Departmental Events

**Geography Presentation**: Professor Eric Sheppard, “Thinking Geographically: Globalizing Capitalism, and Beyond,” 28 February 2014 (Friday), 3:30pm in the Little Theater of the K-State Union.

**GTU/Geography Club Bowling Night**: February 24, 2014 (Monday), 6-8 pm in the Student Union Rec Center

**Used Textbooks Collection**: Student members of GTU are collecting recent editions of textbooks for student at Ethiopian universities. Book drop-off location: Seaton 126 or Seaton 164G.

Departmental Activities

**Publication**


**Presentation**


**Teaching Award and Nomination**

The Graduate Student Council of the Kansas State University has selected Kyleen Kelly, master's student in geography as winner of the Graduate Student Council Teaching Excellence Award for the 2013-2014 academic year. As an award recipient, Kyleen is the university’s nominees for the 2014 Midwestern Association of Graduate Schools Excellence in Teaching Award. Congratulations to Kyleen!

**Student Opportunities**

**New Study Abroad Field Courses in Belize**: The Institute for Sustainable International Studies (ISIS) offers a variety of conservation and environmental field courses in Belize in the summer and the winter. The courses are held in the field, forests, sea and waterways of this incredible tropical country. Students will be able to experience and understand first-hand the wonders and challenges of different ecosystems. All courses are intensive, delivering 3 credit hours over two weeks. Students can pair another course for
a full four weeks studying abroad. A two week course is $2,675 and the two course session is $4,225, and are offered June and July, 2014. These courses are also offered over the winter break, December 26, 2014 through January 7, 2015. Transcripts are issued from Sacred Heart College in San Ignacio, Belize. For more information email Program Director, Cynthia Reece, at creece@isisbelize.com.

**Reds Wolman Graduate Student Research Award**: Each year the Geomorphology Specialty Group (GSG) of the Association of American Geographers (AAG) awards two graduate student research grants to help cover the costs of data acquisition, fieldwork, and laboratory analysis required to complete thesis or dissertation research. Awards are $400 for Masters level students and $600 for Doctoral students. Eligible students must be members of the AAG and the GSG. Application package must include: a research proposal (approximately 5 pages in length), and two short letters of recommendation. To be considered for the 2014 award, the Awards Committee must receive these materials and any supporting documentation by March 14, 2014. Please send applications electronically to Donald A. Friend, GSG Awards Committee Chair, donald.friend@mnsu.edu.

**The Konza and Manhattan Rotary Clubs International Graduate Student Scholarship**: The Konza and Manhattan Rotary Clubs will award three scholarships this spring to international students engaged in graduate study at Kansas State University. Scholarship recipients will receive awards of $500 each. Only one graduate student can be nominated by a faculty member from each department. Previous recipients are not eligible for the scholarship. Along with nomination, please provide the following: 1) completed nomination form, 2) letter from a graduate faculty member who is familiar with the student’s academic work, professional aspirations, and financial need, 3) from the nominee, a one-page statement of (a) research interests, (b) contributions the graduate’s work will make to the native country, and (c) an explanation of financial need, and 4) email the application materials to Rebecca Gould, ragou@ksu.edu, such that they are received no later than March 14, 2014 at 5 p.m.

**K-State Alumni Association Graduate Student Awards**: K-State faculty can nominate students in two categories: Service and Leadership or Academics. Nominees must have an anticipated graduation date of Spring, Summer or Fall 2014. Nominations are due at midnight, Thurs., March 20. Additional information is available at: http://www.k-state.com/s/1173/social.aspx?sid=1173&gid=1&pgid=2107.

**Tony Jurich Community Commitment and Leadership Student Awards**: This award honors one undergraduate student and one graduate student who has demonstrated a commitment to community leadership and service through Jurich’s Core Leadership Tenets. Nominees must have an anticipated graduation date of Spring, Summer or Fall 2014. Nominations are due by Feb. 28, 2014. Additional information is available at: http://www.k-state.com/s/1173/social.aspx?sid=1173&gid=1&pgid=4665.

**NASA Internships**: NASA is actively recruiting interns for its paid summer internship program! Internships are available in a wide variety of disciplines including engineering, physics, astronomy, life and earth sciences, and even some business and finance. The deadline is 1 March 2914. To apply, visit http://intern.nasa.gov to complete your base application and apply for up to 15 specific internship opportunities.

**GIS Intern**: Topeka Office of the Distribution Asset Management is seeking intern position for Summer 2014. A preferred candidate will have experience in geography or mapping software, map interpretation, legal descriptions or electric utility knowledge. Knowledge and experience with ESRI mapping software applications preferred. Work will be performed under direct supervision. Applicants should apply online at www.westarenergy.com

**Graduate Funding at East Carolina University**: The Master's program in the Department of Geography, Planning, and Environment at East Carolina University is seeking applications from students interested in working with geomorphology and environmental geography faculty members at East
Carolina University. Students should submit an application at her/his earliest convenience (http://www.ecu.edu/cs-acad/gradschool/Main-Admissions-Information-Page-Apply.cfm) to be considered for departmental funding and/or research assistantships.

**Workshop Opportunity**

**Teaching about Risk and Resilience: Sea Level Rise, Flooding and Earthquakes:** Florida Center for Environmental Studies, Florida Atlantic University is organizing this three-day long (May 14-16, 2014) workshop for educators from the variety of disciplines that prepare students to address natural disasters with those currently engaged in addressing these challenges. Application Deadline: March 1, 2014. See the workshop overview for details about the workshop goals, schedule, expectations for participants, and how to apply. <http://serc.carleton.edu/integrate/workshops/risk_resilience/overview.html>

**Award Opportunity**

**The Grove Karl Gilbert Award for Excellence in Geomorphological Research and the Melvin G. Marcus Distinguished Career Award:** The Geomorphological Specialty Group (GSG) of the AAG invites nominations for the Grove Karl Gilbert Award for Excellence in Geomorphological Research and for the Melvin G. Marcus Distinguished Career Award. These awards will be distributed at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers in Tampa, FL, April 2014. The Grove Karl Gilbert Award is presented to the author(s) of a single significant contribution to the published research literature in geomorphology during the past three years. Only a book, refereed journal article, or monograph will be considered with an emphasis on refereed research articles. Nominations for the Grove Karl Gilbert Award remain active for two years. The nomination package should include: 1) a copy of the relevant publication, 2) a statement as to why the publication deserves the award, and 3) (optional) supporting letters from colleagues.

The Melvin G. Marcus Distinguished Career Award is presented to an individual who has made significant contributions to geomorphology over his/her career. Nominations for the Melvin G. Marcus Distinguished Career Award remain active for five years. The nomination package should include: 1) a brief description of the candidate’s contribution to geomorphology, 2) a brief biographic sketch, 3) a select bibliography, and 4) three letters of support from colleagues. To be considered for the 2014 awards, the Awards Committee must receive these materials and any supporting documentation by March 14, 2014. Please send all materials electronically to Awards Committee Chair, Donald A. Friend (donald.friend@mnsu.edu).

**Job Opportunity**

**GIS Technician:** Aerotek in Overland Park, KS, is in need of GIS Technicians for a long term opportunity (minimum of 2 years). To qualify for this opening you must: 1) be experienced in working in a GIS platform and knowledgeable with the full range of GIS applications from file mergers to manipulating layers and data and adding lines and text efficiently, 2) be comfortable doing some QA/QC work, and 3) have a GIS certificate or Geography degree. The software packages used are ESRI ArcGIS. Please contact: Kelly Albrecht, Recruiter, Central Division. Phone: 316-448-4479 Fax: 316-448-4490.

**Other**

**K-State Geography Faculty and Student Participation at the 2014 Annual Meeting of the AAG**

Tuesday (4/8)
Jeffrey Smith. North America’s colonial European roots, 1492-1867 (12:40 pm); paper, *American Odyssey: Historical Geographies of North America*

Bimal K. Paul, panelist; 4:40 pm session, *Coastal Hazards, Risks, and Disasters: Enhancing Safety in an Era of Global Change*

Wednesday (4/9)

Richard A. Marston, chair; 8:00 am session, *The Natural and Human Structuring of Rivers and other Geomorphic Systems I: A Special Session in Honor of Will Graf*

Gabriel Granco, Marcellus M. Caldas, presenter, organizer, chair. Is sugarcane a new driver of LUC change in the Cerrado? (10:00 am); paper, *Large-Scale Farming and Landscape Change in the Brazilian Savanna*

Julie Commerford. Python applications for geospatial pollen analysis (10:00 am); poster, *Health, Medical Geography, and Geographic Methods in Research and Education*

Max Lu, Jianjun Yang, Minyan Guo. The drivers of rapid urbanization in post-reform China (10:00 am); paper, *China’s Rapid Urbanization and Suburbanization*

William Wetherholt. A humanistic approach toward the sustainability of America’s Great Plains (12:40 pm); paper, *Perspectives on Rural Sustainability: Scale and Place II – US Regional Situations*

Lis Pankl, panelist; 2:40 pm session, *Teaching Geography Critically II*

Richard A. Marston. Meander migration and associated farmland loss, Big Blue River, Kansas (4:40 pm); paper, *The Natural and Human Structuring of Rivers and other Geomorphic Systems V: A Special Session in Honor of Will Graf*

Thursday (4/10)

Lisa Butler Harrington, organizer; 10:00 am session, *Perspectives on Rural Sustainability: Scale and Place I – Livelihoods*

Richard A. Marston, organizer, discussant; 10:00 am session, *Mountain Geography: Physical and Human Dimensions*

Lisa Butler Harrington, organizer; 12:40 pm session, *Perspectives on Rural Sustainability: Scale and Place II – US Regional Situations*

Richard A. Marston, introducer; 12:40 pm session, *Climate Change in Africa and Asia: MyCOE/SERVIR Global Fellows*

Bimal K. Paul. Determinants of tornado safety measure implementation: The case of Joplin, Missouri (12:40 pm); paper, *Hazards, Risks, and Disasters S.G. Session: Tornado Hazards and Vulnerability*

Lisa K. Tabor, John A. Harrington, Jr. Advancing the teaching of history and geography in the K-12 classroom using dual-encoding and geographic information systems (2:40 pm); paper, *Geographies of Education 2: Pedagogical Strategies and Praxis in the Teaching of GIS and Geospatial Technology*

John A. Harrington, Jr. Variability and exceptionalism in sustainability (2:40 pm); paper, *Perspectives on Rural Sustainability: Scale and Place III – Concepts & Concerns*

Lisa Butler Harrington, organizer; 2:40 pm session, *Perspectives on Rural Sustainability: Scale and Place III – Concepts and Concerns*

Lisa Butler Harrington, organizer; 4:40 pm session, *Perspectives on Rural Sustainability: Scale and Place IV – Concepts and Concerns*

Friday (4/11)

Ben Champion, presenter, organizer, chair. Institutionalizing sustainability: Leadership in a public land-grant university (8:00 am); paper, *Sustainability and Education*

Lisa Butler Harrington, organizer; 8:00 am session, *Sustainability and Education*

Richard A. Marston, discussant; 8:00 am session, *IEG*
Bartosz Grudzinski, Melinda D. Daniels, Michael Rawitch, Kyle Anibas. Influence of watershed grazing management on baseflow suspended sediment dynamics in grassland headwater streams (10:00 am); paper, Fluvial Forms and Processes

Kyle L. Anibas. An analysis of land cover and habitat change in Volyn, Ukraine: The effect of the fall of the Soviet Union (10:00 am); poster, Land Use and Land Cover, and Remote Sensing Applications

Max Lu, introduction; 12:40 pm session, Population Specialty Group: Lifetime Achievement Award to David A. Plane

John A. Harrington, Jr., organizer, chair, discussant; Ian Howard, discussant; 12:40 pm session, Building the Body of Climate Knowledge

Julie Commerford, discussant; 12:40 pm session, Integrating Careers Awareness and Preparedness into the Geography Curriculum

Lynn F. Brien, Matthew B. Bethel, Kevin P. Price. A remote sensing-based method for mapping vegetation biophysical characteristics related to nutrient enrichment in a coastal Louisiana marsh (4:40 pm); paper, Remote Sensing Applications in Coastal and Wetlands (II)

Lisa Butler Harrington, panelist; 4:40 pm session, At What Scales Should Sustainability be Examined, Acted Upon, or Evaluated?

Saturday (4/12)

Richard A. Marston, discussant; 2:00 pm session, Mountain Landscapes and Communities in a Changing World

Heidi Mehl. Land tenure and watershed restoration on a fractionated Indian reservation (4:00 pm); paper, Science, Politics and Conflict in Aquatic Environments: From Restoration to Intervention III

Ian Howard, John A. Harrington, Jr. A synoptic climatology of nocturnal rainfall events for northeast Kansas, 1950-2012 (4:00 pm); paper, Climatology and Meteorology

Brandon H. Haddock. Keeping the circle: Examining rural sexuality and gender identity in sustainability practices (4:00 pm); paper, New Voices in Rural Geography

William Wetherholt, organizer and chair; 4:00 pm session, New Voices in Rural Geography

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