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This newsletter is viewable on the department's website (www.k-state.edu/geography). Past issues are also posted.

Student Award

At the 2009 Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting in Las Vegas, Ben Meade won the Award for the Best Paper by a Masters Student, presented by the AAG Geomorphology Specialty Group. The title of Ben's paper was "Spatial Extent, Timing, and Causes of Channel Incision: Black Vermillion Watershed, NE Kansas." Ben received a cash award of \$250.

Student & Faculty Opportunities

Some NSF funding programs have emerged that are intended to foster interdisciplinary research. These will be of interests to KSU Geography faculty and graduate students:

Multi-Scale Modeling:

<http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2009/nsf09032/nsf09032.jsp>

Emerging Topics in Biogeochemical Cycles:

<http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2009/nsf09030/nsf09030.jsp?org=GEO>

Environment, Society and Economy:

http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2009/nsf09031/nsf09031.jsp?govDel=USNSF_25

The K-State Study Abroad Program is still recruiting for the following Summer 2009 Faculty-Led Group Study Abroad Programs:

- Spain: Culture and Language Study (open to all students) – TWO OPENINGS LEFT
- Brazil: Development and Environment in the Brazilian Rain Forest (open to all students)
- London: A Life in Maps and Theater and Stage (open to all students)
- Turkey: Global Justice (open to all students)
- Germany: Language Study and Tour of Germany (open to all students)
- Teaching ESL in Guatemala (open to Education students, other majors may be considered)

For more information, please visit the Study Abroad Program Faculty-Led Programs website at:

<http://www.k-state.edu/studyabroad/facultyled/programs/past/summer2009.html> or contact Rose Redington at rosered@ksu.edu/532-5990

The 40th Annual South Dakota State Geography Convention will be held on April 16-17, 2009 at Brookings, SD. It is the longest running student organized and sponsored annual meeting in the United States. Approximately ten eminent academic and applied geographers from around the region, the country, and Canada are invited to make presentations at the conference each spring. The convention also features social activities, a Gamma Theta Upsilon initiation, and an awards banquet. Field trips are provided on occasion.

Our department has been trying over the past few years to videotape all of our visiting scholar presentations and as many other colloquia as possible. Those presentations are then posted on our department website. Many of these talks are also available on DVDs which will soon be stored with the rest of the department-owned videos.

In the past couple of weeks, and after much delay, three new talks have been posted. These include George Malanson (9/19/08), Phil Gersmehl (KGA 9/20/08), and Tom Baerwald (1/23/09). Talks from the current academic year can be accessed from our Visiting Scholars and Colloquia [page](http://www.k-state.edu/geography/speakers.html) (click Speaker Series on the sidebar from the department home page). The web page containing presentations from previous years can also be accessed from this site. Please note that the streaming multimedia files containing the presentations were made using the program Microsoft Producer, which requires the use of Internet Explorer to view.

Below is a short listing of the presentations that are available via the website:

Patricia Solis, "Heuristics, Serendipity, and Enlightened Opportunism: Making a Difference through Geography."

Rhett Mohler, "Historical Channel Change of Vermillion Creek, Kansas, 1857-2002."

Peg Margosian, "Connectivity of the American Agricultural Landscape: A Graph Approach."

Jacob Sowers, "An Exploration of Jackrabbit Homesteading."

Dr. Lary Dilsaver, "The Evolution of Management of the California Desert."

Craig Beech, "The Role of GIS in Transfrontier Conservation."

Dr. Maureen Reed, "The Geography of Environmental Care: Management Regimes in Canadian Biosphere Reserves."

Dr. Kavita Pandit, "Building a Globally Engaged University: A Vital Role for Geographers."

Dr. Stephen Walsh, "Land Use Dynamics and Drivers of Change along the Equator: Examples from the Ecuadorian Amazon and the Galapagos Islands."

Dr. Paul Cloke, "Rural Turns: The Search for New "Rurals" in Geography."

Dr. George Malanson, "Feedback and Complexity in Responses to Global Change."

Dr. Phil Gersmehl, "Geography Education as if Students Mattered: Spatial Thinking and Modern Neuroscience."

Dr. Thomas Baerwald, "Geography and Interdisciplinarity."

A couple of additional talks by geographers which were sponsored by the Provost were taped by others with some accessible via the web:

Jack Dangermond, "GIS Vision and Enabling Technology."

Dr. Dawn Wright, "Spatial Reasoning at Sea and Ashore: Progress and Challenges of Ocean Informatics." (Currently only available on DVD)

Mount Redoubt Volcano in Alaska erupted explosively more than 10 times this week, sending ash skyrocketing as high as 65,000 feet into the air. The eruption of Redoubt poses a threat to national and international aviation as volcanic ash is sent into the busy North Pacific flight paths. Ash fall has also been reported in towns and cities around Cook Inlet, including a trace in Anchorage. Volcanic activity is expected to continue for days to months. Redoubt last erupted explosively nearly 20 years ago, sending ash plumes 40,000 feet into the air and causing engine failure in a 747 jet, which eventually landed safely. The latest information about Mount Redoubt can be found at:

<http://www.avo.alaska.edu/activity/Redoubt.php> Download a satellite image of Mount Redoubt from Landsat 5 at: <http://www.avo.alaska.edu/image.php?id=17249>. You can learn about the USGS Volcano Hazards Program at <http://volcanoes.usgs.gov>.

Website of Interest

For an incredible wealth of current topics and news stories in geography, check out <http://geography.alltop.com/>

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