Departmental and Campus Events

Geography Faculty Meeting: 5 March (Wednesday), 3:00-4:30 pm, S 164H

GTU/Geography Club Meeting: 5 March (Wednesday), 4:00 pm, K-State Union 206

GTU Textbooks for Ethiopia: GTU already have two blue boxes available for people who want to donate textbooks. There is a drop box outside of Seaton 126 and Seaton 164G. In addition to geography, the subject areas of textbooks in most need are social sciences, humanities, technology, business, natural sciences, engineering, biological sciences, and agriculture (but other textbooks are also welcome!). It may be useful to note that courses at Ethiopian colleges and universities are taught in English. Books more than 10 years old, magazines, journals, religious books, novels, and books focused on the U.S. (i.e. U.S. history or law) are not needed.


Departmental Activity

Publication


Student Opportunities

Graduate Course in Planet Earth Science (PES): Putting Theory into Practice in Costa Rica: Applications are being considered for the course Payment For Ecosystem Services: Putting Theory into Practice in Costa Rica. The course will be taught by Dr. Erin Sills of North Carolina State University's Department of Forestry and Environmental Resources. For more information see: http://bit.ly/1a13abb

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.

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

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

CHAIR & ASSOCIATE/FULL PROFESSOR: The Department of Geosciences at Fort Hays State University is accepting applications for a 12-month tenure-track position as Chair & Associate/Full Professor beginning June 9, 2014. Position duties include administration of the department as Chair, advising students, administering an active recruitment and retention program, and teaching duties (a minimum of 6 credit hours per semester). Other duties include research, departmental, university, and community service. Position information is available on-line at www.fhsu.edu/positions.

Qualifications: Ph. D. in Geology, Geography, or related field. Must have a significant record of research accomplishments and external funding. Must have a strong commitment to teaching and research excellence at both the undergraduate and graduate levels, and be active in recruitment and retention of majors. Must be qualified to hold the rank of Associate or Full Professor. Must have administrative experience, preferably as a department head or chair. Must be able to teach advanced courses in specialized areas. The successful candidate will complement existing faculty expertise. Other necessary qualifications include effective communication skills, a commitment to excellence in advising, and an active interest in participation with students. Application Procedure: Send an application that includes a letter of application; current curriculum vitae; copy of graduate transcripts; statement of teaching and research interests; complete contact information for three individuals who have agreed to serve as references; visa status (if applicable) and, if available, evidence of teaching effectiveness, to: Dr. Kenneth Neuhauser, Chair Applications may be emailed to: Search Committee, Department of Geosciences kneuhaus@fhsu.edu. Deadline: Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled. Preferences will be given to applications received by March 3, 2014.

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 LUCC 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.