Departmental & Campus Events

10 Dec (T) Sigma Xi Science Café. Jeff Gill (Tallgrass Brewing Company), "The Science of Beer Making;" 7-8 pm; Radina’s (616 N. Manhattan Ave). For those 21 years & older, there will be samples of beers available for taste testing.

11 Dec (W) Thesis defense. Bryanna Pockrandt, "Sensitivity Analysis of the TIMESAT Savitsky-Golay Filter and Time-Series Analysis of Fort Riley and Konza Prairie Biological Station Phenometrics using MODIS NDVI Satellite Imagery" (MA research); 9 am, S133

13 Dec (F) Term ends

14 Dec (Sa) Arts & Sciences Commencement, 1 pm, Bramlage

16-20 Dec Finals

17 Dec (T) Faculty meeting; 4-5 pm, S 164H

18 Dec (W) Faculty meeting (tentative); 8:30-9:30 am, S 164H

20 Jan (M) Martin Luther King, Jr., Day

21 Jan (T) Spring classes begin

Departmental Activities

Publications


Grant


Presentation

Richard Marston was the keynote speaker for Geography Awareness Week at South Dakota State University. He presented an evening public lecture titled "Geography and Foreign Policy: Human and Environmental Security in the Himalayas and Tibetan Plateau." He also presented a seminar in the Department of Geography: "Geography and Foreign Policy: Office of the Geographer and Global Issues."
St. George Geographical Society polos

**St. George Geographical Society 40th anniversary** polo shirts (white on purple) are available. Great thing to have or give! Need not claim membership under archaic initiation rites; may claim membership in *St. George Geographical Society, NCB*, by virtue of attendance of meetings. Polos are $12 (M, L, XL) or $13.50 (2XL). Shipping is $3. Please contact John or Lisa Harrington.

South Dakota State University annual Geography Conference

The annual conference at Brookings, SD, will be 20-21 March. This is a relatively small, but usually quite good meeting - a very nice environment for interacting with other geographers, from students to top names in the profession. Bill Wetherholt is willing to seek travel funds, if a group is interested in going to SDSU’s 45th Annual Geography Conference. If you are interested in going, please let Bill ([insitu@ksu.edu](mailto:insitu@ksu.edu)) know as soon as possible. Feel free to contact him for more information.

Call for Papers

**Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences (AESS) 2014 Conference: 'Welcome to the Anthropocene: From Global Challenge to Planetary Stewardship;’** 11-14 June 2014; Pace University, New York City. Convenors invite proposals/abstracts for individual paper & poster presentations, as well as workshops, discussion symposia, full panels, & roundtables. Deadline: **4 Feb.** For more information, see [www.aess.info/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=939971&module_id=148423&actr=4&sl=229122366](http://www.aess.info/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=939971&module_id=148423&actr=4&sl=229122366)

Undergraduate Opportunity

**Mark Chapman Scholars Program**, College of Arts & Sciences, KSU. The program helps promising students fund meaningful summer projects or activities early in their undergraduate careers & provides scholarship funding for the following academic year. Five awards of $5000 will be available for summer 2014 & academic year 2014-15. Chapman Scholars will receive $3000 to fund the summer activity and $1000 per semester in the following AY. Students from all backgrounds & eligible majors are encouraged to apply. Summer project proposals may vary considerably. We invite creative & original proposals. Possibilities include (but are not necessarily limited to) funding for research projects, international experiences, unpaid or minimally paid internships, entrepreneurial ideas pertinent to your goals, community service or volunteer projects, and special coursework outside your K-State curriculum. **Eligibility:** pursuing a degree track within the College of Arts & Sciences, currently in your 1st or 2nd year in college, current enrollment in 12 or more credit hours, and 3.2 or higher GPA. **Application Procedure**—submit the following to Jim Hohenbary in 215 Fairchild Hall by **3 Feb.**: 1) résumé that includes the names of two references (share with them your intention to apply; at least one should be affiliated with K-State); 2) essay that details your proposed summer project and explains how it will support your future goals (2-4 pages, double-spaced, 11-point type); 3) list of courses you plan to take in Fall 2014, with a brief discussion of how/why those courses support your future goals (no more than 1 page, double-spaced, 11-point type), 5) an official K-State transcript (no printouts from ISIS, please), and 6) signed copy of program expectations (contact Dr. Martin or Jim Hohenbary for a copy). Contact Jim Hohenbary at [jimlth@ksu.edu](mailto:jimlth@ksu.edu) if you have questions about the application or the program. Please note that he will move to 215 Fairchild Hall (from 112 Eisenhower Hall) in the middle of January.
Graduate Student/Professional Opportunities

Applications are open for GESA 2014, the fourth Global Environments Summer Academy, Bern, Switzerland, 26 July-15 August 2014; held in collaboration between the Centre for Development & Environment and the Global Diversity Foundation. The GESA is designed to broaden & deepen the knowledge, networking, & communication skills of postgraduate students, professionals & activists who are concerned about human dimensions of environmental challenges. Every year the course focuses on different themes within the broad concern of human dimensions of global environmental change. It spans local to global scales, diverse ecosystems & all geographical regions, exploring critical contemporary environmental issues from multiple perspectives, including biocultural diversity, political ecology, sustainability studies, environmental history, & personal activism. Course conveners will select 18-21 Masters/PhD students and/or professionals from around the world who have the capacity to become future environmental leaders in academic, civil society, corporate or governmental organizations. Applications are invited from students in the humanities, natural sciences & social sciences who focus on the relationship between environment & society, as well as from professionals working in advocacy, research, law, media, policy, or the arts. Applications are due by 15 Jan. See www.globalenvironments.org/courses/gesa-2014/ for more information. The application is online at www.global-diversity.org/content/gesa-application-form. The full call is at www.global-diversity.org/sites/www.global-diversity.org/files/GESA2014Call.pdf

The Smithsonian Institution Fellowship Program is open to graduate students, postgraduates, and predoctoral students, as well as conservators, postdoctoral and senior investigators. All fellows at the Smithsonian work with a Smithsonian advisor to conduct independent study or research relating to Smithsonian collections, facilities, or staff expertise. The program is administered through the Smithsonian’s Office of Fellowships and Internships. See www.smithsonianofi.com/fellowship-opportunities/smithsonian-institution-fellowship-program/. Applications due 15 Jan.

National Research Council Research Associateship Programs (RAP). The mission of these NRC programs is to promote excellence in scientific & technological research conducted by the US government through the administration of programs offering graduate, postdoctoral, & senior level research opportunities at sponsoring federal laboratories and affiliated institutions. See http://sites.nationalacademies.org/PGA/RAP/index.htm. Prospective applicants select a research project or projects from among the large group of opportunities listed on this website. Prior to completing an application, prospective applicants should contact the proposed Research Adviser to assure that funding will be available if their application is recommended by NRC panels. Once mutual interest is established between a prospective applicant & a Research Adviser, an application is submitted through the NRC WebRap system. Reviews are conducted four times each year & review results are available approximately 6-8 weeks following the application deadline. Prospective applicants should read carefully the details of the program to which they are applying. Next due date: 1 Feb.

The USAID Donald M. Payne International Development Graduate Fellowship Program seeks to attract outstanding young people who are interested in pursuing careers in the Foreign Service of the US Agency for International Development. If you want to work on the front lines of pressing global challenges of our times (poverty, hunger, injustice, disease, environmental degradation, climate change, conflict & violent extremism), the Foreign Service of the USAID provides an opportunity. The Payne Fellowship, which provides up to $90,000 in benefits over two years for graduate school, internships, & professional development activities, provides a unique pathway to the USAID Foreign Service. Fellowship recipients can use the award to attend US graduate programs throughout the country; they will join the USAID Foreign Service upon completion of the program, as long as they successfully complete the Payne Program & USAID entry requirements. See www.paynefellows.org. Applications due 27 Jan.
Faculty Opportunities

The InTeGrate STEP Center for the Geosciences is seeking proposals for implementation programs in departments, institutions or groups of institutions. Grants of up to $50,000 will support the development & testing of programs that model innovative ways of increasing the number & diversity of students developing Earth literacy and/or preparing a diverse workforce equipped to bring geosciences to bear in addressing societal issues. Deadline 28 Mar. See http://serc.carleton.edu/integrate/participate/ip_call.html.

Workshops:

Broadening Access to the Earth and Environmental Sciences: Increasing the Diversity of Undergraduate Students Learning About the Earth, 23-25 Feb., Arizona State University. This workshop will focus on strategies for increasing the diversity of students graduating from all types of programs with a substantial geoscience component & supporting their successful entry into the workforce, and will explore successful strategies employed by participants in their own programs. Application deadline: 5 Jan. See http://serc.carleton.edu/integrate/workshops/broaden_access/index.html

Getting the Most Out of Your Introductory Courses (virtual), 3-14 Mar. This workshop will provide the opportunity for departments, individual faculty, & regional or state systems to reflect on introductory courses & the ways that they can be designed to best serve their needs in their context. See http://serc.carleton.edu/NAGTWorkshops/intro/virtual2014/index.html. Application deadline: 13 Jan.

NAGT Traveling Workshop Program. This program brings examples and lessons learned by faculty and departments around the country to your department or regional group. NAGT Provides funding for one or two leaders to come to you. Application deadline: 15 Jan. See http://nagt.org/nagt/programs/traveling.html.

Designing and Using Videos in Undergraduate Geoscience Education (virtual), 7 Feb., 7 Mar., 4 Apr., 2 May. This virtual workshop is open to all faculty who teach undergraduate geoscience courses and who are currently incorporating homemade videos in their courses or who will begin to develop these resources as part of this program. Application deadline: 17 Jan. See http://serc.carleton.edu/NAGTWorkshops/video/workshop2014/index.html.

Websites


NOTE: Dr. Bimal Paul (b kp@ksu.edu) will be managing the Globe in spring semester.