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Department Presentation


Events & Things of Note

The Department of Geography is hosting a reception at the Beach Museum on Tuesday, 29 January 2008, from 5:00-6:30 pm. The department will celebrate the printing of "Geography at Kansas State University" and to honor the authors Drs. Bussing, Kromm, and Stover, and the author of earlier versions, Huber Self. His schedule permitting, Provost Nellis has offered to present some brief remarks at 5:30pm. Finger food and a cash bar will be available. Please join us for the reception!

Congratulations to Drs. Kevin Blake and Karen De Bres who have been notified by Provost Nellis that they have been promoted to full Professor of Geography effective 1 July 2008.

Shawn Hutchinson and Stacy Hutchinson (Biological & Agricultural Engineering) have been awarded a three-year, $700,000 grant from the Environmental Science & Technology Certification Program, a Department of Defense Program that promotes innovative, cost-effective environmental technologies through demonstration and validation at DoD installations. Their selected demonstration project involves evaluating the performance of a previously developed GIS-based rapid soil erosion assessment model at a number of Army and Marine Corps installations across the United States.

Registration for the 14th International Symposium on Society and Resource Management (ISSRM) is now open. Please visit www.ISSRM2008.org and login or create an account to register for the conference and to sign up for pre-symposium workshops and special events. Pre-symposium workshops and special events, including the Student Forum, Social Impact Assessment Course, Teaching Tools Workshop, Awards Barbeque Dinner, and IASNR Business Lunch, can be added during the registration process. Additionally, you may become a member of the International Association for Society & Natural Resources (a requirement for ISSRM registration) through the symposium website. The deadline for early registration is March 21, 2008. Register early to receive the reduced conference rate. All conference registrations must be completed by May 5, 2008. On-campus housing can be booked through a separate website. Please check the ISSRM 2008 website for the latest information about housing, and other conference details. As a reminder, abstracts for posters and presentations and proposals for coordinated sessions are due February 8, 2008.
The **K-State Research Forum** will be held at the K-State Union on Friday, March 7, 2008 and will be open to both undergraduate and graduate students. The undergraduate session is scheduled during the morning and 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 am - 1:30 pm. The graduate oral presentation sessions will be held in the afternoon and the awards ceremony will start at 4:00 pm. Prizes will be awarded in each session with $150, $100, and $50 for the first, second, and third place winners, respectively. For information and access to the online abstract submission form, please see the website link below.

The **Capitol Graduate Research Summit** will be held at the Topeka Statehouse on Thursday, March 13, 2008 and consists of research posters from Kansas State University, Wichita State University, and 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 and the Board of Regents. Each selected presenter will be awarded $100 for their participation. This high profile event is enjoyable and is also a great addition to a graduate student's curriculum vitae. For more information and access to the abstract guidelines and abstract submission form please go to:

[www.k-state.edu/grad/research](http://www.k-state.edu/grad/research)  

The **new geography t-shirts are in**. The shirts are dark gray, and the design is a combination of the two shown at the last GTU meeting (thanks Iris & Mitch). Long-sleeve shirts will be $18, short-sleeve will be $12, and they can be picked up and paid for in the remote sensing lab. If you would like to check out the design, a sample shirt is hanging in the main office. Finally, due to a shortage of XXL shirts, anyone interested in one should contact Rhett Mohler.

The deadline for the **NASA Graduate Student Researchers Program (GSRP)** is March 1, 2008. GSRP awards are in the amount of $30,000 and are renewable for 1-2 years based on satisfactory progress being made towards degree completion. More information about this program, as well as an application, can be found at [http://fellowships.hq.nasa.gov/gsrp/nav/](http://fellowships.hq.nasa.gov/gsrp/nav/).

The Department of Geography is pleased to welcome Ms. Ana Paula K., who comes to our department via an exchange program from the State University of Sao Paulo (UNESP). Ana will be working this spring semester in GISSAL. She will be collaborating with Drs. Goodin and Hutchinson on an ecological niche modeling project for South American Hantavirus vectors.

The next meeting of the **K-State ESRI User Group Meeting** is scheduled for February 20 at 3:00 pm in Union 207. Anyone with an interest in GIS is welcome, and encouraged, to attend.

**Focus the Nation** teach-in event on Global Warming Solutions for America on Thursday Jan 31st [http://www.focusthenation.org/nationalteachin.php](http://www.focusthenation.org/nationalteachin.php)

There is a live webcast “The 2% Solution” on Wednesday January 30 at 7:00 pm CST [http://www.focusthenation.org/howtohost_2percent.php](http://www.focusthenation.org/howtohost_2percent.php) for those not preoccupied with a Sunflower Showdown in Manhattan.

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