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Presentations

- April 17 **Dr. J.M. Shawn Hutchinson:** “Certifying Rapid Soil Erosion Assessment Methods and Tools for Military Training Lands in Kansas and Hawaii,” 3:30 pm, 132 Seaton Hall.
- April 23 **Patrick Abbott:** “Depictions of Plains Indians along the Oregon Trail,” a Master’s Thesis presentation, 8:30 am, 15 Eisenhower.

Events and Things of Note

Congratulations to **Melinda and Rob Daniels** on the birth of their daughter, Lily Mae, on Friday, 10 April.

Richard Marston has been appointed as a Committee Member, AAG Melvin G. Marcus Fund for Physical Geography, July 2009-June 2012.

Dr. Kendra McLauchlan and geography doctoral candidate **Sumanth Reddy** have been selected to receive the College of Arts and Sciences William L. Stamey Teaching Award. Kendra and Sumo will be recognized at the College of Arts and Sciences Spring Commencement on Saturday, 16 May 2009, at 8:30am in Bramlage Coliseum. They each receive an honorarium of \$500. Congratulations Kendra and Sumo !!!!

Nicole Wayant has been chosen by the K-State Office of the Provost to receive the 2009 Distinguished Undergraduate Student in Research Award. This is the third year for this prestigious award, which carries with it an honorarium of \$1000. It will be presented at the Developing Scholars Poster Session on 19 April, 2:00-4:00pm, in the Union Ballroom. Congratulations Nikki !!!!

Mitch Stimers gave a presentation titled “Natural Hazards are Acts of God, Natural Disasters are Acts of Man: How Humans Cope with and Respond to Disasters” on April 8th as part of Cloud County Community College’s Faculty Speaker Series.

Congratulations to **Rhett Mohler**, who was elected to the office of secretary on the Graduate Student Council Executive Committee.

GTU would like to thank the following for their contributions to the Kansas State-Level Geographic Bee. Thank you very much for volunteering your time! Coordinator- **John Harrington Jr.** Volunteers: **Tom Vought, Tyra Olstand, Sumo Reddy, Katie Franke, Sohini Dutt, Lisa Harrington, Rex Robichaux, Eli Martinson, and Ryan Bergstrom.**

K-State Open House, Saturday April 18 from 9 am to 3 pm. The Geography booth will have flat maps, computer maps/GIS, geography-related publications, and illustrations on global climate change. Bring your family. With events for all ages, the K-State Open House will be a perfect day to learn about your University, and geography department.

Please join the new **Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences (AESS)** - a professional society whose time has come. The National Council for Science and the Environment invites you to join with over 600 environmental scholars and scientists who have already joined the Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences. Since its creation less than a year ago, AEISS is quickly becoming the leading interdisciplinary society in higher education for people working in the fields of environmental studies and environmental science. Faculty, students, and education-minded environmental professionals and practitioners are encouraged to join. Initial membership is only \$30/year for faculty & professionals and \$15/year for students. Join now by going to: <http://www.aess.info>

The Association's first annual meeting will take place in Madison, Wisconsin, October 8-11, 2009. Go to our web site to submit your abstracts and proposals for participation.

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