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This week, we sadly say farewell – *with many thanks* for all of the hard work over the years – to **Lisa Percival**, who has been with the department for 19 years. The happy thing is that she will still be on campus; she has accepted a position (with a promotion) with the Chemistry Department.

Departmental & Campus Events

- 26 Sep (M) Last day to drop a regular session course without a W being recorded
- 27 Sep (T) Latin American Film Series: [The Colors of the Mountain \(Los colores de la montaña\)](#), 7:30 pm, Forum Hall, K-State Student Union. Spanish with English subtitles; free.
- 28 Sep (W) Geography faculty coffee, 8:30, John Johnson table, Union
- 30 Sep (F) 2011 State of the University Address, President Schulz, 3:30 pm, Forum Hall, K-State Student Union.
- 4 Oct (T) Government Jobs for Every Major, 4:00 pm, Big 12 Room, Union 2nd floor. Representatives of state and federal agencies will discuss opportunities within their organizations, and how to apply for them.
- 14 Oct (F) Geography faculty meeting, 3:00 pm, S164H
- 15 Oct (Sa) **GTU Highway cleanup**
- 19 Oct (W) Deadline for application for December graduation (with name to appear in the program)
- 28 Oct (F) **Geography Alumni Day**
- 14-18 Nov **Geography Awareness Week**
- 15 Nov (T) Proposal presentation: *Spatializing Frida: The geographies of art, subjectivity, and modernity*, by **Lis Pankl**. Hale Library 301, 11:30-12:45

GTU/Geography Club

Dues: \$10 annual dues are due for the local Beta Psi Chapter. Please make a check out to GTU and drop it off in the GTU mailbox in the main office.

Please advertise GTU to friends, classmates, and students--3 classes in Geography are required with a GPA of 3.5 (there is an initial fee of \$50). Remember, extracurricular activities and recognition look good on the resumé.

Please submit t-shirt design ideas via email or drop it off in the GTU mailbox in the main office. Don't procrastinate!

Saturday, Oct 15, is GTU's annual highway clean up—the KSU/Beta Psi chapter of GTU (and the Geography Club) has a designated section of US 77 (north of Manhattan) for trash pick-up. Time commitment is about 4 hours (but more hands = less work and less time); there will be breakfast. Please help with community service activities; email one of the officers if you are interested in participating. There will be prizes for various 'finds.'

Friday, Oct 28: Alumni Day, including an evening reception and the Annual Chili Cook-Off at Dr. Caldas' home

Nov 14-18: Geography Awareness Week. GTU will have a Bake Sale in the Union; bakers (globe cookies, anyone?) and sellers are needed. Please share ideas on how to spread awareness of geographical knowledge during this week/ for the rest of the school year.

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Departmental Activities

Awards, Grants, & Scholarships

The Kansas Geographic Alliance, with **John Harrington, Jr.**, as PI, has received \$32,000 from the National Geographic Education Foundation for *The Kansas 2011/2012 Alliance Grant*.

Kendra K. McLauchlan, PI; D. Gavin and P. Higuera, co-PIs. *Ecosystem response to disturbance from decadal to millennial timescales: support for the PROBE workshop*. National Science Foundation, Ecosystem Science Program, 2011-2012. \$29,917

Heidi Mehl has received a three-year \$100,000, EPA STAR (Science to Achieve Results) graduate fellowship. The title of her dissertation is: "A cultural ecology of riparian systems on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation: understanding stream incision, riparian function, and Indigenous Knowledge to increase best management plan adoption." She is the first K-State student to receive a STAR fellowship.

Publications

Lu, Max. 2011. Ad hoc regionalism in rural development. *Geographical Review* 101(3): 334-352.

Professional Presentations

Blake, Kevin. 2011. The settings of Zane Grey's westerns. Annual meeting of the Zane Grey's West Society. Williamsburg, VA, June 20-23.

Other

Kevin Blake has been re-elected as Vice-President of the Zane Grey's West Society for a 2-year term (www.zgws.org).

Bimal Paul was interviewed by Voice of America on Sep 21. The topic was an earthquake in Burma.

Conferences

The **Association of American Geographers Annual Conference** will be held Feb 24-28, 2012, in New York City. The website is at www.aag.org/cs/annualmeeting. The **abstract deadline is Sep 28**. Many sessions are being organized around various themes; the website gives potential presenters a capability of searching for sessions by keyword, in order to identify organizers and potential sessions.

The 2011 **Kansas Association of Mappers Conference** will be held Oct 10-13, at the Clarion Hotel in Manhattan. It will offer hands-on workshops, vendors, and the opportunity to network. (Take advantage of this if you'll be looking for a job soon.) For conference information, visit www.kansasmappers.org; **register by Oct 1** to avoid the late registration fee.

Competitions & Funding Opportunities

Graduate and undergraduate students

National Geographic Society (NGS) Internships (Spring, Summer, Fall). Geography and cartography majors at US colleges and universities who are currently enrolled in their junior or senior year or in a master's degree program are eligible. The purpose of the internship program is

to give students a professional learning experience through participation in various projects aimed at the increase and diffusion of geographic knowledge. Interns are given the opportunity to apply knowledge and classroom techniques to practical publication procedures or other geographic outreach projects. Interns may be assigned to work in one of the many divisions within NGS, such as education, one of the magazines, books, television, or maps. Assignments may also include work on an increasing number of geographic outreach projects. Internships are for 13-15 weeks: Spring (Jan 23-Apr 27); Summer (May 14-Aug 10); Fall (Sep 4-Dec 14). Interns will work at NGS Headquarters in Washington, DC; they will be paid \$400 per week for a 40-hour workweek, plus a travel allowance to help defray expenses in traveling to Washington, DC. Interns are responsible for their lodging in the Washington area, including meals and other living expenses. Students (including previous applicants) must submit their information through an online application at www.nationalgeographic.com/jobs. Select 'Geography Intern' posting to apply. In addition to the online application, students must furnish all of the following materials: 1) a short essay (500 words or less) relating experiences that led the applicant to formal training in geography, stating his/her professional goals, and explaining why she/he wishes to participate in the Society's Geography Intern Program; 2) a complete résumé that includes each of the following: the applicant's extracurricular activities, awards, and recognitions; employment history; special interests, hobbies, and travel; 3) up-to-date official college transcripts, including undergraduate course work if applying as a master's degree student; 4) three letters of recommendation (one from the applicant's department chair or academic advisor and two from geography faculty members with whom the applicant has been associated); and a list of specific skills in cartography if interested in being considered for an internship in the Maps Division; and 5) a cover letter that includes the semester(s) that the applicant is available and the first choice. All these materials must be enclosed in one envelope (including the sealed confidential recommendation letters or transcripts) to: Robert E. Dulli, Director; Geography Intern Program; National Geographic Society; 1145 17th Street N.W.; Washington, DC 20036-4688. All application materials must be received by Oct 17 for consideration. Applicants selected for 2012 will be notified by Dec 9. Where appropriate, credit for the internship may be possible through an arrangement with the intern's academic institution and NGS.

Senator Jerry Moran is accepting applications for **paid internships** in his Washington, DC office for the spring 2012 term. The internship program is open to qualified undergraduate and graduate students who have strong interest in public service and government and have achieved academic excellence. Interns witness the workings of the United States Congress from a unique perspective and develop knowledge and professional skills that will prove to be invaluable in future career pursuits. Intern responsibilities include, but are not limited to: assisting Senator Moran and his staff with legislative and administrative projects, giving tours of the capitol building, answering phones, updating the website, and attending hearings. Full-time interns will be compensated for their work in Senator Moran's office. Housing is the responsibility of the intern, but Senator's Moran's staff can provide suggestions for housing in the DC area. Application Materials: 1) Application Form (<http://moran.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/internships>), 2) cover Letter explaining interest in public service and the goals for the internship, 3) resume, 4) college transcript, and 5) two letters of recommendation. The application can be filled out online and other required materials may be emailed as attachments to internships@moran.senate.gov. **Deadline**, Spring 2012 session (Jan-May): **Oct 21**. Contact the Intern Coordinator with questions: (202) 224-6521 internships@moran.senate.gov.

EPA Science to Achieve Results (STAR) Fellowships for Graduate Environmental Study-Air, Climate & Energy: Green Energy/Natural Resources Production & Use (B3); EPA-F2012-STAR-B3. EPA anticipates funding about 80 awards. The potential funding per fellowship is \$42,000/year. Master's level students may receive support for a maximum of two years for a total of up to \$84,000. Doctoral students may be supported for a maximum of 3 years for a total of up to \$126,000 (usable over 5 years). Deadline: Nov 8. Proposals in this topic focus on 1) the benefits and impacts of green energy production on air quality, water quality, ecosystems, human health, and socio-economic systems, or 2) the impacts of natural resource extraction and use on air quality,

water quality, ecosystems, human health, and socio-economic systems. Projects may include, but are not limited to, examining the links between green energy or natural resource production and use and air quality, water quality, aquatic or terrestrial ecosystems, or human health.

www.epa.gov/ncer/rfa/2012/2012_star_gradfellow.html.

K-State Study Abroad scholarships:

Mike and Becky Goss Study Abroad Scholarship. Twenty-five scholarships of \$5,000 each will be distributed to students each year. For the first year of this endowment, all twenty-five scholarships will be awarded during the spring 2012 term. This scholarship is for undergraduate or graduate students properly enrolled in any curriculum at KSU applying to study abroad for at least one semester. Preference will be given to students who have graduated from a Kansas High School. Selection will be based on a written essay, academic merit, financial need and community involvement. In order to apply for this scholarship, students must submit an International Programs Study Abroad Scholarship Application. **Applications for 2012 are due by Oct 14.**

Faculty-led Program Scholarship. Twenty-five scholarships of \$2,000 each will be awarded annually to undergraduate or graduate students properly enrolled in any curriculum at KSU applying to study abroad on a faculty-led study abroad program through KSU. Selection will be based on a written essay, academic merit, financial need and community involvement. In order to apply for this scholarship, students must submit an Office of International Programs Study Abroad Scholarship Application. **Applications for winter interim 2011/2012 and spring break 2012 programs are due by Oct 14.**

KSU scholarships (marked at the link below with a gold star) and national scholarships are still available to KSU students wanting to study abroad. Eligibility for each scholarship is different, so students should be sure to review the list of scholarships to find the ones for which they qualify. The scholarship listing can be found at <https://ksu.studioabroad.com/?go=Scholarships>

Environmental Perception and Behavioral Geography Specialty Group **Saarinen Student Paper Competition.** The deadline for the full paper for the Saarinen Student Paper Competition is **Jan 31**. The EP&BG SG will award a \$250 prize for the best student paper, illustrated paper, or poster (graduate or undergraduate) presented in either environmental perception or behavioral geography at the 2012 AAG meeting in Washington, D.C. Entrants must also submit a maximum 25-page (double-spaced) version of their work. Papers must be based upon original research done as an undergraduate or graduate student and must be written entirely by the applicant. The winner will be announced at the EP&BG SG business meeting at the 2012 AAG meeting. Attendance at the EP&BG SG meeting is not required to receive the Saarinen Student Paper Competition award. All submissions will be judged on written clarity, methodological soundness, contribution to the field of EP&BG, and their presentation at the meeting. To apply, fill out an application form available from the EP&BGSG website and send the completed application form and manuscript to: Dr. Bethany Cutts, Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences, University of Illinois, MC-047, 1102 S Goodwin Avenue, Urbana, IL 61810. More information and guidelines on can be found on the EP&BG SG blog site (<http://epbg.blogspot.com/>).

EP&BGSG **Travel Awards** are available for students presenting papers at the AAG Meeting in New York on environmental perception or behavioral geography topics. See <http://epbg.blogspot.com/>.

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