



# *The Seaton Globe*

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## **KSU Presentations**

- Oct 24 **Thomas Bates and Pamela Joanne Hullinger:** "Lawrence Livermore Activities in Agricultural Biosecurity," 9:00 am, KSU Union Cottonwood Room (National Agricultural Biosecurity Center Forum).
- David T.Z. Mindich (author of *Tuned Out: Why Americans Under 40 Don't Follow the News*): 7 p.m., Union Forum Hall (Lou Douglas Lecture Series on Public Issues).
- Oct 25 **Dawn Wright:** "Spatial Reasoning at Sea and Ashore: Progress and Challenges in Ocean Informatics" 1:30 pm, Little Theater in the Student Union. VPAST Lecture Series. Wright is Professor of Geography & Oceanography, Oregon State U (<http://dusk2.geo.orst.edu>).
- Oct 26 **Doug Goodin:** "Hunting for Hantavirus in Paraguay;" 11:30 am, Seaton 164H (GTU brownbag)
- Oct 27 **Peg Margosian,** USDA Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) and GISSAL Visiting Scientist: "Connectivity of the American Agricultural Landscape: A Graph Approach," 2:30 p.m., Seaton 132 (Geography Colloquium).
- Oct 30 **Dan Wancura** (KSU 1984): "Transportation, e-commerce, and supply chain management;" 11:30 am, Seaton 164H (GTU brownbag)
- Nov 2 **Charles Martin:** TBA, 11:30 am, Seaton 164H (GTU brownbag)
- Nov 15 **Scott Deaner:** "Becoming part of 'Cardinal Nation'," 11:30 am, Seaton 164H (GTU brownbag)
- Nov 10 **Rhett Mohler:** "Historical Channel Change of Vermillion Creek, Kansas, 1857 to 2002," 3:30 pm, 132 Seaton (Geography Colloquium)
- Nov 17 **Patricia Solís:** "Heuristics, Serendipity, and Enlightened Opportunism: Making a Difference through Geography," Union Little Theater, 3:30 (Geography Colloquium/Geography Awareness Speaker). Solís is our first Distinguished KSU Geography Alumna (M.A. KSU Geography 1996). She is currently the Director of Research and Outreach for the Association of American Geographers, stationed in Panama.

## **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.

## **Faculty & Student Activities**

### *Publications*

**Blake, Kevin.** 2006. The Most Popular Zane Grey Story. *The Zane Grey Review* 21(5): 9, 25-26.

**Kevin Blake** is a contributing editor for Barry Lopez' *Home Ground: Language for an American Landscape* (Trinity University Press).

### *Presentations*

**Richard Marston** presented “Geomorphic Effects of Rural-to-Urban Land Use Conversion on Three Streams in the Central Redbed Plains of Oklahoma” at the 37th Annual Binghamton Geomorphology Symposium at the University of South Carolina on 22 October 2006. His co-author is Ranbir Kang.

**Sumanth Reddy** was a panelist for a ‘People Speak’ event sponsored by the Institute for Civic Discourse and Democracy (ICDD), entitled "Environmental Security", 19 Oct, at KSU.

### *Appointment*

**Lisa Harrington** has been appointed to Regional Councilor for the AAG, representing the Rocky Mountain and Great Plains Region.

### **Meetings**

*The sixth quadrennial conference of British, Canadian, and American rural geographers* will be held 15-22 July 2007, in and around Spokane, WA. Those interested in rural areas are invited to submit abstracts describing their proposed paper. Submit a 200 word abstract, cover letter, and 2-page vitae by November 1st to Marla Emery ([memery@fs.fed.us](mailto:memery@fs.fed.us)). See <http://people2.moreheadstate.edu/orgs/rgsg/index.htm>. Participants will be notified of their selection by January 31st.

The deadline for submitting abstracts for the 17-21 April AAG Meeting in San Francisco has been extended to 9 November 2006.

### **AAG Specialty Groups & Student Opportunities**

Although it is only 2006 the US Census Bureau Regional Office in Kansas City is beginning to post geographic specialist vacancy announcements to support their 2010 Census efforts. Although the positions are temporary, multi-year jobs, a geographic specialist with the Census Bureau will be exposed to many unique opportunities including providing geographic support to what will be the world's largest deployment of mobile GIS technology. Contact Lisa Harrington ([lbutlerh@ksu.edu](mailto:lbutlerh@ksu.edu)) for a digital flyer about jobs.

### **Websites**

An exploration of America's ocean realms. John Guinotte, who earned his MA from the department in 1999, helped to develop this: [http://www.mcabi.org/shining\\_sea/s2ss\\_globe.htm](http://www.mcabi.org/shining_sea/s2ss_globe.htm)

The outlook for the upcoming winter is available at: <http://www.noaanews.noaa.gov/stories2006/s2716.htm>. A weak El Nino in the tropical Pacific is forecast to provide teleconnections with North America, causing warmer than normal conditions across the northern states and wetter than normal condition across the desert southwest and the Gulf Coast.

Materials for Geog Awareness Week [Africa in 3-D] are available at: <http://www.fhsu.edu/kga/packet/>

Web site on the recovery of the Iraqi marshlands: <http://imos.grid.unep.ch/>