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Department of Geography

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Presentations

- Feb 27 **Dr. Jeffrey S. Smith:** "Three Men One Road Out of Zacatecas, Mexico,"
3:30 pm, Big 12 Room, KSU Student Union.
- March 6 Dr. Don Mitchell: "Labor's Geography: Capital, Violence, Guest
Workers, and the Post-World War II Landscape in California," 3:30 pm,
101 Bluemont Hall

Events and Things of Note

You are invited to an open house to mark the end of Phase I of construction of the Department of Geography Paleoenvironmental Lab (62 Seaton). Please drop by the Lab anytime on Wednesday, February 25 from 2:30 to 4 pm. This is just a casual, informal time to see the space and what kinds of things can now be done in our department. Sparkling beverages will be served!

A note from Geography major **Hannah Wilcox:** Hello from Russia! Irkutsk (not Moscow) is a wonderful/extremely cold place. I have been out to and onto Lake Baikal and it is a breathtaking area. I am being drowned in Russian and it feels great. I did get accepted to the City Year AmeriCorps program that starts in August. I will be serving my year in Chicago. This program consists of training from the University of Chicago Urban Education Institute and the Chicago Public School District throughout the year while working with different under-funded, elementary schools in one-on-one or group tutoring, as well as operate several after school programs.

Student & Faculty Opportunities

**Consider an adventure in learning, Environment, Society, and Culture of Ecuador,
July 21 - August 9, 2009**

Eastern Illinois University invites undergraduate and graduate students, honors students, teachers, friends and adult family to experience the land and people of the Andes Mountains, Amazon rainforest and the Galapagos Islands July 21 through Aug. 9, 2009. Geography, earth science, culture and history

are part of this four-credit course titled Environment, Society and Culture of Ecuador. Program fee includes first rate lodging, international and in-country airfares, meals, boat and ground transportation, estimated cost \$6,600 plus tuition. Out of state students welcome and pay in-state tuition in the summer. For details, visit

<http://www.eiu.edu/~edabroad/programs/facultyled/smith>

Research Design for Social-Ecological Studies in Conservation

This is an intensive, nine-day course in research design geared to ecology and social science students. The course provides straightforward guidance for designing research studies to achieve necessary inference for conservation, an inherently interdisciplinary field relying on theory and management approaches based in the social-ecological sciences. With guidance, students will design and present research proposals that incorporate the basic elements of design that define a) rigorous scientific research approaches with b) direct and relevant applications to real-world conservation issues. Students will work in Costa Rica at Las Cruces Biological Station near the La Amistad Biosphere Reserve in a diverse landscape with strong human impacts and rich biodiversity resources characteristic of Premontane Tropical Rainforest.

Faculty, Dr. Katie Sieving and Dr. Mickie Swisher, University of Florida. Dates: March 8-16, 2009
Application Deadline: Space available, open enrollment by rolling admission. Tuition: OTS consortium members - \$1,500; non-members \$2,000. Students: graduate and advanced undergraduate students, postdoctoral fellows, conservation professionals. Applications & More information: consult the OTS website at <http://www.ots.duke.edu> or contact blewis@ots.ac.cr

Websites of Interest

The Vulcan Project, which seeks to measure and map out carbon dioxide emissions across the United States, recently unveiled an interactive map using Google Earth (plugin required). Using data from 2002, the map displays carbon dioxide emissions from aircraft, commercial, residential, electrical and other sources.

<http://www.purdue.edu/eas/carbon/vulcan/GEarth/index.html>

The Center for Remote Sensing of Ice Sheets (CReSIS) has developed a lot of great activities. Their main link with activities is here:

<https://www.cresis.ku.edu/education/iceicebaby.html>

There are also a bunch of 'tried and tested' ideas on the International Polar Year Educators pages, though not all glaciology, located at:

<http://www.ipy.org/index.php?/ipy/audience/C27/>

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