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October 9th is 'Overshoot Day' Rising consumption of ecological resources is pushing the world into ever earlier ecological deficit or 'Overshoot.' Ecological Footprint accounting shows that, as of October 9th, humanity has already consumed the total amount of new resources nature will produce this year (*Footprint Network News, The Newsletter of the Global Footprint Network* 1(9)).

KSU Presentations

- Oct 12 **Richard Marston:** Himalayan Geoscience: A Geographer's Perspective on the MCT Shear Zone, 4 pm, 213 Thompson Hall. (Geology Seminar Series)
- Oct 18 **Judd Patterson:** Wildlife and wild places: Weekend Explorations of South Florida; 11:30 am, Seaton 164H (GTU brownbag)
- Oct 25 Dawn Wright (Professor of Geography & Oceanography, Oregon State U; <http://dusk2.geo.orst.edu>): "Spatial Reasoning at Sea and Ashore: Progress and Challenges in Ocean Informatics" 1:30 pm, Little Theater in the Student Union. VPAST Lecture Series.
- Oct 26 **Doug Goodin:** Hunting for Hantavirus in Paraguay; 11:30 am, Seaton 164H (GTU brownbag)

Graduation Information

The Fall 2006 Graduation & Commencement Information Open Forum will be held October 10, 3:30-4:30 pm, at the K-State Union Little Theater.

GTU

There will be a GTU Meeting Monday, October 9, 12:30-1:00 pm, Seaton 164H. All are encouraged to attend. On the agenda will be the upcoming fall picnic, discussion of fundraising ideas, finalizing a decision on t-shirts, two social nights, among others.

The annual GTU Fall Picnic will be Sunday, October 22, at 3:30, at the Tuttle Creek State Park picnic area. GTU will provide the burgers and pop, but we need people to bring other items. These include, but are not limited to, fruits and veggies, deserts, chips, salads, etc. A sign-up sheet is available on the GTU bulletin board by the main office.

Faculty & Student Activities

GPRM/West Lakes Regional AAG Meeting

Papers

Patrick Abbott: Portrayals of Plains Indians and US Army along the Oregon Trail

Deborah Che: Family Businesses and Michigan Agritourism Development

Karen De Bres & Jacob Sowers: Greetings from Main Street! Postcards as Tools for Geographic Interpretation.

Scott Deaner: Busch Stadium as a Sacred Place

Matthew Gerike: By the Book: Changing Presentations of Geography in Introductory Human Geography Textbooks

Lisa Harrington (Pres. by Chris Laingen): Central High Plains Agriculture: A Century of Change

Chris Laingen: Expansion of Pheasant Hunting in South Dakota

Max Lu: The Geography of Clandestine Methamphetamine Manufacturing in Kansas

Laura Moley: Prairie Turf: Amenity Allocation and Usage Practices for Water Resources in Kansas

Bimal K. Paul: Small Hometowns and Cities of Students in Introductory Human Geography Course:
An Exploration of Place Theme

Travis Smith & Kevin Blake: Western Film Settings from Monument Valley to the Open Range

Jacob Sowers: An Exploration of the Jackrabbit Homestead Landscape

Gina Thornburg: Discourse, Socioeconomic Realities, and Community Transition in Four Small
Kansas Towns

Posters

**Anne Donovan, David Koch, Chris Laingen, Sumanth Reddy, Jacob Sowers, and Richard
Marston:** How Much Do Geographers Collaborate?

Mitchel Stimers: Modeling the Spread of *Dreisenna polymorpha* into the Platte River Using
Genetic Algorithm Rule-Set Prediction, and GIS

Panelists

Deborah Che: Breaking into Publishing

Richard Marston: Breaking into Publishing

Session Chairs

Deborah Che: Tourism

L. Scott Deaner (for Kevin Blake): Sense of Place

Karen De Bres: Place Perspectives and the Cultural Landscape

Richard Marston: Healthy Departments

Congratulations to **Patrick Abbott** for placing second in the GeoBowl point total and qualifying to represent the regional team at the national conference, and to Gina Thornburg for qualifying as an alternate for the regional team!

Calls for Papers

Symposium On The Humanities: Finding A Place In Changing Times, Columbia University, New York City, 24-26 Feb 2007. The aim of the symposium to address the ambiguous a difficult task of the Humanities today. Key questions for discussion will include: Purposes of the humanities; Perceptions of the humanities; Programs under threat; Fast capitalism & slow learning; Securing 'diversity' & 'tolerance'; Global predicaments; and Higher education in the humanities & elementary education for the poor. Presenters may choose to submit written papers for publication before or after the conference in the fully refereed *International Journal of the Humanities*. If unable to attend the symposium in person, virtual registrations are also available which allow submission of a paper for refereeing & possible publication in the journal, as well as access to the online version of the journal. The deadline for the next round in the call for papers (a title & short abstract) is 31 Oct. Proposals are reviewed within one week of submission. Full details of the conference are to be found at www.HumanitiesSymposium.com.

The 13th *International Symposium on Society and Resource Management* (ISSRM) will take place June 17-21, 2007 in Park City, Utah. The theme for the 2007 symposium is Landscape Continuity and Change - Social Science Perspectives and Interdisciplinary Conversations. Abstracts are due Jan 31. Explore the meeting website at www.issrm2007.org. The primary sub-themes for the ISSRM 2007 include: contributions of social science to environmental & natural resource management; planning from community to regional scales; landscape implications of social & economic change; and social & economic implications of landscape change. For more information about the symposium, please see the website (www.issrm2007.org), send an email to: issrm2007@usu.edu, or contact the Meeting Organizer, Dr. Douglas Jackson-Smith at (435) 797-0582. You can also search the 2006 ISSRM website database for examples of sessions, papers & abstracts that used specific themes or keywords. To do this, go to: <http://tinyurl.com/leuj3>. A pre-symposium *Graduate Student Forum* is planned the weekend before the ISSRM 2007, Utah State University. This event will provide graduate students with a chance to network with peers, discuss strategies for successful graduate research & training, and get advice on professional & career opportunities.

AAG Specialty Groups & Student Opportunities

Mountain Geography Specialty Group (MGSG) student awards:

1. Award(s) for an Outstanding Student Presentation in Mountain Geography. Students must be members of the AAG & MGSG. Students wishing to participating in the paper competition must submit the following materials: (1) a copy of the standard abstract required by the AAG; & (2) an extended abstract of the paper, consisting of 800-1000 words.
2. Outstanding Student Research Proposal Award in Mountain Geography, given to a graduate student who proposes outstanding research that promises to support the mission of the MGSG. The award will be \$500. Applications should include: (1) a proposal of no more than 5 pages, plus references, that identifies the problem & its significance, explains the methodology, & summarizes anticipated results; (2) a brief biographical sketch; & (3) a letter of support from the student's faculty advisor.

Submit all nomination or application materials to Martin Lafrenz (lafrenz@pdx.edu). Please submit all application materials by December 1st.

Biogeography SG Student Award Competitions:

1. Student Paper & Poster Award. One award each will be given to the best Undergraduate/Masters student paper (\$200) & to the best Ph.D. student paper (\$200). A third award will go to the best poster (\$100). The student must be either the sole author or the primary author of the paper, & must be the presenter at the meeting. Illustrated posters are eligible for the award & will be grouped with the paper competition (not the poster competition). Judging criteria include the significance & originality of research question, the creativity & quality of the methodology, the validity of the conclusions drawn from the results, & the clarity of the presentation. If you wish to be considered, email the application form (see <http://people.cas.sc.edu/kupfer/bsg.html>), & a copy of the abstract that was sent to the AAG to Dr. James H. Speer (jspeer3@indstate.edu). The application form & abstract must be received by January 31.
2. Graduate Student Research Grant Competition. The awards are competitive; proposals are judged individually on the basis of: 1) scientific merit, including biogeographic significance of the research question & quality of the methodology; 2) organization & clarity of the proposal; & 3) qualifications of the student to conduct the proposed work. Applicant must be a student member of the AAG, & the proposed project should be part of her/his thesis or dissertation research. Normally, awards are made to one Master's for \$500 & one doctoral student for \$1000. Applicants may join the AAG now & become eligible for the grants competition if not already a member. Applications (<http://people.cas.sc.edu/kupfer/bsg.html>) must be postmarked or electronically transmitted by January 16. Contact Charles Lafon at Texas A&M University (979-862-3677; clafon@geog.tamu.edu) for more information.

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