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Events and Things of Note

Chris Laingen has accepted a tenure-track position at Eastern Illinois University.

A number of geography graduate students presented at the K-State Graduate Research Forum this past Friday. Posters presentations by **Beau** and **Katie**, and by **Ben Meade** have been also selected for the Capitol Graduate Research Summit in Topeka on March 12.

Oral Presentations:

Zac Eddy; "Efficacy of Natural Vegetation Barriers at Controlling Prairie Dog Dispersal in Shortgrass Prairie."

Tom Vought; "Integrating Wheat Quality Data with Online Mapping to Enhance International Grain Purchases."

Tyra Olstad; "Cultivating a Great Plains Aesthetic."

Poster Presentations:

Beau Burkitt and **Katie Franke**; "GIS-enabled Kinematic Wave Approach for Rapid Soil Erosion Assessment and Improved BMP Site Selection."

Mike Dulin; "The Kansas Forest Stewardship Spatial Analysis Project."

Ben Meade; "Spatial Extent, Timing, and Causes of Channel Incision, Black Vermillion Watershed, Northeastern Kansas."

Student & Faculty Opportunities

2009 Applied Geography Conference will be held in Baton Rouge, LA on October 28-31, 2009. Expression of intent to submit abstracts for papers or posters must be made to the Applied Geography Conference Board of Directors by May 18, 2009. To publish your work in the conference proceedings, please submit your manuscripts by June 1, 2009. Paper title, 150-word abstract, AV needs form, and session titles can be submitted in digital form to: Jay Lee, Department of Geography, Kent State University, Kent, OH 44242-0001. Phone: (330) 672-3222; Email: jlee@kent.edu

UC-Santa Cruz is pleased to announce the first Summer Sustainability Institute, designed for undergraduates interested in learning more and bringing that knowledge back to their campuses. You can find more information at: <http://summer.ucsc.edu/sustainability>

K-State Geography Presentations in Las Vegas

Sunday, March 22

Jason Brody: 1:20 PM in Royale Pavilion 2, Riviera Hotel, 1st Floor

Paper Title: *Clarence Perry's Neighborhood Unit Concept: Organizing the Production of Space in Twentieth Century America*

Lisa Harrington: 2:00 PM in Grande Ballroom C, Riviera Hotel, 1st Floor

Paper Title: *Local Conceptions of Sustainability in the Rural Pacific Northwest*

Jeremy Aber: 2:00 PM in Skybox 203, Riviera Hotel, 2nd Floor

Paper Title: *Representations of Space in Videogames*

Monday, March 23

Kendra McLauchlan: 10:50 AM in North Hall N117, Las Vegas Convention Center

Paper Title: *Ecosystem Response to Changes in Climate and Vegetation During the Holocene: Sediment Records from Deming Lake, Minnesota, USA*

John Harrington: 2:20 PM in North Hall N118, Las Vegas Convention Center

Paper Title: *Coupling Natural and Human Systems: A Methodological Assessment*

Dave Koch: 3:10 PM in Skybox 212, Riviera Hotel, 2nd Floor

Paper Title: *Associations between small scale landscape patterns and hantavirus*

Chuck Martin: 4:10 PM in Capri 107, Riviera Hotel, 1st Floor

Paper Title: *Recent Changes in Heavy Metal Storage, Lahn River, central Germany*

Mike Dulin: 4:10 PM in North Hall N120, Las Vegas Convention Center

Paper Title: *Identifying and Assessing Windbreaks Using Hierarchical Learning and Object-based Imagery Analysis*

Tuesday, March 24

Max Lu: 8:00 AM - 9:40 AM in Royale Pavilion 1, Riviera Hotel, 1st Floor

Panel Session: *Advanced Placement Human Geography: the First Eight Years and Beyond*

James Wells: 10:10 AM in Skybox 207, Riviera Hotel, 2nd Floor

Paper Title: *Regional Tourist Development within Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area*

Benjamin Meade (with **Mark Gossard & Dick Marston**): 10:10 AM in North Hall N103, Las Vegas Convention Center
Paper Title: *Spatial Extent, Timing, and Causes of Channel Incision, Black Vermillion Watershed, Northeastern Kansas*

Gina Thornburg: 1:00 PM in Capri 113, Riviera Hotel, 1st Floor

Paper Title: *Effects of Farm-to-School Programs on Farming Households and Communities: A Comparative Case Study of Two California and Two Oklahoma Sites*

Julie Commerford: 1:50 PM in Capri 103, Riviera Hotel, 1st Floor

Illustrated Paper Title: *Calibrating vegetation cover and pollen assemblages in the Flint Hills of Kansas, USA*

Deborah Che: 3:10 PM - 4:50 PM in North Hall N107, Las Vegas Convention Center

Panel Session: *Practices and Landscapes of Militarization VI: Reflection & New Directions*

Tom Vought (with **Ryan Bergstrom, Mike Dulin, & Mitch Stimers**): 3:10 PM - 4:50 PM in Grande Ballroom EF, Riviera Hotel, 1st Floor

Poster Title: *The Spatial Distribution of the Seven Deadly Sins by County within the United States*

Jeff Smith (with **Tom Vought**): 3:10 PM - 4:50 PM in Grande Ballroom EF, Riviera Hotel, 1st Floor

Poster Title: *How long do we have: The changing distribution of the Mexican origin population in the U.S. between 2008 and 2050*

Matthew Cartlidge: 3:10 PM - 4:50 PM in Grande Ballroom EF, Riviera Hotel, 1st Floor

Poster Title: *Hispanic Housescape Features Associated with the Latino Ethnic Neighborhood in Great Bend, Kansas*

Karen DeBres: 3:30 PM in Skybox 201, Riviera Hotel, 2nd Floor

Paper Title: *Greetings from Main Street! Postcards as Tools for Geographic Interpretation*

Linnea Sando: 3:50 PM in Skybox 201, Riviera Hotel, 2nd Floor

Paper Title: *Finnish Saunas on the Landscape*

Mitch Stimers (with **Matthew Hosey & Nathan Brenner**): 5:20 PM - 7:00 PM in Grande Ballroom EF, Riviera Hotel, 1st Floor

Poster Title: *Determining Warning Siren Coverage and Optimal Distance to Emergency Services Using GIS in Riley and Pottawatomie Counties, Kansas.*

James Barker: 5:20 PM - 7:00 PM in Grande Ballroom EF, Riviera Hotel, 1st Floor

Poster Title: *The Distribution of Rare Livestock Breeds Producers in the United States*

Richard Marston: 5:20 PM - 7:00 PM in Grande Ballroom H, Riviera Hotel, 1st Floor
Panel Session: *The Geomorphology Specialty Group After 30 Years: Looking Back, Looking Forward*

Tyra Olstad: 6:40 PM in Skybox 203, Riviera Hotel, 2nd Floor Paper Title: *Cultivating a Great Plains Aesthetic*

KSU-KU Geography Reception

7:30 PM until ???, Bahama Breeze Island Grille, 375 Hughes Center Drive, Las Vegas, NV (2.1 miles from convention hotel)

Wednesday, March 25

Max Lu: 9:00 AM in North Hall N111, Las Vegas Convention Center
Paper Title: *Red states vs blue states: Is there a culture divide in the United States?*

Sumanth Reddy: 10:10 AM in North Hall N112, Las Vegas Convention Center
Paper Title: *An Explorative Study of Medical Tourism in India*

Chris Laingen: 5:20 PM - 7:00 PM in Grande Ballroom EF, Riviera Hotel, 1st Floor
Poster Title: *Changes in Conservation Reserve Program Acres and Pheasants in South Dakota*

Kevin Blake: 5:40 PM in Grande Ballroom D, Riviera Hotel, 1st Floor

Thursday, March 26

Deborah Che: 8:00 AM - 9:40 AM in Skybox 205, Riviera Hotel, 2nd Floor
Panel Session: *Defining Chinatown*

Elias Martinson (with **Kendra McLauchlan, Iris Wilson, & John Harrington**): 9:00 AM in Grande Ballroom H, Riviera Hotel, 1st Floor
Paper Title: *Climatic Influence on Growth of *Quercus Macrocarpa* in Northeast Kansas, 1890-2007*

Zachary Eddy: 0:30 AM in Skybox 205, Riviera Hotel, 2nd Floor
Paper Title: *The Efficacy of Natural Vegetative Barriers at Controlling Prairie Dog Dispersal in Shortgrass Prairie: Year 1 Results*

Kabita Ghimire: 10:30 AM in Skybox 203, Riviera Hotel, 2nd Floor
Paper Title: *Influence of climate pattern on malaria disease in Terai region of Nepal*

Ryan Bergstrom (with **Tom Vought, Mike Dulin, & Mitch Stimers**): 3:10 PM - 4:50 PM in Grande Ballroom EF, Riviera Hotel, 1st Floor
Poster Title: *The Spatial Distribution of the Seven Deadly Sins within Nevada*

Rex Robichaux: 3:10 PM - 4:50 PM in Grande Ballroom EF, Riviera Hotel, 1st Floor
Poster Title: *Geographical Applications at Mesa Verde National Park, Southwestern Colorado*

Doug Goodin (with **Dave Koch**): 4:30 PM in Capri 113, Riviera Hotel, 1st Floor
Paper Title: *Community Diversity, Landscape Structure, and the Presence of Hantavirus at an Atlantic Forest Site, Eastern Paraguay*

Deborah Che: 5:20 PM - 7:00 PM in Skybox 209, Riviera Hotel, 2nd Floor
Panel Session: *Publishing Tourism Geography Research*

Sohini Dutt: 5:20 PM in Skybox 203, Riviera Hotel, 2nd Floor
Paper Title: *Perceptions of HIV Risk and Preventive Measures among Female Students in Kolkata, India.*

Friday, March 27

Jeff Smith: 8:00 AM - 9:40 AM in Capri 115, Riviera Hotel, 1st Floor
Panel Session: *TAs, RAs, and GREs: Helping Undergraduates Decipher Graduate School*

Rhett Mohler: 8:20 AM in North Hall N111, Las Vegas Convention Center
Paper Title: *A comparison of red, NIR, and NDVI for detecting persistence of burn signatures in tallgrass prairie*

Nicole Wayant: 10:50 AM in North Hall N120, Las Vegas Convention Center
Paper Title: *Malaria Occurrences in Paraguay: Correlating Malaria and Normalized Difference Vegetation Index*

Ben Munro: 10:50 AM in North Hall N102, Las Vegas Convention Center
Paper Title: *Midwestern Biofuels: Putting the Phenomenon in Global Geopolitical Context*

Deborah Che (with Bimal Paul): 10:50 AM in Skybox 205, Riviera Hotel, 2nd Floor
Paper Title: *Rebuilding Tornado Leveled Greensburg, Kansas as Greensburg GreenTown: For Whom?*

Bimal Paul: 11:10AM in Skybox 205, Riviera Hotel, 2nd Floor
Paper Title: *Why So Few People Died? The Case of Bangladesh's Cyclone Sidr*

Websites of Interest

As part of its program of educational outreach, the NAS IGY committee in 1958 put together a booklet providing a brief introduction to the earth and environmental sciences. The booklet was organized around six beautiful posters, each devoted to an area of geophysics, created expressly for the outreach project. Posters and booklet are available for download at:
<http://www7.nationalacademies.org/archives/IGYPlanetEarthPosters.html>

The Brookings Global released new analysis by Eswar Prasad and Isaac Sorkin, which tracks the G-20 economic stimulus plans, noting the size, speed and scope of each effort, and includes deeper details on global economic growth issues. An interactive map showcases the plans across the globe and provides specific country data. Read more and view the interactive map. The interactive map and analysis will be updated on an ongoing basis to serve as a tracker of G-20 stimulus measures and the broader economic impact. Brookings scholars also continue to tackle a number of related issues to the global economic crisis and the upcoming G-20 Summit in London. Find more information at
<http://www.brookings.edu/global.aspx>

A website, created by the Scott Polar Research Institute (Cambridge, England), has just been launched that contains historic polar images from 1845 to 1982. <http://www.freezeimage.ac.uk/>

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