Departmental & Campus Events

**Geography Faculty Meeting**: 3 February (Monday), 3:30 pm, S 164H

**Geography Presentation**: Ping Yin, “Applications of Geographic Information Science in Health.” 7 February 2014 (Friday), 4:00 pm, Little Theater, State Student Union.

Departmental Activities

Publication


Presentations


Graduate Fellowship

Julie Commerford received a one-year Graduate Fellowship for $30,000 from the EIDRoP GK-12 Program at Kansas State. The fellowship begins June 1, 2014 and ends in May 2015. It replaces her Graduate Teaching Assistantship for the year, and she will be bringing her research to high school students in Junction City, KS. Congratulations!

Student Opportunities

**Geography Career Day**: The 2014 Geography Career Day is scheduled for Tuesday, February 11th. The Department of Geography at K-State will reserve several rooms in the Union for interviews with
employers (30 minutes blocks). Resumes and interview summaries will be provided to all participating employers. This is a great way to distribute students' information to multiple employers with one interview.

**The Mattes International Travel Award:** The College of Arts and Sciences at Kansas State University invites undergraduate students to submit proposals for an independent travel experience. One award of $4000 will be available for Summer 2014. Students who may not otherwise have the financial means to travel abroad are particularly encouraged to apply. Proposals should facilitate independent international travel and expose the applicant to the people and customs of another country (or multiple countries). Eligible applicants will: 1) pursue a degree track within the College of Arts & Sciences, 2) be enrolled as undergraduates in good academic standing at the time of application, and 3) have no previous travel outside the United States or Canada. The duration of the travel experience may vary as long as it will effectively meet the goals of the program. The destination may vary as well. Students may not travel to any country where a State Dept. travel advisory or warning applies though.

Students submit the following to Julie Hunt in 112 Eisenhower Hall by February 15, 2014 to apply: 1) résumé that includes the names of two references. Please share with them your intention to apply. At least one should be affiliated with K-State; 2) essay (two to four pages long, double spaced, and 11 point type) that outlines your proposal for travel abroad and indicates why you want to undertake the experience. The essay should include a rough itinerary; 3) K-State transcript; and 4) signed copy of the Expectations and Requirements page (next page). Please contact Julie Hunt at 532-6904 or jhunt@ksu.edu if you have questions about the application or about the Mattes Travel Award in general.

**Fellowship Opportunity**

**Big 12 Faculty Fellowship Program for 2014:** There are two categories of this award for which a faculty member may apply: a regular Fellowship Award and a mentoring Fellowship Award. Both Fellowships provide up to $2500 for expenses related to a visit by a faculty member to another Big 12 institution. Detailed information about the applications for this award are available on the Provost’s home page (http://www.k-state.edu/provost/enrichment/big12/). The deadline for submission of the applications to the Provost’s office is May 1, and should be submitted electronically in pdf format to Gail Zeak (gail@ksu.edu). If you have any questions regarding this award, please contact Brian Nichoff, Associate Provost for Institutional Effectiveness.

**Chancellors Fellowships:** The School of Geosciences, University of Edinburgh is advertising Chancellors Fellowships. Closing date is the 7th of Feb @ 17:00 GMT. These fellowships are designed for excellent early career independent researchers who want to make the transition to being academics. They are for five years in the first instance with the expectation that the Fellow would move to a standard academic open ended contract after three years. Further information can be found on the Fellowships at <http://chancellorsfellowshipsgeosciencesedin.wordpress.com/>

**Graduate Fellowship/Assistantship/Scholarship Opportunities**

**Phillips Fund for Native American Research** (March 3, 2014):
http://www.amphilsoc.org/grants/phillips

**Asia Pacific Leadership Program Fellowship** (March 1, 2014):
http://www.eastwestcenter.org/scholarships-fellowships/asia-pacific-leadership-program-fellowship

**U.S. Borlaug Fellows Program, Center for Global Food Security** (April 14, 2014):
California Science + Technology + Policy Fellowships (February 28, 2014):
http://fellows.ccst.us/apply.php

Ruby Newhall Memorial Scholarship (deadline: February 13, 2014): The field of study must be of a nature that it improves the quality of life for the community in their home country, such as: Agriculture, Business, Computer or Management Information, Education, Guidance, Healing Arts & Sciences, Human Ecology, Journalism, Political Science, Psychology, Public Health, Science, and Social Services.
Criteria:
1. International student
2. Studying in the US in a field of study that will be taken back to the student’s country and that which improves the quality of life for those in that country.
3. Have spent at least one full semester in a college in the United States or Canada.
4. Be a full-time student and remain one for the scholarship period.
5. Plan to return to his or her country within six months of completing studies.
Deliver six copies (original + five copies) of your application to: Doris Merrill, K-State Research and Extension, 121 Umberger Hall.

RiverSmart Communities and Federal Collaborators: A graduate research assistantship is available for a funded interdisciplinary study entitled RiverSmart Communities and Federal Collaborators. Attuning federal agencies and programs with state, regional and local efforts to support ecologically restorative flood prevention and remediation in New England. The study is funded by the Army Corps of Engineers' Institute for Water Resources. The student will be part of the Geography program at UMass Amherst, earning an MS in Geography or a PhD in Geosciences. The assistantship provides full graduate funding (20 hrs/week) for September 2014 - August 2015. The second year of the graduate program, the student will be eligible to apply for funding as a teaching assistant, or there may be other follow-up research grant opportunities. Applications due by 15 February, 2014. Information regarding the application process is available at the following websites: http://blogs.umass.edu/umgeog/graduate-program. For more information, please contact Eve Vogel, evev@umass.edu.

Paper Competition

The Indigenous Peoples Specialty Group (IPSG) of the Association of American Geographers (AAG): The IPSG invites submissions for its annual Graduate Student Paper Competition, in conjunction with the 2014 AAG general meeting. IPSG invites graduate student papers addressing Indigenous critical cartography, geographic research, education, methodologies, and/or theory. Special consideration will be given to papers that do one or more of the following: foster geographic research and education that involves the Indigenous peoples of the world, past and present prioritize Indigenous people(s)’ perspectives, voices, and epistemologies, encourage approaches to research and teaching that support Indigenous goals of self-determination over their territories and/or cultures, help build relationships of mutual trust between Indigenous communities and academic geographers, and contribute to decolonizing the discipline and practice of Geography. The award for the top student paper includes a cash award of US$150.00 and a one-year honorary student membership in the IPSG.
Eligible papers for this competition must be written manuscripts. It is preferred that the manuscript be sole-authored by a graduate student. Papers co-authored with a faculty member will not be considered. However, manuscripts co-authored in collaboration with a person/people at the community-scale will be considered. The paper needs to be presented at either the AAG annual meeting in Tampa, FL or any regional geography meeting or another professional conference. Papers should be in English, with translation provided for any quotes or sections in a language other than English.
Interested students should submit a copy of their conference paper electronically by April 1, 2014 to either of the IPSG co-chairs: Mark Palmer at palmermh@missouri.edu or Juli Hazlewood at jahaze@gmail.com. (Please put "IPSG Student Paper Submission" in the subject line.) Any questions about the competition should also be directed to the co-chairs.

**Job Opportunity**

**The Trinity River Restoration Program - Department of Interior - Bureau of Reclamation:** This organization is currently recruiting for a geomorphologist. The announcement closes on February 7th. More information is available here: [https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/359490200](https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/359490200) (for current Federal Employee) and [https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/359490400](https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/359490400) (for Non-Federal Employee).

**University of Idaho:** Tenure-track Assistant Professor position in the Department of Geography at the University of Idaho. The department is seeking for a Human Geographer/Spatial Social Scientist well-versed in using quantitative spatial methods for analyzing human decisions and socioeconomic processes in a spatial context. This position is part of an institutional cluster hire designed to enhance its ability to assemble teams for integrative research projects in social-ecological systems. Preference will be given to those with quantitative approaches that can be readily integrated into interdisciplinary projects. Candidates must be qualified to teach upper division and graduate courses in human geography. The date "for first consideration" is Feb 3. No reference letters are required, only just reference contacts. The announcement (along with application procedures) can also be found here: [https://www.sites.uidaho.edu/AppTrack/Agency/Applicant/ViewAnnouncement.asp?announcement_no=10000015979](https://www.sites.uidaho.edu/AppTrack/Agency/Applicant/ViewAnnouncement.asp?announcement_no=10000015979). If potential candidates have any questions, they should not hesitate to contact Karen Humes at khumes@uidaho.edu or 208-885-6506.

**Departmental Scholarships**

**William Grimm Undergraduate Geography Scholarship:** The scholarship is named in honor of William Grimm, a former Kansas State University graduate killed in action during the Persian Gulf War, and is supported by the Grimm family. Any current undergraduate geography major enrolled during the 2013-2014 academic year is eligible for this scholarship. The value of this Scholarship is $500. Receipt of the William Grimm Scholarship does not preclude the award winner from receiving any additional scholarships awarded at Kansas State University. If you are interested in being considered for this Scholarship, please turn in the following materials by the application deadline to the Department of Geography main office: 1) a one-page essay describing the importance of geography for attaining your professional goals and 2) two letters of recommendation from instructors (letters should be sent to the department head, if sent separately).

**Rafferty Gamma Theta Upsilon Geography Scholarship:** This scholarship is awarded annually to a worthy geography graduate or undergraduate student who is a member of and an active participant in the Beta Psi Chapter of Gamma Theta Upsilon at Kansas State University. The scholarship is named in honor of Milton and Emma Jean Rafferty and provides financial assistance to a student enrolled in the Department of Geography. Any current undergraduate geography major or graduate student enrolled during the 2013-2014 academic year is eligible for this scholarship. The value of the scholarship is $500. Application deadline is 12 March, 2014. Receipt of the Milton and Emma Jean Rafferty Scholarship does not preclude the award winner from receiving any additional scholarships awarded at Kansas State University. If you are interested in being considered for this scholarship, please turn in the following materials by the application deadline to the Department of Geography main office: 1) a one-page essay
describing the importance of geography for attaining your professional goals, and 2) two letters of recommendation from instructors (letters should be sent to the department head, if sent separately).

**Huber Self Scholarship in Geography:** The Self Scholarship is supported by Alumni and Friends of the Department of Geography and is bestowed in the name of Professor Emeritus Huber Self. Professor Self retired in 1980 after having devoted more than 33 years of his professional life to the advancement of Geography at Kansas State University. He authored textbooks and atlases on the Geography of Kansas and numerous articles in professional journals. Huber Self passed away in 2011 at the age of 97. Any current undergraduate geography major enrolled during the 2013-2014 academic year is eligible for this scholarship. Application deadline is 12 March, 2014. The value of the Huber Self Scholarship is $500. Receipt of the Huber Self Scholarship does not preclude the award winner from receiving any additional scholarships awarded at Kansas State University. If you are interested in being considered for this Scholarship, please turn in the following materials by the application deadline to the Department of Geography main office: 1) a one-page essay describing the importance of geography for attaining your professional goals, and 2) two letters of recommendation from instructors (letters should be sent to the department head, if sent separately).

**Seyler Undergraduate GISCIENCE Scholarship:** This scholarship is supported by Alumni, Friends, and Faculty of the Department of Geography, and is named for emeritus faculty member H.L. “Sy” Seyler. Any current undergraduate geography major enrolled with at least junior standing during the 2013-2014 academic year is eligible for this scholarship. Application deadline is 12 March, 2014. The value of the Seyler Undergraduate GIScience Scholarship is $500. Receipt of the Seyler Scholarship does not preclude the award winner from receiving any additional scholarships awarded at Kansas State University. If you are interested in being considered for this scholarship, please turn in the following materials by the application deadline to the Department of Geography main office: 1) a one-page narrative discussing accomplishments and future plans for using geospatial technologies in geographical research or employment, and 2) two letter of recommendation from instructors (letters should be sent to the department head, if sent separately).

**Robert H. Williams Undergraduate Geography Scholarship:** This scholarship is awarded annually to a worthy geography major. The scholarship is named in honor of Robert H. Williams and provides financial assistance to undergraduate students enrolled in the Department of Geography at Kansas State University. Any current undergraduate geography major enrolled during the 2013-2014 academic year is eligible for this scholarship. Application deadline is 12 March. The value of the Williams Scholarship is $500. Receipt of the Robert H. Williams Scholarship does not preclude the award winner from receiving any additional scholarships awarded at Kansas State University. If you are interested in being considered for this scholarship, please turn in the following materials by the application deadline to the Department of Geography main office: 1) a one-page essay describing the importance of geography for attaining your professional goals, and 2) two letters of recommendation from instructors (letters should be sent to the department head, if sent separately).

**Other**

The annual NWS Severe Storm Safety and Information Show for Riley County will be held at 7pm on March 5th at the Four Points by Sheraton, 530 Richards Dr.

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