**Departmental & Campus Events**

15 Oct (T)  Graduate School - Graduation Deadlines and ETDR Open Forum; 9-11 am, Union 207
Lou Douglas Lecture. Edward Wolff (New York University), “Rising Inequality: The Decline of the American Middle Class;” 7 pm, Union Forum Hall

16 Oct (W)  **Faculty coffee;** 2:30 pm, Union
18 Oct (F)  **GTU/Geography Club brownbag. Jeff & Kim Smith**, “Two Weeks in Turkey;” 11:30 am, S 164H

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

21 Oct (M)  Landon Lecture. Seven past Secretaries of Agriculture: Mike Johanns, Ann Veneman, Dan Glickman, Ed Schafer, Mike Espy, Clayton Yeutter, and John Block; 7 pm, McCain Auditorium


**Thesis presentation. Laura Wallace**, "Decision-making and the Condit Dam removal, Washington;” 1:30 pm, S 164H [schedule change from 4 Oct]

25 Oct (F)  **Distinguished Alumnus talk, and annual chili cookoff.** Details later.

29 Oct (T)  Public lecture on sustainability. Justin Gillis, New York Times reporter; 7-9 p.m., Union Forum Hall

**Departmental Activities**

**Presentations**

*Climate Change and Energy: Basic Science, Impacts, and Mitigation; the 2013 Kansas EPSCoR Annual Meeting*

**Ian Howard.** Learning from the past: A historical look at climate change impacts and adaptation for the agricultural sector in the central Great Plains.

**Shawn Hutchinson.** Engaging stakeholders with data.

*AAG Great Plains/Rocky Mountain Regional Meeting*

**Lynn F. Brien,** Matthew B. Bethel, **Kevin P. Price,** and Yvonne C. Allen. A remote sensing-based method for classifying freshwater impacts to coastal Louisiana wetlands.

**Robert Briwa.** Where are Marseille’s mosques? The geography of Muslim immigrants in Marseille’s arrondissements.

**John Harrington, Jr.** Building the body of climate knowledge.

**Bill Wetherholt.** Contention on Shoal Creek: How six miles of stream changed Kansas water law.


**Chuyuan Wang, Kevin P. Price,** Deon van der Merwe, Nan An, Huan Wang, **David Burchfield,** and **Johnny Bryant.** Modeling tallgrass prairie above-ground biomass in the central Great Plains using ultra-high spatial resolution multispectral imagery.
Posters

*Climate Change and Energy: Basic Science, Impacts, and Mitigation; the 2013 Kansas EPSCoR Annual Meeting*


Marcellus Caldas, Jason Bergtold, Jeff Peterson, and Dietrich Earnhart. Post-CRP contracts: Land use choices among farmers in Kansas.

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Brandon J. Weihs and John F. Shroder, Jr. Teton mass-movement project: Detailed map delineation for water-impact assessment.

Other

A ceremony was held at the Sherubtse College Library, Royal University of Bhutan, to announce the donation of 163 books in physical geography from Richard Marston. The College includes a Program in Geography and Planning, with a Center for Climate Change and Spatial Information. It became a full-fledged College in 1983 and is affiliated with the University of Delhi in India. Marston also donated 40 books to the Central Library at Kathmandu University in Nepal where graduate programs in Environmental Science are offered.

2014 AAG Conference

Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, 8-12 Apr 2014, Tampa. Reminder: The early bird deadline for registering to attend the 2014 AAG Annual Meeting in Tampa Bay is 23 Oct, to receive discounted registration fees. The absolute abstract deadline is 3 Dec. See www.aag.org/cs/annualmeeting for more information. Check AAG communities online for specialty group awards programs.

2014 Rural American West Paper Competition

Sponsored by the Redd Center for the American West at Brigham Young University, this competition recognizes excellent research papers on the geography of the rural American West to be presented at the Tampa AAG meeting. The competition is open to both faculty & graduate students who are presenting a paper in Tampa. The winning paper will receive a $500 award courtesy of the Redd Center; judging is based strictly on the written submission, not on the
presentation (although the paper must be presented). Papers must be no more than 15 pages (double-spaced) in length (excluding bibliography). To enter, submit a (non-pdf; MS Word preferred) electronic copy of the paper to Chris Laingen (crlaingen@eiu.edu), Rural Geography Specialty Group Awards Director, by 1 Mar. The winner will be announced at the RGSG business meeting the week of the meeting (see final conference schedule for date, time, & location).

**Graduate Programs/Funding**

**Department of Geography, Kent State University.** Research support for a PhD or highly qualified masters student focused on urban sustainability & planning is available for the Fall 2014-15 academic year, with 2 years of renewal based on satisfactory progress. The research assistantship is under the direction of V. Kelly Turner. Candidates should have a strong interest in the human dimensions of environmental decision-making & management, qualitative & mixed-method social sciences, and a desire to engage in collaborative, interdisciplinary research. Potential research domains include, but are not limited to, sustainable urban planning, urban ecology, water resources, institutional analysis, and decision-making under uncertainty. Interested students should contact Dr. Turner (vturner5@kent.edu) with a CV & brief research statement & complete the Kent State online graduate admissions application by 1 Feb.

**California State University, Long Beach,** has 2 positions available for two years of funding for the Masters program in Geography, as part of an NSF-funded research project on fire in Africa. **Position 1.** Remote Sensing: ideal candidate will have experience with remote sensing/image processing software such as ERDAS or ENVI, or e-cognition software. The research will involve mapping savanna vegetation cover & fire scars. **Position 2.** GIS spatial analysis: ideal candidate will have experience with environmental GIS applications using ESRI spatial analyst software. The research will involve mapping savanna vegetation & fire scar patterns & changes. Spring Admission Deadline: 31 Oct. For more information, contact Dr. Paul Laris, Chair of Geography (plaris@csulb.edu).

**Job**

A **GIS Analyst** position has been added at HDR Engineering (an architecture and engineering consulting firm) for the Omaha Nebraska office. Qualifications: BA/BS in Geography, Planning, Engineering, Natural Sciences or related field with 3+ years of practical GIS experience, or MA/MS with a minimum of 1 year experience. Proficient in use of ArcGIS & ArcGIS extensions for analysis, automation, and database development. Expertise in software development using Python, C++, C#, JavaScript, HTML, Flex, Silverlight or other appropriate programming environment preferred. Experience with ArcSDE, ArcGIS Server with MS SQL Server or Oracle, ArcGIS Mobile, Microsoft SharePoint preferred. Requires critical thinking & problem solving skills, attention to detail, effective time management, ability to work & learn independently or with a team, and excellent written & oral communication skills. Esri Certification a plus. GISP Certification a plus. See [https://hdr.taleo.net/careersection/jobdetail.ftl?job=20343&lang=en&sns_id=#.UlbLwtySeOs.mailto](https://hdr.taleo.net/careersection/jobdetail.ftl?job=20343&lang=en&sns_id=#.UlbLwtySeOs.mailto)

**Website**

Geologic Map Day (part of Earth Science Week), is 18 Oct. See [www.earthsciweek.org/geologicmap/](http://www.earthsciweek.org/geologicmap/)

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