Departmental & Campus Events

6 Nov (W)  Thesis defense. Ian Howard, "A synoptic climatology of nocturnal rainfall events during May, June and July for northeast Kansas, 1950-2012; 9 am, S 164H
Faculty coffee; 2:30 pm, Union

7 Nov (Th)  EEB seminar. Laci Gerhart Barley (Geography post-doc, McLauchlan), “Reconstructing terrestrial nutrient cycling using stable nitrogen isotopes in wood;” noon, Ackert 324A
Lecture. Richard Koenig (Professor of Art [photography], Kalamazoo College), “Contemporary Views along the First Transcontinental Railroad,” 5:30 pm, 114 Willard
(http://people.kzoo.edu/~rkoenig/ndi_public/)

10 Nov (Su)  Wildcat writing & research consultations-Writing Center Tutors; 6-9 pm, 2nd floor Hale Library. Free help with papers for all classes.

17‐23 Nov  Geography Awareness Week
21 Nov (Th)  Geography guest speaker. Jonnell Robinson (Syracuse), title TBA; 3:45 pm, Union Big 12 Room

Departmental Activities

Bartosz Grudzinski won 1st place ($175) at the West Lakes AAG meeting for best graduate student presentation. His paper was entitled "Influence of grazing treatments on suspended sediment concentrations in the Flint Hills, Kansas."

Presentations


Raghavan, Ram, and John Harrington, Jr.1 Communicating Kansas climate and climate change: Initial development of a web-based resource. Presented at the 36th Applied Geography Conference, 30 Oct, Annapolis, MD.


Other

John A. Harrington, Jr., chaired a session at the Applied Geography Conference, Annapolis, MD.

GTU/Geography Club

GTU Beta Psi Chapter dues are due ($10). Please submit to one of the officers or place sealed envelopes containing dues -with name- in the GTU mailbox in the main office. (Additional $40 from new initiates for this academic year, to the national organization.)

A table at the Union has been reserved for Geography Awareness Week (18-22 Nov.) Volunteers are needed (11 am-1pm). A sign-up sheet is on the GTU board.

1Presenter.
The 2014 GTU/Geography Dept. Spring Awards Banquet will be held at the Beach Museum, 17 Apr, 5 pm-8:30 pm.

GTU Travel Awards ($200) are available to provide support for student members of GTU to attend the national annual GTU meeting. Both undergraduate and graduate students may receive travel grants; there is a preference for those attending their first annual meeting. Applications are due by 1 Feb 2014. See www.gammathetaupsilon.org/travel-award-application.html.

Sodas are available in GISSAL fridge (50¢). Proceeds go to GTU.

**Graduate Research Funding**

Many AAG Specialty Groups (SGs) have funding programs for graduate research (masters and PhD). The HDGC competition below is one example; check with other SGs for information about their programs.

The Human Dimensions of Global Change SG offers an annual grant to support student research projects at the graduate level (doctoral or masters). Awards are competitive: proposals will be evaluated by a committee from the HDGC-SG advisory board, representing a wide range of HDGC scholarship in geography. In 2014, there will be 2 awards: 1st ($1000) & 2nd place ($750). Funds can be used to support fieldwork, travel to a research site, or, for example, travel to scout for a research site. Applications will be judged on the basis of 1) scholarly merit, including the relevance of the project to HDGC research in geography; 2) the quality of the written proposal; & 3) the qualifications of the student to complete the proposed work. Each applicant must be a student member of the AAG & HDGC SG at the time of the award & the proposed project must directly contribute to the student’s thesis or dissertation. Applications should include: 1) a brief cover letter; 2) a title page with name of applicant, address & phone number, title of intended research, starting date & duration of field reconnaissance, & location of research; 3) body of the proposal (max 1000 words, excluding references), which clearly states the intellectual merit & expected significance of the proposed work, probable research methodology, the contribution of these funds to the project’s success, & a list of references cited; 4) an itemized budget with justification; and 5) a 1-2-page c.v. Applications due by 13 Jan 2014 and should be sent as a single document (.doc or .pdf, not to exceed 1 MB) to jacqueline.vadjunec@okstate.edu.

**St. George Geographical Society**

*St. George Geographical Society* polo shirts (white on purple) are available. 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. Contact John or Lisa Harrington.

There were two recent meetings of *St. George* in Annapolis, MD: 30 Oct, the group met with K-State alumni Erik Bowles, Scott Leis, Lisa Tabor, Ryan Bergstrom, Rhett Mohler, & Chris Laingen attending, along with John Harrington, Jr.; 31 Oct, alumni in attendance included Kabita Ghmire, Lisa Tabor, Ryan Bergstorm, Rhett Mohler, & Chris Laingen, with John Harrington, Jr.

**Website**

Conditions in October led to very poor air quality in parts of China—see MODIS images & article: [http://1.usa.gov/192cOLw](http://1.usa.gov/192cOLw).

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