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Department of Geography

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On-Campus Speakers

- 5 Feb (M) Anna Versluis, Clark: "We all live downstream: land change and flood vulnerability in a Haitian watershed," 4 pm, place TBA (**Geography speaker**).
- 6 Feb (T) *An Inconvenient Truth* film showing, 7 pm, Union Little Theatre. Profs Jim Sherow & John Harrington available to answer questions after film (Sponsored by GTU & Students for Environmental Action).
- 8 Feb (Th) Marcellus Caldas, Michigan State: "Theorizing land cover and land use change: the peasant economy of the Amazonian deforestation," 4 pm, place TBA (**Geography speaker**).
- Larry J. Schweiger, National Wildlife Federation President: "Global Warming: Good Planets are Hard to Find," 7 pm, Forum Hall, K-State Student Union (Lou Douglas Lecture Series).
- 9 Feb (F) L. Scott Deaner: "The Geography and Identity of St. Louis Cardinal Nation," 1 pm, S 164H (Geography proposal presentation)
- 13 Feb (T) Ellen Metzger, San Jose State University: "Earth Science Education for All Students: Pitfalls and Progress," 4 pm, 213 Thompson Hall (ADVANCE Distinguished Lecture Series).
- 15 Feb (Th) James Butler, Kansas Geologic Survey: "What the Heck is a Phreatophyte? A Field Investigation of Ecohydrologic Processes in Stream-Aquifer Systems," 3:30 pm, Fiedler Auditorium (Henry Darcy Distinguished Lecture Series, the "most prestigious national award in applied hydrogeology").
- 21 Feb (W) Dauda Abubakar, Political Science, Ohio Univ: "From neighbors to killers: Ethnic conflict in Africa," 7 pm, Hale Library Hemisphere Room.
- 23 Feb (F) Chris Laingen: "Changes in Human and Natural Systems Influenced by Pheasant Hunting in South Dakota, 4 pm, S 132 (Geography colloquium: proposal presentation).

K State Geographers' Activities

Richard Marston was one of the panelists, along with Brad Kramer (Industrial Engineering) & Carol Shanklin (Graduate School) for a Professional Development Workshop on "Academic Interviews" on 25 Jan. in the K-State Student Union. The workshop was one in an ongoing series that has been organized by the KSU Graduate Student Council.

Meetings

AAAS Southwestern and Rocky Mountain (SWARM) Division's 82nd Annual Meeting, April 18-21, Houston, Texas. The deadline for preregistration and abstract submission is Feb 17 (www.aaas-swarm.org). The Preliminary Program will be available beginning March 10.

RGSG Rural American West Paper Competition. Sponsored by the Redd Center for the American West at Brigham Young University, the competition recognizes excellent research papers on the geography of the rural American West to be presented at the San Francisco AAG Annual Meeting. The competition is open to both faculty and graduate students who are members of the Rural Geography Specialty Group or are presenting a paper in an RGSG sponsored session at the Annual Meeting. The winning paper will receive a \$500 award courtesy of the Redd Center. Papers must be no more than 15 pages in length, excluding bibliography. To enter, please submit an electronic copy of the paper to the RGSG Awards Director, Randall K. Wilson rwilson@gettyburg.edu by 1 April. The winner will be announced at the RGSG business meeting in San Francisco.

Student Notices

Graduate assistantships. The Institute for Civic Discourse and Democracy at KSU has GRA positions available. Please see announcement at www.k-state.edu/icdd.

NASA DEVELOP Summer 2007 Internship Program for undergraduate & graduate students with an interest in Geographic Information Systems (GIS) or Remote Sensing. This is a paid 10-week internship program located at NASA Ames Research Center in Mountain View, CA, that begins June 11. For further information, please access the National Program website at: <http://develop.larc.nasa.gov>.

NASA internship support. The Kansas Space Grant Consortium (KSGC) has Exploration Systems Mission Directorate (ESMD) specific funds available for NASA Center or industry internships. KSGC has can support four student interns at \$6,000 each for summer 2007. The NASA Center ESMD deadline for summer internships is fast approaching. Summer internship applications must be submitted by the KSGC Lead Institution. For detailed information on internship opportunities, visit www.vsgc.odu.edu/esmd/. Basic requirements: U.S. Citizen; age 18 or older; undergraduate or graduate student; minimum of 30 credit hours completed; minimum GPA of 3.0; enrolled full-time in an accredited U.S. university, college, or community college. Please contact Lisa Harrington (lbutlerh@ksu.edu) as soon as possible (by 6 Feb) if interested. KSGC will assist with the formal NASA ESMD application process.

Space and Geospatial-Intelligence Business Unit currently has several positions open immediately in Melbourne, FL, and St. Louis. The primary position is for a Geospatial Analyst (stereo compiler/extractor), so stereo vision is a must, and all interviewees will be given a stereo test. Ability to get a DOD clearance is also necessary. ESRI (ArcGIS) experience is preferred. Any other GIS packages are a plus. Bachelor's degree in GIS, Cartography, Geography or REMOTE SENSING is desired. A minimum of 24 months of experience in lieu of a degree will be considered. Send resumes to Ted Peters (petersw@saic.com). There are also some more technical positions offered by SAIC in Sioux Falls, ND, and the Washington, DC, area. See <http://www.saic.com/career>.

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