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Welcome to Kathleen Zimmerman, Geography's new Senior Administrative Assistant!

KSU Meetings and Presentations

- Sep 27** Brian Hawkins, President of EDUCAUSE: "IT and the Future of Higher Education: Fire, Fuel, and Focus," *Provost's Lecture Series*, 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm, Hemisphere Room, Hale Library
- 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.
- Sep 29** *Global Research on Water-Based Economies (GRoWE) Symposium*, Fiedler Hall, registration 8:15-9:00 am; speakers & discussants 9:00-12:30. Geographers Dawn Parker (9:15-9:55) and Daniel Brown (10:25-11:05) are invited speakers. **Provost Nellis** will deliver welcoming comments at 9:00, and **Doug Goodin** will be a discussant (11:05-11:20). There is no cost, but attendees must register at www.dce.ksu.edu/dce/conf/growesymposium/index.html.
- 2006 State of the University Address*, President Jon Wefald, Provost M. Duane Nellis, and others, 3-5 p.m., Ballroom, Alumni Center. Refreshments begin at 2:30 p.m.
- Sep 30** The *2006 Kansas Fall Geography Conference*, 9:00-3:00, Big 12 Room, Student Union. Registration is \$10 at the door. The Conference is sponsored by the Kansas Geographical Alliance and GTU. The keynote talk, "Where the Wild Things Are: A Photographic Safari," will be presented by **Judd Patterson**.
- Konza Prairie Biological Station Visitors' Day*. The Konza is hosting an open house with a variety of activities, 8-5. (See www.manhattancvb.org/index.asp?NID=87 for activities; www.k-state.edu/konza/visitor.htm for directions.)

Reception

On Wednesday, Sept. 27th, 7:00-8:00 pm, Linda and Dick Marston will host a reception for our visiting scholar, Robert Christopherson. This will be a 'pot luck' desert reception; you are asked to please bring some sort of sweet treat to share.

Faculty & Student Activities*

Kevin Blake is a Contributing Editor to *Home Ground: Language for an American Landscape* (edited by Barry Lopez and Debra Gwartney), published in 2006 by Trinity University Press, San Antonio.

John Harrington presented "Linking the Konza Prairie LTER Program to Coupled Human and Natural Systems Research in the Flint Hills," with John Blair and Walter Dodds (Biology) and Gerad Middendorf (Sociology), at the 6th Long-Term Ecological Research All-Scientist Meeting in Estes Park, CO, Sep 20-23. **Doug Goodin** also attended the LTER meeting.

The "Antilles Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Project" headed by **John Harrington**, **Shawn Hutchinson**, and **Richard Marston** has been funded for \$76,716.00 for the period Aug 2006- Aug 2007. Funding is from the Foreign Military Studies Office at Ft Leavenworth and partners on the project include the American Geographical Society, Virginia Tech, and the University of Kansas.

Max Lu was one of three people recently interviewed by *Seed* magazine on his work on meth distribution in Kansas. The article (www.seedmagazine.com/news/2006/09/geographers_map_meth_lab_locat.php) appeared Sept. 19. **Jessica Burnum** recently completed a related thesis on the distribution of seized methamphetamine labs in Colorado Springs.

Kang, R.S., and **R.A. Marston**. 2006. Geomorphic effects of rural-to-urban land use conversion on three streams in the Central Redbed Plains of Oklahoma. *Geomorphology* 79: 488-506.

Jacob Sowers' research on wind farm acceptance and opposition was the recent subject of articles in newspapers (*Manhattan Mercury* 9/10 and *Grass and Grain* 9/13) and websites (*Yahoo News*, *National Wind Watch*, *Industrial Wind Action Group*, *Agriculture.com*, and *Ontario Farmer*).

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. (With sufficient demand 2 vans may leave on Wednesday.) 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.

Calls for Papers

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>.

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)

Universities Council on Water Resources (UCOWR)/National Institutes for Water Resources (NIWR) Conference. "Hazards in Water Resources," the 2007 conference, is to be held July 24-26 in Boise, Idaho. The call for papers can be viewed at www.ucowr.siu.edu. Abstracts for paper, panel, & poster presentations should be submitted electronically at www.iwrri.uidaho.edu/default.aspx?pid=91374, Sept 15-Dec 4. The abstract should be 250-300 words and, if accepted and presented at the conference, will be published as part of the Conference Proceedings on CD-ROM. There will be an opportunity for extended abstracts to replace original abstract submissions.

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* Generally given in alphabetical order, by first K-State geographer mentioned.