The **K-State Globe**

Geography Department, Kansas State University

21 January 2014

**Departmental Event**

**Geography Presentation:** Adam T. Naito, "Characterizing and Modeling Arctic Shrub Expansion on the North Slope of Alaska, USA." 22 January 2014 (Wednesday), 3:30 pm, 132 Seaton Hall.

**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.

**AAG-CAPE Student Paper Award:** The Cultural and Political Ecology (CAPE) Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers (AAG) sponsors an annual award to recognize distinguished student research. Candidates may be undergraduates, graduate students, or a recent Ph.D. within a year of the dissertation defense. The student must be a member of AAG-CAPE and the sole author. Judging criteria include the soundness and creativity of the research design and methodology; validity of conclusions; and writing quality. The paper should not exceed 8,000 words including all components: references, footnotes, abstract, illustrations, tables and any other text. Papers exceeding 8,000 words will not be considered for the award. A prize of $150 will be awarded for the best paper. A copy of the paper must be submitted by 1 March 2014. Please send the paper as a PDF attachment to the CAPE Chair, Gregory Simon (gregory.simon@ucdenver.edu). Results will be announced at the CAPE specialty group business meeting at the 2014 AAG conference in Tampa and will be publicized on the CAPE webpage and in the AAG newsletter.

**AAG-CAPE Field Study Award:** Students are invited to submit applications for the CAPE Field Study Award. One or two awards of up to $600, subject to approval by the CAPE Awards Committee, will be granted annually. The principal objective will be to defray travel expenses for reconnaissance field work for intended thesis or dissertation research. The award will be oriented primarily to those without other substantial funding. The award is not intended to finance dissertation field work, rather to finance either a) research for a Master's degree or b) reconnaissance field work that should allow a student to complete a fundable dissertation proposal. Eligible candidates must be a member of AAG and CAPE at the time of submission. Proposals should be sent as a PDF attachment and must include: 1) title page with name of applicant, address and phone number, title of intended research, starting date and duration of field reconnaissance, and location of research; 2) project description of no more than 1000 words (excluding references) of proposed travel and research, expected significance, and probable research methodology; 3) list of cited references; 4) statement of how award will be allocated, e.g. air travel, surface travel, food and lodging, etc.; and 5) curriculum vitae.
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Calls for Nominations

The 2013 Robert McC. Netting Award in Recognition of Distinguished Research and Professional Activities that Bridge Geography and Anthropology: In honor and memory of Professor Robert McC. Netting, his life’s work, and interdisciplinary spirit, the Cultural and Political Ecology (CAPE) Specialty Group of the AAG has established an award made to that person whose professional activities best embody those of Robert McC. Netting. Awardees need not be a member of the Cultural and Political Ecology Specialty Group, the Association of American Geographers, or be a geographer. The award is not necessarily made for any one piece of work or single activity, but rather is for significant and substantial interdisciplinary work. The intent is to recognize scholars who have distinguished themselves through involvement with interdisciplinary geographical and anthropological projects, and/or have published extensively in both anthropological and geographical journals, and/or whose work is read and appreciated by practitioners in both fields, and/or whose service to both disciplines is meritorious.

The 2013 James M. Blaut Award in Recognition of Innovative Scholarship in Cultural and Political Ecology: In honor and memory of James M. Blaut’s seminal contributions, the CAPE Specialty Group of the AAG has established an award made to that person who publishes a book or journal article that best embodies the creativity and rigor of his own publications. The award is made for a single publication that is clearly innovative and has the potential to be seminal in areas of research that are important to the members of the Group. The intent is to recognize authors at any stage in their careers who demonstrate leadership through broadly influential, critical, innovative thinking. Jim Blaut’s publications on diffusionism and the colonizer’s model of the world provide models for judging such accomplishment. Nominations must be accompanied by full publication details and a rationale for making the award on the basis of that publication. Nominees need not be academics, geographers, members of the Cultural and Political Ecology Specialty Group, or members of the Association of American Geographers.

Calls for Papers

First South East European Conference on Sustainable Development of Energy, Water and Environment Systems: This conference will be held in Ohrid, Republic of Macedonia from 29 June to 4 July 2014. Authors willing to present a paper in this conference should submit an abstract in English, up to one page long, using the web site: http://www.ohrid2014.sdewes.org/call.php before 15 January 2014.

Twentieth International Symposium on Society and Resource Management (ISSRM): This symposium will be held in Hannover, Germany, from June 8 - 13, 2014. Deadline for both organized sessions and presentation is extended to 31 January 2014, at midnight (Central European Time). The conference theme is "Challenges for Urban and Rural Transformation." The conference web site is http://www.issrm2014.iasnr.org/. Please use the online submission system on the web site to submit your abstracts. If you need assistance, please contact the conference organizers in Hannover at issrm2014@umwelt.uni-hannover.de

Funding Opportunity
**Data-Intensive Analysis and Modeling for Socio-Environmental Synthesis.** The National Socio-Environmental Synthesis Center announces a special invitation for proposals for data-intensive analysis or modeling projects that can advance socio-environmental research. SESYNC is particularly interested in building a cohort of funded projects around integration of large and/or heterogeneous social and environmental data sets and/or implementation of such data through a range of modeling approaches to answer innovative questions in socio-environmental research. See the opportunity listing at [www.sesync.org/opportunities/data-modeling-ses](http://www.sesync.org/opportunities/data-modeling-ses) & submission instructions at [www.sesync.org/opportunities/data-modeling-ses#instructions](http://www.sesync.org/opportunities/data-modeling-ses#instructions). Inquiries should be directed to Dr. Nicholas Magliocca at nmagliocca@sesync.org.

**The University of Wyoming-National Park Service Small Grant Programs:** This program funds researchers from a diversity of areas to study in the Greater Yellowstone Area. These are small grants (up to $5,000.00) and are prefect for graduate students with faculty supervision. Grand Teton National Park has supplied a list of topics they would like to have researched BUT that is not the only projects that will be funded. If you have an idea for research in this area please consider submitting a proposal. If you have questions you can contact Celeste Havener (chavener@uwyo.edu) or Harold Bergman (Bergman@uwyo.edu).

**Workshop Opportunity**

**Landscape-Population Analysis: Linking Social Surveys to Environmental Data for Inquiry Workshop and US-IALE Symposium:** This workshop and symposium will be held in Anchorage, Alaska on 20 May 2014, 1-5 pm. To approach human-environment dynamics and relationships, it is necessary to combine human and environmental data. Considering the movement towards interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary research, this integration of social surveys and environmental datasets is becoming more and more relevant. This workshop, will provide a review of the technical approaches for linking human and environmental data. This is intended to give new researchers a background on methods and considerations in analysis of these topics and also to practice building and applying these tools. Intended Audience: Young researchers and graduate students, management professionals


Abstracts for the US-IALE Symposium are due on February 1, 2014. See [http://usiale.org/anchorage2014/](http://usiale.org/anchorage2014/) for more information on the symposium (you do not have to be presenting at the conference to register for the workshop).

**Other**

**New Student Group being Established on Campus:** The Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) is establishing a Student Chapter at KSU beginning in the Spring of 2014. SAME is not just a military engineering group. There is definitely a focus on the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and other Federal agencies. USACE does a great deal of non-military engineering work including environmental stewardship, planning, geographic analyses and more.

The Objectives of SAME’s relations with Universities include:
* Link students with architecture, engineering, construction and related professionals.
* Advance scientific and engineering education.
* Assist in the professional development of student members.
* Respond to the needs of student members.
* Jointly achieve the Society's goals and objectives as prescribed in its strategic plan.

A kick-off event is scheduled for Tuesday, January 28th in Seaton 143 from 5:00 - 6:30 PM. We'll be introducing the group and discussing what to expect as you enter industry. Dinner provided! To register, follow this link: http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=rhgbvycab&oeidk=a07e8mqk2trba2da102

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