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## **KSU Presentations**

Nov 20 **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)

**Jincheng Gao:** "Canopy Chlorophyll Estimation with Hyperspectral Remote Sensing and Imagery Scaling," 4:00 pm, 324 Ackert (Dissertation Defense)

## **GTU/Geography Club Meeting**

Monday, November 20, at 12:30 pm in Union 208: Items on the agenda include the continuing discussion on the Spring Banquet, the status of upcoming events, t-shirt design & other fundraising methods for the organization, Relay for Life, & Telefund.

## **Faculty & Student Activities**

**Beau Burkitt & Erica Burkitt** conducted one of the units for the Women in Engineering & Science Program's "Planet Keepers" Workshop for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade girls on Nov 11. Their activity was entitled "Population, the Planet and You" & had three sections: Population Math, Population Pyramids, & Ecological Footprints. **John Harrington** served as the 'faculty partner.' **Shawn Hutchinson** was faculty partner for **Tom Vought & Katie Franke**, who ran a separate activity.

**Shawn Hutchinson** should have been included as a co-PI in last week's announcement of **John Harrington & Doug Goodin's** funding from NASA in Kansas-Space Grant for "Improving the Research Experience for Geographic Information Science Students." The grant is for \$15,000, but internal match & waived overhead brings the value of the project to \$54,750.

Provost & Geography faculty member **M. Duane Nellis** has been selected as a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). His installation as a Fellow will occur at the February 2007 AAAS Meeting in San Francisco. The citation for Provost Nellis is: "For distinguished scholarly discovery that advances understanding of remote sensing and geographic information sciences for land cover change; for distinguished contributions to the advancement of science through leadership as a dean, provost and as coeditor of Geocarto International."

**M. Duane Nellis** was among six new chief academic officers elected to a 3-year term as a member of the executive committee of the National Association of State Universities & Land Grant Universities (NASULGC) Council on Academic Affairs. The Council serves as the coordinating body for the provosts & vice presidents of NASULGC universities.

## **Student Opportunities**

A representative for Teach For America, a national corps of recent college graduates who commit to eliminating educational inequality, will be outside the K-State Student Union food court, 11a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 28. Teach For America is a program similar to the Peace Corps, but is solely domestic. The program places members, from any major, in schools in twenty five regions across the country to teach low-income children, grades kindergarten through 12th. The program's goal is to give low-income children the education they deserve. Corps members are fully paid & receive full health benefits, as well as help finding jobs after their two-year contract is finished. For more information, see [www.teachforamerica.org](http://www.teachforamerica.org).

## **Meetings**

The 2007 meeting of the Kansas Academy of Science will be held in Salina on April 13-14. The Friday evening 7:30 pm guest speaker will be Wes Jackson, President of the Land Institute. More information is available at: <http://www.washburn.edu/kas>.

## **Websites**

Departmental colloquium presentations are available at <http://www.k-state.edu/geography/speakers.html>

Tips for grad students, at 'Tomorrow's Professor': <http://ctl.stanford.edu/Tomprof/index.shtml>. Many of the tips are applicable to grad students with professional goals other than academia.

Have a good Thanksgiving!