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Presentations

May 14 **Nick Graf** (Thesis Defense): "50 Years of Channel Change on a Reach of the Big Blue River, Northeast Kansas," 9:00 am, Seaton Hall 164H.

Events and Other Things of Note

Lisa MB Harrington made an invited colloquium presentation, "Rural Change and Sustainability Concerns in the Western Kansas High Plains," at the University of Illinois on April 25. **Lisa** was also one of the invited presenters at the 39th Annual South Dakota State Geography Convention, Brookings, SD, on April 4. The title of her presentation was: "Rural Change and Sustainability: History and Lessons from the Western Kansas High Plains."

At this time each year the faculty consider the selection of a new Graduate Student Representative in our department. The representative is a liaison between the faculty and graduate students, representing graduate student interests to the faculty and vice versa. The faculty have asked **Sumanth Reddy** to take this position for the upcoming year (beginning July 1), and he has agreed to serve. Please direct any concerns about the position or selection process to **Kevin Blake**.

The following students were presented awards/scholarships at the **GTU/Geography Banquet** on Thursday, 1 May:

Huber Self Geography Scholarship: Nicole Wayant

The Self Scholarship was established in 1981 and honors Dr. Huber Self who retired in 1980 after devoting more than 33 years of his professional life to the advancement of geography at Kansas State University. The scholarship is supported by Dr. Self, alumni, and friends of the Department of Geography. It is presented to an outstanding undergraduate geography major.

H.L. "Sy" Seyler Undergraduate GIScience Scholarship: Nicole Wayant

The Seyler Scholarship was established in 2006 and honors Dr. H.L. "Sy" Seyler who retired in 2000 after devoting nearly three decades of professional service to the advancement of both geography and geographic information science at Kansas State University. The scholarship is supported by alumni and friends of the Department of Geography.

William D. Grimm Memorial Scholarship: Jake Galyon

The Grimm Scholarship was established in 1992 and honors William, a 1986 K-State Geography graduate who was killed in the Persian Gulf War on 31 January 1991. The scholarship is supported by the Grimm family, alumni, and friends of the Department of Geography. It is presented to an outstanding undergraduate geography major.

LeBlanc Outstanding Undergraduate Major Award: Iris Wilson

The LeBlanc Award was established in 1977 and is made possible through the generosity of Leonard LeBlanc III, who earned a B.S. in Geography in 1973. It is presented to an outstanding undergraduate geography student.

National Council for Geographic Education (NCGE)/Association of American Geographers Award for Excellence of Scholarship: Hannah Wilcox

The NCGE/AAG Award was established in 1979 is presented to the graduating senior in K-State Geography with the highest grade point average. The cash award is supported by the Department of Geography.

White Geography Graduate Teaching Assistant Excellence Award: Sumanth Reddy

The White Award was established in 1989 and is presented to the K-State Geography graduate student selected for outstanding performance as a teaching assistant. The White Award is made possible through the generosity of Steve and Sue White.

Rumsey B. Marston Scholarship: Benjamin Meade

The R.B. Marston Scholarship was established in 1986 and honors the memory of Rumsey Bissell Marston, and is supported by the Marston family, alumni, and friends of the Department of Geography. The scholarship is presented to a graduate student who writes a thesis or dissertation proposal in physical geography that involves a significant level of well-conceived fieldwork.

Graduate Student Leadership Award: Rhett Mohler and Tom Vought

The Leadership Award was established in 2002 to recognize K-State Geography graduate students for their professionalism, dedication, and leadership. The Leadership Award is supported by alumni and friends of the Department of Geography.

Mary Dobbs Outstanding Citizenship Award: David Koch and Sohini Dutt

The Mary Dobbs Award was established in 2006 to honor the memory of Mary, a K-State Geography doctoral student who passed away in Fall 2006 and was awarded the Ph.D. posthumously. The Dobbs Award is presented to geography students who best exemplify the spirit of the department and a willingness to give "110 percent." The Dobbs Award is supported by alumni and friends of the Department of Geography.

The 31st **Annual Applied Geography Conference** is calling for paper and poster submissions. Submissions are due by May 19th, 2008. To publish your work in the conference proceedings, please submit manuscripts by June 1st, 2008. Paper titles, 150-word abstracts, AV needs form, and session titles can be submitted in digital form to Jay Lee, at jlee@kent.edu. For more information, go to: <http://appliedgeog.binghamton.edu>

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