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Department of Geography

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KSU Presentations

- Oct 30 **Dan Wancura** (KSU 1984): "Transportation, E-commerce, and Supply Chain Management;" 12:15 am, Seaton 164H (GTU brownbag)
- Nov 2 **Charles Martin**: TBA, 11:30 am, Seaton 164H (GTU brownbag)
Eugenie Scott (Executive Director of the National Center for Science Education; Fellow of AAAS): "The Once and Future Intelligent Design," 7 pm, Alumni Center Ballroom (Sponsored by KSU Center for the Understanding of Origins).
- Nov 3 Eugenie Scott (see above): "Genie's Top 10 Ways to Teach Evolution Better," 4 pm, 101 Thompson Hall (Cosponsored by KSU Center for the Understanding of Origins & the Geology Department).
- Nov 15 **Scott Deaner**: "Becoming part of 'Cardinal Nation'," 11:30 am, Seaton 164H (GTU brownbag)
- Nov 10 *GRoWE Symposium IV Population and Environment: Interdisciplinary Perspectives*, 9 am-12:15 pm (see *Meetings* section below).
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 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

Bimal Paul. 2006. Health-Seeking behaviour of people with arsenicosis in rural Bangladesh. *World Health and Population* (Sep):1-18.

Jacob Sowers. 2006. *Black Rock* (Review). *The Professional Geographer* 58(4):502-503.

Presentations

Kevin Blake, "Native American Voices along the Lewis and Clark Trail" Lecture Series in History and Geography at the University of Central Oklahoma, 30 Oct. The lecture is co-sponsored by the Laboratory of History Museum and the UCO Department of History and Geography.

John Harrington, Jr., "What is Going On Way Up North? A Summary of the Arctic Climate Impact Assessment," Manhattan Kiwanis International Club meeting, 24 Oct.

Appointments

Karen DeBres was elected vice president of the Riley County Historical Society's board of trustees. She will take over as president of the organization in 2008.

Student & Faculty Opportunities

2007 Summer Workshops for Early Career Geography Faculty. In 2007, two one-week workshops will be held at the University of Colorado at Boulder: 1) 2-9 June and 2) 6-23 June. Workshops are limited to 30 participants each. Funds remaining in the NSF grant will cover participant room & board on the CU campus during the workshops. Participants will need to provide their own transportation to the Boulder & a \$100 non-refundable registration fee. Participants will be responsible for purchasing approximately \$175 in textbooks. You are eligible to participate if you are an untenured lecturer, instructor, or assistant professor at any two- or four-year institution of higher education in the United States. ABD doctoral students who have taught at least one course as primary instructor are also invited to participate. Enrollment is on a first-come, first-served basis.

The workshops, funded by the National Science Foundation, are part of the Geography Faculty Development Alliance, a five-year project to strengthen support and training for new faculty in geography in two and four-year institutions of higher education across the US. The aim is to provide early career faculty--as well as advanced doctoral students--with the theoretical and practical knowledge needed to excel in the lecture hall, seminar room, & laboratory. Stress will be placed on methods of active pedagogy, inquiry-based learning, & teaching with technology, but participants will also address topics often overlooked in today's graduate curriculum--course planning, student assessment, discussion leadership, lecturing skills, field study, & evaluation methods. See www.colorado.edu/geography/gfda/newsevents/2007/2007workshopannouncement.html.

Cloud County Community College (Junction City) is looking for someone to teach a section of World Regional Geography class, T/Th 4:30-6:00 pm. The class will be in a tech room & will have approximately 20 students. Requirement: 18 hours of graduate credit in Geography. Contact Mary Dobbs (birddobbs@aol.com) or Brenda Edleston (bedleston@cloud.edu) for more information.

The Graduate and Professional School Fair will be held Tuesday, 31 Oct., in the K-State Student Union Ballroom from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. This first-ever fair is a chance for college students in the region to explore the master's, doctorate and professional programs K-State has to offer by visiting with representatives from the university's graduate-level programs including geography. The fair will give students from across the state a glimpse of Kansas State University's graduate and professional programs, and other institutions will get to meet the high-caliber undergraduate students K-State develops. The event is free, and no registration is required for students.

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 a 200 word abstract, cover letter, and 2-page vitae by November 1st to Marla Emery (memery@fs.fed.us). See <http://people2.moreheadstate.edu/orgs/rgsg/index.htm>. These meetings are typically limited to 45 participants. Participants will be notified of their selection by 31 Jan.

The Consortium for Global Research on Water-Based Economies (GRoWE) Symposium IV Population and Environment: Interdisciplinary Perspectives, 10 Nov, 9:00-12:15, Fiedler Hall. Registration will be 8:30-9:00 am. GRoWE is a multi-disciplinary group of researchers who work to "help citizens, planning agencies and policy makers understand both the technical aspects of aquifer management and the economic, social and natural system impacts of groundwater management strategies." There is no cost to attend, but you must register at www.dce.ksu.edu/dce/conf/growesymposium/index.html. Speakers: 9:00-9:10 Welcome: Alfred Cochran, Assistant Provost, KSU; 9:10-9:15 Introductory thoughts: Laszlo Kulcsar, Director, Kansas Population Center; 9:15-9:55 Lori Hunter, University of Colorado at Boulder; 10:20-11:00 Dietrich Earnhart, University of Kansas; 11:15-11:55 Max Pfeffer, Cornell University.

The Combat Studies Institute at Fort Leavenworth has issued a call for papers and panel session for a September 2007 meeting called, "Warfare in the Age of Non-State Actors: Implications for the U.S. Army." More info can be found at <http://usacac.army.mil/CAC/csi/>.

The 2nd International Symposium on Environment is being organized by The National Technical University of Athens' department of Chemical Engineering in collaboration with The Athens Institute for Education and Research (AT.IN.E.R.), for 2-3 Aug 2-3 2007. If you would like to present a paper submit a 300-word abstract by January 10th, 2007, by email to: Dr. Theophilos Theophanides (atiner@atiner.gr). Abstracts should include: title of Paper, family name(s), first name(s), institutional affiliation, current position, an email address, & at least 3 keywords. If you want to participate without presenting a paper, i.e. chair a session, evaluate papers to be included in the conference proceedings or books, contribute to the editing, or any other offer to help please send an email to Dr. Gregory T. Papanikos (gtp@atiner.gr). For other information visit the conference website: www.atiner.gr/docs/Environment.htm.

Websites

Population article from the front page of the USA Today: www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2006-10-26-100-million_x.htm

NASA's Ozone Hole Watch posts daily satellite measurements of ozone levels over the South Pole: www.ozonewatch.gsfc.nasa.gov

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