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**Department of Geography**

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### **Presentations**

- March 13                      Dr. Ken Sylvester: "Footprints of Settlement: Making Agricultural Landscapes in the American Grasslands," 12:00 pm, 164H Seaton Hall (Brown Bag Lecture Series).
- March 14                      Dr. Garth Myers: "What do Africa's Urban Poor Think of Pro-poor Planning?" 3:30 pm, Little Theater, Student Union.

### **Events and Other Things of Note**

Mike Dulin and **Shawn Hutchinson** are joining the Kansas Forest Service on a new \$116,567 grant from the U.S. Forest Service's Western Competitive Grant Program. The title of the project is "Conserving, Renovating, and Establishing Working Field Windbreaks." Dulin and **Hutchinson** will be responsible for developing object-based classification methods to identify forest windbreaks in Southwestern Kansas.

Geography doctoral student Sohini Dutt presented a paper entitled "Disaster and Gender Inequality: A Case Study of the 2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami" at the K-State Research Forum on March 7, 2008.

The current issue of **Geoforum** includes special theme articles on political ecology and on biocomplexity/coupled human-natural systems. Several of the articles are authored or co-authored by upcoming speaker Stephen Walsh. More at:

<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/00167185>

Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> is **Kansas Clean Energy Day**. If you are interested in carpooling or taking a bus to Topeka for this event, contact geography major and SEA member, Megan Bindel at [mbindel@ksu.edu](mailto:mbindel@ksu.edu) for more information

This week is **Severe Weather Awareness Week**. To learn more, please check:

<http://www.crh.noaa.gov/top/?n=swaw>

**GISSAL** announces a competition for a new logo that reflects the research themes and international scope of the lab. The person submitting the winning design will receive \$100. Everyone is invited to submit a design for this competition. However, only current KSU students are eligible to receive prize

money. By virtue of submitting a design, all other contestants agree to donate any winnings to a KSU Geography student scholarship (a tax-deductible contribution). One person may submit more than one design for consideration. The contest ends on May 2, 2008. See the GISSAL website for further details: (<http://www.k-state.edu/geography/research/gissal/contest.html>).

Applications for the **2008 ESRI International User Conference Student Assistantship Program** are due on May 9, 2008. Senior undergraduates and graduate students are eligible. For more information, visit: [www.esri.com/grads](http://www.esri.com/grads). Those who would like to speak directly with someone who has been a Student Assistant may contact Adam Skibbe or Amit Kesarwani in GISSAL.

A team of authors, including undergraduate geography major Iris Wilson, has recently published five USGS Open File Reports:

USGS Open File Report 2007-1377, Topography – Gulf Islands National Seashore – Mississippi, (DVD).

USGS Open File Report 2007-1395, Submarine Topography – Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary, (DVD).

USGS Open File Report 2007-1422, Topography – Gulf Islands National Seashore – Florida, (DVD).

USGS Open File Report 2007-1431, Topography – Padre Island National Seashore – Mississippi, (2 DVD Set).

USGS Open File Report 2007-1432, Submarine Topography – Northern Florida Reef Tract (2001-2002), (DVD).