



The Seaton Globe

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On-Campus Speakers

- 22 Jan (M) Kendra McLauchlan, Dartmouth: "Reconstructing human impacts on ecosystems from decades to millennia," 2:30 pm, Union Little Theatre (**Geography speaker**).
- 23 Jan (T) Bin Gao, Cornell: "Colloid transport in the vadose zone: Impacts on groundwater quality," 4 pm. 213 Thompson Hall (Geology Seminar).
- 29 Jan (M) Carlos Mena, Univ of North Carolina: "Deforestation and land use dynamics in the Ecuadorian Amazon: rates, drivers, and explicit models," 4 pm, place TBA (**Geography speaker**).
- 30 Jan (T) Wei Jin, Kansas State: "Pattern changes in regional groundwater flow," 4 pm. 213 Thompson Hall (Geology Seminar).
- 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**).
- 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**).
- 21 Feb (W) Dauda Abubakar, Political Science, Ohio Univ: "From neighbors to killers: Ethnic conflict in Africa," 7 pm, Hale Library Hemisphere Room.

Telefund

Geography's scheduled telefund dates are Jan 22nd, & Jan 23rd. At least 6-8 people are needed each night. Please email Mitch Stimers (stimers@ksu.edu) if you can help out. Telefunders will meet at the University Foundation center at 5:30pm. This is important for departmental funding for student participation in meetings, costs of visiting speakers, student awards, & instructional needs. Help is *greatly* appreciated.

K State Geographers' Activities

Publications

Blake, Kevin. 2006. Language for an American landscape. *The Zane Grey Review* 21(6):16-17.

Paul, B.K. 2006. Fear of eviction: The case of slum and squatter dwellers in Dhaka, Bangladesh. *Urban Geography* 27(6):567-574.

Peterson, Rorik F. 2005. Water woes: Structure and agency influences on adaptive capacity in Southwest Kansas. *The Geographical Bulletin* 47(2):73-84. [published late 2006]

Student Notices

Career and Employment Services job questions session. Do you ever wonder: How to find a job? How much money you can make? What you should wear to work? What it's like to be an intern? How to write a resume & cover letter? What employers have on-campus interviews? This will be on Wednesday, Jan 24th, noon-4:00pm in Holtz Hall.

ESRI Opportunities. ESRI, maker of ARC GIS software, has entry-level positions, summer internships, and student assistantships for the June Users Conference in San Diego (attend sessions in exchange for work at the conference). Go to www.esri.com/careers for more information.

12th Annual Graduate Research Forum & the 4th Annual Capitol Research Summit. The *Graduate Research Forum* will be held at the K-State Union on March 2, and will be open to both undergraduate & graduate students. The undergraduate session is scheduled during the morning & will only include oral presentations. The graduate poster presentation session will be on display all day, with the researchers present for judging from 11:30-1:30. The graduate oral presentation sessions will be held in the afternoon; the awards ceremony starts at 4 pm. Prizes will be awarded in each session with \$150, \$100, & \$50 for the 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place individuals, respectively. In addition to the chance for prizes, every participant will gain public speaking experience & an opportunity to share research with the public.

The *Capitol Research Summit* will be held at the Topeka Statehouse on March 15, & consists of research posters from Kansas State University, Wichita State University, & the University of Kansas. Timed to coincide with the Board of Regents' March meeting, graduate student presenters have the opportunity to meet with state legislators, the governor & the Board of Regents. Each selected presenter will be awarded \$100 for their participation & will compete for the first place prize provided by KansasBio. This high profile event is enjoyable & is also a great addition to a graduate student's curriculum vitae.

For more information & access to the online submission forms for either event, please go to: www.k-state.edu/grad/research.

Global Vision International is particularly interested in recruiting students from the fields of geology & geography for a research & exploration expedition in Patagonia. College credit is available with many North American Universities. The expedition combines conservation work with arduous physical challenges, exploring & trekking through untouched and unique habitats in Patagonia. There is a free careers abroad field work placement & job vacancy service for all former expedition members. See www.gvi.usa.com/pages/projectDetail.asp?expedition=74 for more information, or contact paul@gviusa.com. GVI offers a large range of jobs, internships & other field work placements in the fields of education, research, environmental management & wildlife research alongside its partner organizations in countries across the world, including mountain leader vacancies in Patagonia. More information is at www.careersabroad.co.uk.

Websites

Memoriam—Allan Pred: Obituary at

http://geography.berkeley.edu/PeopleHistory/faculty/AllanPred_InMemorium.html

Travel information—compare travel rates from a variety of internet sources through www.kayak.com.

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