Departmental Event

Faculty Meeting: February 17, 2014 (Monday), 3:30 pm in Seaton 164H
February 21, 2014 (Friday), 3:00-4:30 pm in Seaton 164H

GTU/Geography Club Meeting: February 19, 2014 (Wednesday), 4:00 pm in Seaton 164H

Student Opportunities

University Distinguished Professors Graduate Student Award: The University Distinguished Professors Graduate Student Award provides an award to resident graduate students enrolled in a doctoral program at Kansas State University. Eligible students must be admitted to candidacy, entering the last year of his or her program, be enrolled in fall 2014 and spring 2015 and plan to graduate in May or August 2015. The award is available to eligible students who meet the above criteria in any K-State college, department or program. Students may nominate themselves. Nominations may also be submitted by K-State faculty. Applications and nominations are due April 1. For more information please see the Graduate School website.

Summer Field Course Announcements: Colorado Ecosystem Field Studies (EFS) will offer two summer field courses to undergraduate students. These courses are accredited for 3 semester credits through the Environmental Studies Program of the University of Montana at Missoula. The first course will be held this summer near Boulder, Colorado and a new summer Caribbean Ecosystem Field Studies course will be held in Akumal, Mexico. EFS teaches fundamental concepts & essential research methods in ecosystem science. Students' classroom-based knowledge is synthesized and applied through hands-on, active investigations. Complete course syllabi are available at the EFS website www.ecofs.org. Both courses are now accepting applications.

Society of American Military Engineers, Greater Kansas City Post 2014 Scholarship Program: The mission of the Society of American Military Engineers is to promote and facilitate engineering and related disciplines’ support for national security by developing and enhancing relationships and competencies among uniformed services, public and private sector engineers, and related professionals. Consistent with this mission, the Greater Kansas City Post will provide scholarships to students in order to promote long term relationships with future members and leaders in SAME by assisting them with their educational objectives.

The number of scholarship awards will be at the discretion of the Scholarship Selection Committee subject to the amount of funding available by the GKC Post. The amount of scholarship funding for each year will be determined by the GKC Post Board of Directors following the reconciliation of the annual budget following the Industry Day event. Weighting is given to upperclassmen and graduate students. The Post received input from university staff who indicated that there are more scholarships and tuition support programs for underclassmen and fewer for upperclassmen. In addition, there is a high attrition
rate for engineering students in the first two years of the program. Detailed information about the Scholarship Program and the Application can be found at this link (http://samekc.org/sm-em-scholarships.php) or by contacting either Dr. Shawn Hutchinson, shutch@ksu.edu, or Jason Sweet, Jason.Sweet@Stantec.com.

Fellowship Opportunity

The 2015 Leopold Leadership Fellowships: Information about the fellowship, including application forms, is available at the program website at http://leopoldleadership.stanford.edu/fellowship-information. Deadline is Monday, April 28, 2014. The Leopold Leadership Program invites midcareer academic environmental scientists from North America (Canada, Mexico, and the United States) to apply for the 2015 Leopold Leadership Fellowships. The Leopold Leadership Program provides researchers with the skills, approaches, and theoretical frameworks for translating their knowledge to action, and for catalyzing change to address the world’s most pressing sustainability challenges. Through a competitive process, the Leopold Leadership Program selects up to 20 Fellows annually to participate in two intensive training sessions a year apart to build and enhance their skills for leading change from local to global scales. The program seeks candidates with terminal degrees in a broad range of disciplines, including the biophysical and social sciences and technical, medical, and engineering fields related to the environment and sustainability. Applicants must be employed by an academic institution in North America, have a faculty position (typically, though not always, at the associate professor level or equivalent or above), and be active in teaching and research. Every applicant should demonstrate: A faculty position; An active role in research and teaching in an area of environmental and sustainability science at a Canadian, Mexican, or U.S.-based higher education or research institution; A reputation for outstanding science; interest, willingness, and an appropriate professional position to synthesize, interpret, and communicate the results of their work, connect scientific knowledge and decision-making, and engage with stakeholders on solving sustainability challenges; passion and capacity to exercise leadership in the environmental arena and enthusiasm to communicate science for improved environmental policies and practices; commitment to participate in all the activities of the yearlong fellowship, including both training sessions and the practice year in between; intent to share what is learned in the training program with students, colleagues, and other stakeholders through courses, workshops, and other outreach efforts; and desire to remain an active member of the Leopold Leadership Network after the conclusion of the Fellowship year and assist other Fellows as mentors and coaches.

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**

**Instructor or Assistant Professor of Geography**: The Department of Geography, Kutztown University of Pennsylvania, invites applications for a full-time tenure track faculty position beginning Fall 2014 semester. Courses to be taught include Intro to Geographic Information Systems (GIS) with lab and Advanced GIS. Experience teaching Remote Sensing of the Environment is highly desired. Ability to teach other undergraduate courses in Physical and Environmental Geography may be necessary to complete a 12 hour per semester teaching load. For full description, criteria, and complete listing of vacancies, please visit our website at http://www.kutztown.edu/employment. Kutztown University is an AA-EOE member of the PA State System of Higher Education and actively solicits applications from women, veterans, persons with disabilities and minorities.

**GIS Job Opening**: Shawnee Country is seeking a GIS position. For more information, please see the following link: http://admin.ks.gov/services/state-employment-center/job/job-postings?id=176162.

**Northwestern University**: The Environmental Sciences Program at Northwestern University seeks a two-year, visiting lecturer to expand undergraduate course offerings in geographic information science (GIS) and earth surface processes, such as geomorphology, hydrology, landscape evolution, and water resources. The candidate should have a Ph.D. in Earth Science, Geology, Environmental Engineering, or a related field at the time of appointment and will be expected to teach five courses per year beginning in the fall of 2014. Applicants should submit a curriculum vitae, statement of teaching interests, and contact information for three references to search.environment@northwestern.edu. Review of applications will begin on March 15, 2014 and continue until the position is filled. Applications from women and members of minority groups are especially encouraged.

**Alumnus News**

**Nystrom Award**: Ryan Bergstrom has been selected as a finalist for the AAG Nystrom Award (for a paper based on a recent dissertation). The title of his paper is “Change, Control, and Sustainability in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem.” He will present his paper in the first Nystrom session on the Friday (April 11) of the AAG meeting in Tampa. He is the first alumnus of the department to be selected as a Nystrom finalist.

**Other**

**Annals of the Association of American Geographers 2016 Special Issue on the Geographies of Mobility**: The Annals of the Association of American Geographers invites abstracts of papers to be considered for a special issue on the Geographies of Mobility, which will be published in 2016. This will be the eighth of a series of annual special issues that highlight geographic research around a significant global theme. Significant theoretical and methodological contributions are sought from a broad spectrum of scholars who address social, cultural, political, environmental, economic, theoretical, and methodological issues related to human mobility. These include geographic research in areas such as: (im)mobility and social differentiation and inequality; (im)mobility of the oppressed, subjugated and persecuted; (im)mobility and social exclusion; experience of (im)mobility; politics of (im)mobility;
commuting; leisure travel; tourism; mobility by different transport modes; sustainable mobility; mobility and resilience; disasters, natural hazards, and mobility; mobility, wellbeing and health; mobility, energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions; space-time modeling and GIS-based analysis of mobility; mobility research methods; and other relevant areas.

Abstracts of no more than 250 words should be submitted by March 1, 2014, to Journals Managing Editor Miranda Lecea at mlecea@aag.org. Final papers will be due on September 1, 2015, for publication in 2016. Papers will have a target maximum length of 5,000 words, with a smaller limit if a large number of tables and/or figures are included. All submitted papers will be subject to full peer review. All papers published in the 2016 Special Issue will later be published by Taylor & Francis as an edited book.

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