Welcome to Fall Semester 2013!

August 26 has been designated “Women's Equality Day” by Congress – The US 19th amendment was ratified in Aug 1920, & women’s right to vote was established.

Departmental & Campus Events

24 Aug-3 Sep  “Week of Welcome” informational and entertainment events:   [wow.k-state.edu/](http://wow.k-state.edu/)

28 Aug (W)  Faculty coffee; 2:30 pm, Union


K-State Van Operator Training. 1:30-3:30, Rm 226, Union. Training is required for faculty, staff, and students who may drive motor pool vans. See [www.k-state.edu/facilities/forms/training.html](http://www.k-state.edu/facilities/forms/training.html) for training schedule and registration.

30 Aug (F)  Faculty meeting; 3:00 pm, S 164H

1 Sep (Su) Last day to add a course without instructor permission

2 Sep (M) Labor Day - University holiday.

Departmental Activities

Welcome to visiting faculty members Andrew Hilburn & Eunmok Lee. They will be with us for the coming academic year, teaching a variety of classes.

Scholarship Received

Heidi Ramzel, junior in physics & geography with a minor in chemistry, received a 2013 Ernest F. Hollings Undergraduate Scholarship from NOAA. The Hollings Scholarship offers a summer internship at a NOAA facility & a maximum of $8000/yr for students with 2 years left of undergraduate study ([www.k-state.edu/media/newsreleases/may13/hollingsscholar52113.html?id=8823&category=kudos&referredBy=email](http://www.k-state.edu/media/newsreleases/may13/hollingsscholar52113.html?id=8823&category=kudos&referredBy=email)).

Publications


**Presentations**


**Appointment**

Marcellus Caldas has been appointed as K-States Director of International Research and Faculty for 2013-14 (www.k-state.edu/today/announcement.php?id=9337).

**Tenure**

Lis Pankl recently earned tenure and promotion to Associate Professor in the K-State library.

**Sabbaticals**

Dr. Douglas Goodin, Dr. Kendra McLauchlan, and Dr. Kevin Blake are on sabbatical for Fall 2013.

**Graduate Student Travel Grants**

Graduate Student Council travel awards information and links are at www.k-state.edu/grad/studentcouncil/travelawards.html. Deadlines for travel through October have passed; for Nov travel, the deadline is 1 Sep, for Dec, the deadline is 1 Oct, for Jan, the deadline is 1 Nov.

**Calls for Papers & Participation-Conferences**

**Great Plains/Rocky Mountain Division of the Association of American Geographers**, 10-12 Oct, hosted by the Department of Geography/Geology, University of Nebraska - Omaha. The meeting will begin with an open house and reception, evening 10 Oct. Paper and poster sessions, the region’s business meeting, a luncheon featuring Dr. Julie Winkler, AAG President (speaking on “Geography’s role in climate change research and assessment”), and an evening Geography Bowl take place 11 Oct. Fieldtrips and a workshop will be available 12 Oct. Individual paper & poster submissions are invited, as well as organized sessions. Abstracts due 18 Sep; early registration deadline 22 Sep; regular registration fees begin 23 Sep. See www.cvent.com/events/great-plains-rocky-mountain-annual-meeting-2013/event-summary-b863bb3050f4a7f3a4bee4ad7372b9a.aspx. There will be competitions for student papers (undergraduate, masters, and PhD) and posters. Contact Karen Falconer Al-Hindi with questions (kfalconeralhindi@unomaha.edu ).

The International Biogeography Society (IBS) Special Meeting on “The Geography of Species Associations” will be held on 15 November-17 Nov in Montreal, Canada. The meeting will be limited to 170 attendees, so early registration is advised. Abstracts are due by 7 Oct. See http://ibsmontreal.webs.com/.

The IBS Early Career Conference will take place in Canberra, Australia, 7-10 Jan 2014. The meeting is meant to bring together early career researchers, along with more experienced scientists, to
present & discuss their work and increase networking opportunities. See www.biogeography.org/html/Meetings/2014ECC/index.html.

Call for Papers-Journal

A special issue of the online journal *Land* is planned on "Landscape Perspectives on Environmental Conservation." Submissions are possible beginning immediately with a final deadline of 30 Dec. This issue is meant to provide a forum for papers that address & illuminate landscape approaches to the study and management of environmental change. Guest Editor for this issue is Ken Young (kryoung@austin.utexas.edu); he may be contacted with questions. See www.mdpi.com/journal/land/special_issues/environmental-conservation for information; manuscripts should be submitted online. Papers will be published continuously (as soon as accepted following peer review) & will be listed together on the special issue website. Research articles, review articles, & communications are all acceptable as submissions. Manuscripts should not have been published previously, nor be under consideration elsewhere. All manuscripts are evaluated through a peer-review process. *Land* is an international peer-reviewed open access journal.

Faculty Positions

The Department of Geography, Indiana University - Bloomington, invites applications for a tenure-track Assistant Professor position in Landscape Ecology. Specific research & teaching specializations are open, but expertise in the use of remote sensing to analyze landscape change & environmental processes is required. In addition to core strength in landscape ecology, ability to address associated issues such as vulnerability to climate change, coupled interactions between human & physical systems, or urban landscape dynamics would be advantageous. See https://indiana.peopleadmin.com/postings/364 for more information or to apply. Applications received by 15 Nov are guaranteed full consideration.

The Environmental Studies (ES) Program at Hobart & William Smith Colleges invites applications for a tenure-track, assistant professor position in sustainable community development (SCD) to begin in the fall of 2014. They seek a colleague with a solid background in the social sciences who has an internationally diverse understanding of & approach to sustainable community development. Specific teaching duties include locally-based & hands-on introductory and upper level sustainable community development courses, along with Environment & Society and other social science based core & capstone courses for the ES program. The candidate’s scholarship & community service should dovetail with those of the current faculty & focus on some aspect of sustainability. International experience & perspectives are highly desirable. The successful candidate will also have an opportunity to contribute to the Colleges’ general curriculum, including the first-year seminar, Readers College & the semester abroad program. ES supports one of the largest majors on campus, and actively encourages students to participate in a variety of community service & research opportunities during both the academic year & summer months. Applicants should have earned a PhD in a relevant field of social science by Fall 2013 & show evidence of strong undergraduate teaching & scholarly ability; ABD applicants may be considered. Familiarity with interdisciplinary work at liberal arts institutions is highly desirable. To apply, send a signed application letter, CV, teaching & research philosophy statements; and arrange for at least 3 signed letters of recommendation to be sent under separate cover by regular mail to: Professor John Halfman, Chair; Environmental Studies Program; Hobart and William Smith Colleges; 300 Pulteney Street; Geneva, NY 14456. Email: halfman@hws.edu. Review of applications will begin 1 Oct. For more information about the program, see www.hws.edu/academics/envirostudies/.

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