past wildfires across the world can be found at: <http://dup.esrin.esa.int/ionia/wfa/index.asp>

Researchers at the California Institute of Technology have created animated maps that help to visualize surface movement after past California earthquakes of 3.5 magnitude and higher: <http://shakemovie.caltech.edu/>

Notus, the Newsletter of the SCAR Antarctica and the Global Climate System (AGCS) strategic research programme is online at [www.scar.org/researchgroups/physicalscience/agcs/](http://www.scar.org/researchgroups/physicalscience/agcs/)