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Department of Geography

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KSU Presentations

- Nov 27 Jonathan Price (Rensselaer Polytechnic University): "Flourine in Melts and Minerals, and its Role in the Evolution of the Igneous Rocks of the Southern Oklahoma Aulacogen," 4 pm, 213 Thompson Hall. Geology Seminar Series.
- Nov 30 James Neal (VP, Columbia University): "Chaos Breeds Life: Imperatives Defining the Future Relevance and Impact of the Academic Research Library," 10:30 am-noon, Hale Library Hemisphere Room. Provost's Lecture Series.
- Matthew Rice** (University of California-Santa Barbara): "Haptic and Auditory Design Guidelines for Multimodal Map Interfaces," 4 pm, Union 207. **Special Geography Presentation.**
- Dec 1 **Youfeng Wang**: "Fuzzy Assessment of Regional Vulnerability to Environmental Change in Southwest Kansas," 2:30 pm, 164 H Seaton Hall. **Geography Thesis Defense.**
- Dec 7 **Kabita Ghimire**: "Relationships between Vegetation Structure of Rodent Habitats and Prevalence of Infection with Hantavirus," 9 am, 164H Seaton Hall. **Geography Thesis Defense.**
- Jan 19 **Derek Alderman** (East Carolina University): "Naming Streets for Martin Luther King Jr: A New Geography of Memory in America," 3:30 pm, Union Forum Hall. **Geography/GTU Colloquium.**

Faculty & Student Activities

Geography majors **Lance Noll** and **Nicole Wayant** have each received \$1000 Cancer Research Awards from the Terry Johnson Center at K-State to do geographic analysis of cancer under **Max Lu**'s supervision. As their faculty sponsor Lu also will receive \$2000 for this research.

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.

AAG Dissertation Research Grants are available to support direct expenses of doctoral dissertation research. The deadline is December 31, 2006. Please consult full descriptions posted on the AAG website at www.aag.org/grantsawards/index.cfm.

ICPSR Undergraduate Research Paper Competition. The Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) is sponsoring a competition to highlight the best undergraduate student research papers using quantitative data. The objective is to encourage undergraduates to explore the social sciences by means of critical analysis of a topic supported by quantitative analysis of a dataset(s) held within the ICPSR archive and presented in written form. Up to three cash prizes will be awarded. The winner will receive a monetary award of \$1,000. Second place receives \$750 and third place \$500. Deadline for submission is January 31, 2007. Details on the competition can be found at: <http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/prize/>.

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