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Presentations

- Jan 22 Thomas J. Baerwald: "Do's and Don't's for First-Time Grant Proposers,"
10:00-11:30am, 213 KSU Student Union.
- Thomas J. Baerwald: "Proposal Rejection: Strategies for Resubmission,"
1:30-2:50pm, Big 12 Room, KSU Student Union.
- Thomas J. Baerwald: "NSF Group Projects," 3:00-4:30pm, Big 12 Room, KSU
Student Union.
- Jan 23 Thomas J. Baerwald: "Geography and Interdisciplinarity," 3:30-4:45pm, 132
Seaton Hall.

Events and Things of Note

John Harrington has been awarded a sabbatical leave for the Spring 2010 semester.

Steve White has been awarded a sabbatical leave for the Fall 2009 semester.

Geography Colloquium (GEOG 800) and Visiting Scholars' Presentations

6 February (3:00pm, 132 Seaton Hall): **Chris Laingen**, dissertation defense, "Complex Feedbacks Among Human Systems, Natural Systems, and Pheasant Hunting in South Dakota."

20 February (3:30pm, 132 Seaton Hall): Dr. Subash Das (Dept. of Geography and Environment, Jahangirnagar University, Bangladesh), Title TBA

27 February (3:30pm, 132 Seaton Hall): **Dr. Jeff Smith**, title TBA

6 March (time & location TBA): Dr. Don Mitchell (Syracuse)

28 March (Saturday, 28 March, 1:30pm, Manhattan Public Library Auditorium): Dr. Blake Gumprecht (New Hampshire), "The American College Town."

17 April (3:30pm, 132 Seaton Hall): **Dr. Shawn Hutchinson**, title TBA

1 May (3:30pm, 132 Seaton Hall): **Dr. Kendra McLaughlan** and **Julie Commerford**, "An Introduction to the Flint Hills Grassland Pollen Project."

If you work at the AAG Annual Meeting as a conference assistant, you can earn \$8 per hour and a 50% rebate on your registration. The website where you can get the application form is at:

<http://aag.org/annualmeetings/2009/assistants.htm>

Preliminary mass balance data of the observation years 2006 and 2007 are now available from the website of the World Glacier Monitoring Service: <http://www.wgms.ch/mbb/mbb10/sum07.html>. After the extreme negative mass balances of the year 2005/06, with an average ice loss of more than one meter water equivalent (w.e.), the reported values so far for the observation year 2006/07 indicate a further average ice loss of about half a meter w.e. The work of the WGMS relies on the cooperation and help of many scientists and observers throughout the world over many years or even decades in collaboration with our national correspondents, who are collecting the data in their country for submission to the WGMS.

The U.S. Geological Survey in cooperation with the National Institutes for Water Resources requests proposals for matching grants to support research on the topics of water supply and water availability. Proposals are sought in not only the physical dimensions of supply and demand, but also quality trends in raw water supplies; the role of economics and institutions in water supply and demand; institutional arrangements for tracking and reporting water supply and availability; and institutional arrangements for coping with extreme hydrologic conditions. Any investigator at an accredited institution of higher learning in the United States is eligible to apply for a grant through a Water Research Institute or Center established under the provisions of the Water Resources Research Act of 1984. Proposals involving substantial collaboration between the USGS and university scientists are encouraged. Proposals may be for projects of 1 to 3 years in duration and may request up to \$250,000 in federal funds. Successful applicants must match each dollar of the federal grant with one dollar from non-federal sources. Proposals must be filed on the Internet at <https://niwr.net/> by 5:00 PM, Eastern Standard Time, February 20, 2009 and must be approved for submission to the National Competitive Grants Program not later than 5:00 PM, Eastern Standard Time, March 6, 2009 by the Institute or Center through which they were submitted.

The College of A&S at K-State has created a new award in the amount of \$4000 to fund one undergraduate student (maybe more in the future) to travel abroad during Summer 2009. The proposals must reflect the goal of "intensive interaction with the people and customs of another country." The deadline for applying is February 1. Students can pick one up in 112 Eisenhower Hall.

Late-Breaking Announcement (Online Version of Globe Only)

Additional graduate students are sought to participate in GENAG 780 Introduction to Agricultural Resources and the Environment (Ref. #16161). This two credit course is organized by Kansas State University and Purpan Agricultural College in Toulouse, France and takes place on MW 8:30-10:20 through March 11. Topics to be discussed include societal growth and development, resource sustainability, and agro-ecological management issues (local to global scale). Lectures will feature presentations by a number of KSU and Purpan faculty and will be broadcast live to students at both universities via teleconferencing. A follow-on capstone course is planned for Fall 2009. For more information, please contact Shawn Hutchinson (532-3414 or shutch@k-state.edu).

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