Departmental & Campus Events

Geography Presentation: Jida Wang, “Lake Dynamics in the Yangtze River Basin Downstream of Three Gorges Dam Driven by Climate Variability and Human Activities.” 30 January 2014 (Thursday), 3:00 pm, Big 12 Room.


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.

First Journal Club Meeting: Interested in expanding your geographic knowledge? Looking to keep abreast of developments in geography? Here’s your chance! Join your fellow geographers for the first journal club meeting of the semester on Monday, January 27th, at 3p.m. in Seaton 164H. We’ll be discussing what we want to get out of such an endeavor, and ironing out the details of future meetings and our first set of readings. Hope to see you there! Contact Rob Briwa at briwa@ksu.edu with any questions.

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.

**Calls for Papers**

**Annual South Dakota State Geography Convention:** This year’s Convention will be held on March 20-21, 2014 in the Volstorff Ballroom in the South Dakota State University Student Union. Student poster and paper abstracts are now being accepted until March 1, 2014. Please contact: Josh Bucher, Geography Club President, email: joshua.bucher@sdstate.edu

**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.

**Job Opportunity**

**University of Idaho:** A tenure-track Assistant Professor position in the Department of Geography at the University of Idaho. The department is seeking 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 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. 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. If potential candidates have any questions, they should not hesitate to contact 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, you must submit the William Grimm Scholarship application form along with the attached materials by the deadline of May 1, 2014. The application form can be found on the Department of Geography website or obtained from the department office.

**Contact Information:**

For questions about the application or the Mattes Travel Award in general, please contact Julie Hunt at 532-6904 or jhunt@ksu.edu.
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**

**Rural West Paper Competition:** Sponsored by the Redd Center for the American West at Brigham Young University, this competition recognizes excellent research papers on the geography of the rural American West to be presented at the 2014 Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers (AAG) to be held in Tampa, FL. The competition is open to both faculty and graduate students who are presenting a paper at the 2014 AAG Annual Meeting. The winning paper will receive a $500 award courtesy of the Redd Center. Papers must be no more than 15 pages (double-spaced) in length (excluding bibliography). To enter, please submit a non-PDF electronic copy (MS Word, preferably) of the paper via email to Chris Laingen (crlaingen@eiu.edu), Rural Geography Specialty Group (RGSG) Awards Director, by March 1, 2014. The winner will be announced at the RGSG business meeting the week of the AAG (see final conference schedule for date, time, and location of RGSG business meeting).

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