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On-campus Presentations

- 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, Seaton Hall room 063.

Online access to presentations

Some departmental presentations are now being made available through the KSU Geography website, at <http://www.k-state.edu/geography/speakers.html>. The first presentation to be recorded and posted is: Jacob Sowers, *An Exploration of Jackrabbit Homesteading*. You may need to download Microsoft Runtime to view the digital video.

"Rescheduled" 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.

GTU

GTU would like to thank **Rorik Peterson, Bryce Kintigh, Beau Burkitt, and Judd Patterson** for their Adopt-a-Highway cleanup participation. Thank you!!

GPRM/West Lakes AAG Travel

There is a sign-up list for a 'free ride' in a departmental van to the regional AAG meeting in Lincoln. At the current time, there are plans for one van to depart Wednesday (Oct 4) afternoon/evening (to have people there for Thursday field trips & workshops), and one to depart Thursday afternoon/evening (Oct 5), for arrival in time for the opening reception that evening. There is a sheet with lists for each van posted in the main Geography Department office, on the ledge next to Dr. Marston's office.

Community Cultural Harmony Week

Sep 19 Dialogue on Religion: "Finding Common Values-Sex, Drugs, Violence, the Media," representatives from Christian, Jewish, Muslim & Hindu religions. Courtyard, Union; 12 pm

Traditional Music Society, Kansas City: Cuban drum group "Manos" Fusion of Spanish, African, & American Indian origins & rhythms. Little Theatre, Union; 7 pm

"Understanding Islam" Fiedler Hall, K-State Engineering Complex; 7 pm

Sep 20 Harriet Ottenheimer, K-State anthropology professor, "The Quorum." 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

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).

Meetings

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/>.

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 & geology. The conference program will be divided between in-room sessions & excursions. Conference fees are \$275 (Canadian), & deadline for submission of abstracts (300 words) is 29 Sept. Inquiries & 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.

AAG Meeting session: Rural Dynamics in North America—Past, Present, and Future. The Rural Geography & Population Geography specialty groups will be sponsoring their 7th set of sessions at the San Francisco meetings focusing broadly on the changing rural landscape in North America. They encourage papers focusing on demographic, economic, & social processes of rural change at local, regional, & national scales. If you are interested in participating, please register for the AAG meeting & provide the organizers with your registration number & abstract by 15 Oct. Organizers: Peter B. Nelson (pbnelson@middlebury.edu), John Cromartie (jbc@ers.usda.gov), & Alex Vias (alexander.vias@uconn.edu)

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, & short interactive papers) is Oct 26. See <http://www.aag.org/annualmeetings/SF2007/index.cfm>.