Departmental Event

Faculty Meeting: August 27, 2014 (Wednesday) at 8:15-9:15 am, Seaton 164H.

GTU Meeting: First general meeting of the semester will be next week on Wednesday September 3rd from 12:30pm to 1:30pm at Seaton 164H. All are welcome to attend.

Departmental Activities

Publication


Others

Richard Marston, university distinguished professor of geography presented an invited paper at the International Geographical Union Conference in Krakow, Poland. Marston’s talk was titled "Linking Cause and Effect for Mountain Floods" and served as the keynote for day-long sessions on "Floods in Mountain Mountains." Marston’s participation was sponsored by the Swiss-Polish joint FLORIST project that is investigating extreme floods, stream channel changes, and hazards for humans.

Richard Marston attending a symposium on glaciers at ETH Zurich that commemorated "100 years of Glacier-Climate Studies at Claridenfirn," the longest continuous series of glacier mass balance in the world. The one-day symposium was followed by an arduous two-day long trek in the rain and snow Claridenfirn that included an overnight stay at the Claridenfirn hut operated by the Swiss Alpine Club. Claridenfirn has experienced a strong negative mass balance since the 1980s, resulting in thinning and retreat of the benchmark glacier.

Kevin Blake has been named to the Board of Directors for the Chapman Center for Rural Studies at Kansas State University (http://www.k-state.edu/history/chapman/).

Pankl, Lis and Kevin Blake received the Open/Alternative Textbook Initiative Award, Kansas State University, 2014. The university provided a grant of $5000 to support the creation of an open access textbook for GEOG 300 Geographies of Tourism.
William Wetherholt received the 2014 GTU Graduate Buzzard Award ($1,000), which is GTU’s only graduate award and is only awarded to one student. Congratulations!

Job Opportunity

**Southern Illinois University – Carbondale:** The Department of Geography and Environmental Resources invites applications for a tenure-track assistant professor position in environmental geography to begin August 16, 2015. Applicants must possess an earned doctorate in Geography or a closely related field. ABD applicants will be considered if all degree requirements will be met by August 15, 2015. If all requirements for the Ph.D. are not completed by that date, a 9-month term appointment may be offered at the rank of Lecturer at a reduced rate of pay. Applicants must show evidence of relevant teaching and research, including peer-reviewed publication. Applicants must have a professional record that establishes their external funding history or potential. Preference will be given to applicants with a focus on applied research in climatology and sustainability. Duties include the following: teaching a mix of undergraduate and graduate courses, which may include our large introductory course in weather and climate, upper level courses in climatology, sustainability, and other topics in the candidate’s area of expertise; service on M.S. and Ph.D. student committees; maintaining an active and successful research program that includes seeking external research support; and appropriate service. Application deadline is October 15, 2014, or until filled. Applications may be submitted electronically or by mail. Applications must include a cover letter describing teaching and research experience and goals, CV, and list of three references. Applicants should also include reprints of recent publications. Please send materials to geog@siu.edu or to Justin Schoof, Chair, Department of Geography and Environmental Resources, 1000 Faner Drive, Mail Code 4514, SIU Carbondale, Carbondale, IL 62901.

**University of New Hampshire - Durham:** The Department of Geography invites applications for a full-time, tenure-track Assistant Professor to begin in August 2015. The department seek a broadly-trained human geographer whose primary teaching and research interests are in economic geography, also able to teach GIS and statistics, and links theory to practical applications. A Ph.D. in Geography is required, though ABD candidates nearing completion will be considered. Candidates must possess a regional specialty other than North America, Latin America, and the Middle East. Teaching load is four courses per year. Teaching responsibilities include an introductory economic geography course, development of a GIS course for the social sciences and humanities, a statistics course, and other courses in the candidate’s area of expertise.

To apply, compile the following materials into a single Adobe Acrobat file: (1) Letter of application; (2) vita; (3) statistical summaries of recent student teaching evaluations; (4) peer reviews of teaching if available; (5) names and contact information for three references. E-mail the file to Blake Gumprecht, Search Committee Chair, blake.gumprecht@unh.edu. Deadline for applications is October 1, 2014.

**Illinois State University – Normal:** The Department of Geography-Geology invites applications for a tenure-track position in either (1) Hydrogeology or (2) Mineralogy/Petrology at the Assistant Professor level. The preferred starting date is August 16, 2015. A Ph.D. in Geology or closely related field is preferred, but ABD candidates who will finish before the time of appointment will be considered.

For Hydrogeology, the department seeks a candidate that possesses research and teaching interests that emphasize practical applications of field, laboratory and/or computational skills. Potential areas of expertise include, but are not limited to, one or more of the following: geophysics and fluid flow, groundwater and surface water interaction, environmental geophysics, or transport, fate, and remediation of contaminants. For Mineralogy/Petrology, the department seeks a candidate who is undertaking significant field and/or laboratory-based research in mineralogy/petrology. Potential areas
of expertise include, but are not limited to, one or more of the following: igneous/metamorphic processes, ore deposits, high temperature geochemistry, or planetary geology.

Successful candidates will be integrated scholars with a strong commitment to teaching and mentoring student research at the undergraduate and M.S. levels. Primary teaching responsibilities will include graduate, advanced undergraduate, and general education courses. The successful candidate will be expected to maintain an externally funded, internationally visible research program. Potential collaborative interactions exist within the department and with state agency researchers. The potential for a significant startup package exists.

To ensure full consideration, please attach an online faculty application along with a letter of application, curriculum vitae, statement of teaching philosophy, statement of research plans, contact information for three references (name, telephone, and email), and all college and university transcripts to posting number 0706412 at www.IllinoisState.edu/jobs. Screening of applications begins November 1, 2014 and will continue until the position is filled. Inquiries about the application process should be directed to Dr. Dave Malone (dhmalon@ilstu.edu 309-438-2692). Additional information about the department and the community can be found at http://geo.illinoisstate.edu/.

Purdue University – West Lafayette: Three positions in Natural Resource Social Science (NRSS) Lab in the Department of Forestry and Natural Resources at Purdue University, IN. All applicants must be eligible to drive for Purdue University business. For more information about the lab and Dr. Prokopy, please visit: http://web.ics.purdue.edu/~lprokopy/.

Position 1: Postdoctoral Research Assistant: A postdoc is needed to work primarily on two projects: (1) A content analysis examining how climate change is portrayed in the agricultural media, and (2) A qualitative assessment of how farmers' willingness to adopt certain conservation practices is changing with increased climate variability. Both of these projects are part of larger interdisciplinary projects and the successful candidate will have the opportunity to work with multiple investigators at other universities. The candidate will also have the opportunity to work on other projects related to the social dimensions of watershed management and to interact with other postdocs and graduate students in the NRSS lab. The successful candidate will have experience with both quantitative and qualitative social science research methods, knowledge of agricultural conservation policy and water quality issues, and strong written and verbal communication skills. This position is available immediately but must be filled by January 1, 2015. The position pays $45,000/year plus benefits. This position is initially for one year but is renewable for a second year based upon satisfactory performance. To apply for any of this position, please email Dr. Prokopy at lprokopy@purdue.edu and attach a letter of interest, a current CV or resume, and contact information for three professional references.

Position 2: PhD Student: A PhD student is sought to conduct research on the determinants of the maintenance of both urban and agricultural conservation practices. This work will build upon existing NRSS lab work on what motivates people to adopt practices and will focus on the critical question of how to ensure that practices are maintained in working condition so environmental benefits are actually reaped. The preferred candidate will have an MS degree in a field related to natural resources social sciences. This position will begin January 2015 and will include the departmental standard stipend and tuition remissions for three years. For more information about the department’s graduate program, visit https://ag.purdue.edu/fnr/Pages/GraduateStudiesFNR.aspx. Before applying through the graduate school, please email Dr. Prokopy at lprokopy@purdue.edu with a copy of your CV.

Position 3: Watershed Management Specialist: This position is for a full-time staff member in the NRSS lab. The successful candidate will oversee the daily management of the NRSS lab (oversee survey mailings, write reports, supervise undergraduate students) and will conduct research and outreach on
watershed management. The successful candidate should have knowledge of Midwestern agriculture, social science research methods, and watershed management. The preferred candidate will have an MS degree in a field related to natural resources social sciences. The position will begin as soon as a successful candidate is identified. This position has no ending date but is contingent upon the availability of grant funds. Salary will be between $35,000 - $45,000 dependent upon qualifications and will include benefits. To express interest in this position, please contact Dr. Prokopy at lprokopy@purdue.edu and attach your resume or CV.

**Arkansas Tech University - Russellville, Arkansas:** ATU invites applications for a full-time, tenure-track position as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Emergency Management within the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences. Applications are due by September 12, 2014 with the anticipated starting date of January 2015. A successful interview and teaching demonstration is required. Duties and Responsibilities include: Develop and teach undergraduate and master’s level courses, both online and face-to-face, in the Department of Emergency Management; advise students; participate in scholarly activity; and provide departmental, college, university, and professional service. A Master’s degree in Emergency Management or a related field is required; however, preference will be given to the successful candidate with a Doctorate in a relevant discipline. Additional preferred qualifications include: a proven record of excellence in teaching, student advising, and assessment; a proven record of research; experience related to disaster and crisis management, planning, response, and recovery; experience in the development and delivery of both face to face and web-based college-level coursework; and experience teaching graduate students. To Apply: send letter of application; curriculum vita; transcripts; and three letters of reference to Dr. Sandy Smith, Head, Department of Emergency Management, 110 Dean Hall, 402 West O Street, Russellville, AR 72801-8803. The position is subject to a pre-employment criminal background check. Background check information will be used in a confidential, non-discriminatory manner consistent with state and federal law. AA/EOE

**University of Oklahoma – Norman, Oklahoma:** The Department of Geography and Environmental Sustainability (http://geography.ou.edu/) at the University of Oklahoma seeks nominations and applications for three tenure-track faculty positions. Initial appointment to all three positions will begin August 2015. Salary and remunerations are competitive and commensurate with qualifications. Candidates are invited to submit a statement of interest and qualifications, a full curriculum vita, copies of up to five scholarly publications, and a list of three references. Candidates are requested to submit their applications electronically in one PDF file to the chair of the search committee identified at the end of each position description. Screening will begin on October 1, 2014.

**Associate Professor in Physical Geography:** The Department seeks a physical geographer with a strong background in watershed processes or fluvial geomorphology. The successful candidate shall be willing to teach introductory level Physical Geography, as well as upper division and graduate level courses in physical geography and his/her area of specialization. The successful candidate will also have an active research agenda and have experience in obtaining external funding for their research. Candidates are expected to have attained a doctoral degree in geography or closely related field by the start date. Post-doctoral experience is desirable. To apply, please submit all materials to Dr. Scott Greene, Chair, Physical Geography Search Committee (Email: jgreene@ou.edu) and copy Ms. Deborah Marsh (dmarsh@ou.edu).

**Assistant and Associate Professor in Geographic Information Science:** The Department seeks to fill two positions in the area of Geographic Information Science (GIS) and its applications to human/environment interactions. Candidates must demonstrate research excellence applying GIS to large-scale complex spatial problems associated with interactions between humans and the environment including (but not limited to) environmental sustainability and/or urban dynamics. Successful candidates should have strong quantitative and computational skills in GIS. Expertise in spatial statistics, remote sensing, and/or spatial programming is highly desirable. Each successful candidate must have an active research program, have experience in obtaining external funding to support research, and be willing to teach GIS courses at the undergraduate and graduate levels.
Candidates are expected to have attained a doctoral degree in geography or closely related field by the start date. Post-doctoral experience is desirable. To apply, please submit all application materials to Dr. Kirsten de Beurs, Chair, GIS Search Committee (Email: kdebeurs@ou.edu), and copy Ms. Deborah Marsh (dmarsh@ou.edu).

Portland State University – Portland, Oregon: The Geography Department at Portland State University (http://www.pdx.edu/geography/) invites applications for a 9 month full-time tenure-track position as an Assistant Professor in Physical Geography with research and teaching interest in Climate Science beginning September 2015. A PhD in geography or related fields is required at appointment. Expertise in understanding land surface and atmosphere interactions with respect to global change is preferred. Teaching responsibilities include introductory physical geography, and intermediate and advanced undergraduate and graduate-level courses in climate science. The successful candidate is expected to maintain an active research program in their area of specialization and to demonstrate potential to obtain external funding. Applicants should submit: (1) a statement of interest describing how they would contribute to the Department’s teaching and research program; (2) a complete curriculum vitae; and (3) the names and addresses (including e-mail and fax) of three to five referees. Review of applications will begin September 16, 2014 and will continue until the position is filled. Read the full position description and apply at https://jobs.hrc.pdx.edu/postings/12762.

Clark University – Worcester, Massachusetts: Assistant or Associate Professor, tenure-line position starting August 2015. PhD required at time of appointment. Clark’s School of Geography seeks a Human Geographer whose research and teaching will complement the School’s work in urban-economic and/or human-environment geography. The successful candidate must demonstrate cutting edge scholarship, teaching excellence, success in securing extramural funding and commitment to collaborative research and mentoring. In addition to teaching in Geography the candidate will also be able to have links with one or more of the following at Clark: the Urban Development and Social Change concentration, the Mosakowski Institute for Public Enterprise (http://www.clarku.edu/research/mosakowskiinstitute/); the George Perkins Marsh Institute (http://www.clarku.edu/departments/marsh/); the journal Economic Geography; and relevant academic departments. Send CV, a detailed statement of professional experience, research and teaching interests; and three references by email to: humangeographysearch@clarku.edu. Review of applications will begin on 13th October 2014 and will continue until the position is filled.

Conference

Mappers Conference: The Kansas Association of Mappers 2014 Conference will be held on Oct 8-10 in Manhattan at the Four Points Sheraton. Student registration will be $20. Lots of potential employers will be there.

Please contact Bimal Paul (bkp@ksu.edu) with K-State Globe items.