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New Hire

Kathleen Zimmerman is the new administrative assistant for the department and will begin working in the office on Monday, September 25th. Stop by to welcome her.

On-campus Presentations

- Sep 13** Aaron Gana, Vice-Chancellor of Bingham University, Jos, Nigeria: "The Crisis of Democratic Transition in Africa: The Nigerian Experience," 3:30 pm, 328 Waters.
- Sep 15** **Jacob Sowers**: "An Exploration of Jackrabbit Homesteading," **colloquium presentation**, 3:30 pm, 132 Seaton Hall.
- Sep 18** Thomas Frank: "Conservative Populism in Theory and Practice," 7 pm, Union Forum Hall (Lou Douglas/Adamchak Distinguished Lecture). Frank wrote *What's the Matter with Kansas?*
- Sep 22** **Peg Margosian** (USDA APHIS—Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, in GISSAL): "Connectivity of the American Agricultural Landscape: a Graph Approach," **colloquium presentation**, 3:30 pm, 132 Seaton Hall.
- Sep 28** Robert Christopherson, author of *Geosystems* (GEOG 221 & 321 textbook): "The Power of Geographic Science in a Time of Global Change," **colloquium presentation**, 7:05 pm, 207 Union.

Cultural Geography Discussion

All faculty & graduate students are invited to a meeting is to discuss Cultural Geography, this Wednesday, 12:45-1:30 pm, 164H Seaton Hall. We will be meeting the first Wednesday of each month to share thoughts on a topic & eat pizza. This week we are looking for input on a good website for Cultural Geography. So come out, grab some lunch & share your thoughts with us. Pizza will be provided by Dr. DeBres & Dr. Marston.

Faculty & Student Activities

K-State Media Relations news releases recently featured research by **Jacob Sowers**, "wind farms can be a welcome asset in the right community, K-State researcher says" and **Max Lu**, "K-State Professor Uses Geography and Geospatial Technology to Study Patterns of Seized Meth Labs in Kansas and Colorado." These can be accessed at <http://www.mediarelations.k-state.edu/WEB/News/NewsReleases/recent.html>.

Community Cultural Harmony Week

- Sept 17** "Invisible Children" (Uganda), Movies on the Grass Series. Coffman Commons, in front of Hale Library; 8 pm (pre-film "festivities" 7 pm).
- Sep 19** Dialogue on Religion: "Finding Common Values-Sex, Drugs, Violence, the Media," representatives from Christian, Jewish, Muslim and Hindu religions. Courtyard, Union; 12 pm.
- Sep 19** Traditional Music Society, Kansas City: Cuban drum group "Manos" Fusion of Spanish, African, & American Indian origins and rhythms. Little Theatre, Union; 7 pm Forum Hall, Union. 1:30-3 pm
- Sep 19** "Understanding Islam" Fiedler Hall, K-State Engineering Complex; 7 pm.

Sep 20 Harriet Ottenheimer, K-State anthropology professor, "The Quorum." A Documentary film about a New Orleans coffee house open to people of all racial backgrounds in the 1960s. Forum Hall, Union; 7 pm.

Sep 21 "Windows of the World through Bilingual Print Media" Clara Reyes, publisher/editor of the Kansas City bilingual newspaper *Dos Mundos*. Forum Hall, Union; 10:30 am.

Student Opportunities

Study Abroad. The Study abroad fair takes place in the Student Union today, Sept. 11. The May Intersession course in London should be of particular interest. **GEOG 300, Geography of Tourism** (Dr. De Bres), and ENGL 395, London on Stage and Screen, may be taken concurrently. Also see Dr. De Bres on this particular opportunity.

Employment & volunteer opportunities: K-State's All-University Career Fair will be 11 am to 4 pm Sept. 19-20, at Bramlage Coliseum. More than 250 employers are coming. Next-day interviews will be 8-11:30 am Sept. 20 & 21, at the Student Union. Tips on getting the most out of the career fair, as well as special workshops prior to the event, are available at <http://www.k-state.edu/ces> (click on career fair icon).

Employment opportunity: The Geary County Campus of Cloud County Community College is in need of an instructor for a World Regional Geography class. The new instructor would take over in October. The class is small (17 students), & it meets on Thursday evenings 6-9 pm. There is reimbursement for gas expenditures. Interested graduate students contact Kelly Hockersmith at kelly.hockersmith@us.army.mil.

Employment & volunteer opportunities: AmeriCorps is looking for men & women over the age of 18 with the skills, desire, & commitment to make a difference in the Gulf Coast & in the lives of the people who live there. In return you will receive a Segal AmeriCorps Education Award, a modest living allowance, health coverage, student loan deferment, hands-on training & experience, & the satisfaction of knowing you have helped those in need. To find out more, go to: <https://recruit.cns.gov/quicksearchresults.asp>.

Meetings

GP/RM & West Lakes AAG. The Association of American Geographers joint meeting of the Great Plains-Rocky Mountain Division & the West Lakes Division will take place October 5-7, in Lincoln, Nebraska. The K-State Geography Department will provide a van to take students to the meeting. If you wish to present a paper or poster submit your abstract prior to the deadline of September 15th. Students are especially welcome as special events are planned, including breakfast-with-a-mentor, student paper competition, & the Geography Bowl competition. Information about the meeting is available at <http://calmit.unl.edu/aag/>.

Kansas Association of Mappers (KAM). The 2006 Annual Conference will be held in Wichita, 2-5 October. "Bringing Communities of Mappers Together," the 21st Annual Conference Keynote address, will be made by Maj. General Tod Bunting, Chief of Homeland Security for Kansas. Registration is \$110. The meeting will be at the Airport Hilton in Wichita. See <http://www.kam.to/>.

Applied Geography Conference student posters: Students are invited to present posters for the Annual Applied Geography Conference, Tampa, FL. The poster session will be held Wednesday evening on 11 October. The deadline for submitting an abstract is 18 September. See <http://appliedgeog.binghamton.edu/html/student.html>. Contact Graham Tobin (gtobin@cas.usf.edu) or Burrell Montz (bmontz@binghamton.edu) with questions.

AAG--2007 Meeting. The annual meeting of the Association of American Geographers will be April 17-21 2007, in San Francisco. The deadline for submissions (papers, posters, illustrated papers, and short interactive papers) is Oct 26. See <http://www.aag.org/annualmeetings/SF2007/index.cfm>.

AAG Meeting: GIS Specialty Group (GISSG) student papers: The GISSG of the Association of American Geographers will have an Honors Competition for Student Papers on Geographic Information Science (GIS) topics to be presented at the annual meeting. Guidelines & submission requirements are posted at the GISSG Student Paper Competition webpage (www.geo.wvu.edu/~jmiller/AAG_GISSG.html). The deadline for abstract submission to this competition is 26 September 2006. Please direct any questions to Jennifer Miller (jennifer.miller@mail.wvu.edu).

Call For Papers: 7th International Conference on Military Geology and Geography, Quebec City, Canada, 18-21 June 2007. Themes considered include (but are not limited to): Conversion of military facilities, critical geography of military activities, geospatial intelligence, historical military geography, military cartography, military land management, military tourism, naval geography, population movements, post-war landscape reconstruction, regional military economics, soil contamination, spatial aspects of peacekeeping, spatial dynamics of conflicts, situational awareness in the battlespace, terrain analysis, urban warfare, warfare and geology. The conference program will be divided between in-room sessions and excursions. Conference fees are \$275 (Canadian), and deadline for submission of abstracts (300 words) is 29 September 2006. Inquiries and proposals may be directed to: Prof. Marc St-Hilaire, Dept. of Geography, Universite Laval, Quebec, marc.st-hilaire@ggr.ulaval.ca; Dr. Jean Martin, Directorate of History and Heritage, NDHQ, Ottawa, martin.js@forces.gc.ca.

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