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Department of Geography

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Presentation

Feb 6

Chris Laingen: "Complex Feedbacks among Human Systems, Natural Systems, and Pheasant Hunting in South Dakota," 3:00 pm, 132 Seaton Hall.

Publications

Smith, Jeffrey. 2008. Barranca del Cobre: North America's Other Majestic Canyon. *Focus* 51(3): 1-10.

Laingen, Chris. 2008. How Human and Natural Driving Forces Affect Pheasants and Pheasant Hunting in South Dakota. *Focus* 51(3): 23-31.

Conference Presentations

Zac Eddy presented, "The Efficacy of Natural Vegetative Barriers at Controlling Prairie Dog Dispersal in Shortgrass Prairie: First Year Results" at the Kansas Natural Resource Conference in Wichita on January 30, 2008.

Mike Dulin presented, "Identifying and Assessing Windbreaks Using Object-based Imagery Classification" at the Kansas Natural Resource Conference in Wichita on January 30, 2008.

Student Opportunities

Sigma Xi national Grant-In-Aid of Research program for undergraduate and graduate students. Grants of up to \$1,000 are awarded to students from all areas of the sciences and engineering. The application deadline is March 15, 2009, and for more information go to:

<http://www.sigmaxi.org/programs/giar/index.shtml>.

Call for Abstracts: 14th Annual K-State Research Forum (KRF) and 6th Annual Capitol Graduate Research Summit March 2009 The KRF, to be held in the K-State Student Union on March 6, 2009, is now seeking abstracts for oral and poster presentations from both graduate and undergraduate students. Scholarship from all disciplines and departments are welcome. Students will have a chance to present their research to a panel of faculty judges who will award the top presentations in each section with cash prizes. Last year's KRF featured 65 presentations from over 20 campus departments.

The top 10 KRF posters will be selected to participate in the Capitol Graduate Research Summit (CGRS) to be held in Topeka on March 12, 2009. The ten K-State CGRS research posters will join the top student research posters from the University of Kansas, Wichita State University, and University of Kansas Medical School. Each selected presenter will be awarded \$100 for their participation and will compete for the first place prize provided by KansasBio. Abstract submission deadline is January 30, 2009 at 5:00pm. Submission website: <http://www.k-state.edu/grad/gsc>

Events and Things of Note

Nicole Wayant, senior in geography and mathematics, Topeka, is the inaugural recipient of the \$1,000 Abraham Anson Memorial Scholarship from the American Society of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing. Congratulations Nicole!

Please welcome Aurelie Ruiz to the Department of Geography. Aurelie Ruiz is a graduate student at the University of Lyon 2 in Lyon, France. She is working toward her Master's degree in geography, with a specialty in water resources. Aurelie will be a guest of the Department of Geography from 2 February through 29 May. She will be working with Geography faculty as well as with extension faculty in Biological and Agricultural Engineering. She is studying the effects of irrigation on groundwater, so her advisor thought it would be best if she came to Kansas State University to study the High Plains Aquifer. She speaks English rather well and attended a student Super Bowl Party in her first full day in Kansas!

The National Teach-In on global warming for Kansas State University will begin on February 4, at 6PM in Justin Hall 109. The evening will include a viewing of the webcast The First 100 Days (30 minutes) followed by guided group discussions (30 minutes). Faculty, students, and the public are all welcome. Other activities and events will follow throughout the semester.

Websites of Interest

Remember the Milk (<http://www.rememberthemilk.com>): Take your tasks anywhere with this feature packed "to-do list" application. See tasks located nearby, add and complete tasks on the go, organize upcoming tasks, and sync it all seamlessly with Remember The Milk. A web-based application that integrates with Gmail and Google Calendar, along with mobile devices.

Text the Mob (<http://textthemob.com>): The easiest and most entertaining way to collect feedback from your audience: Project polls or message boards on a large screen, have everyone send their input via their cell phones and see results instantly. Work well as a classroom assessment technique.

SAM is a compact but robust computer program designed as a package of statistical tools for spatial analysis, mainly for applications in Macroecology and Biogeography. SAM is used worldwide by thousands of users, in more than 50 countries, as a reliable tool for spatial analyses. SAM runs under Microsoft Windows as a user-friendly, menu-driven, graphical interface computational program. SAM offers a wide spectrum of statistical methods currently used in Surface Pattern Spatial Analysis. <http://www.ecoevol.ufg.br/sam/>

A freeware program that is potentially useful to geographers: <http://www.ecoevol.ufg.br/sam/>

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