Departmental Events

Geography Faculty Meeting: 2 April (Wednesday), 3:00-4:15 pm, S 164H

Geography Presentation: John H. Kelly, "Mapping Indigenous Territorial Stability in Central America,” 4 April 2014 (Friday), 3:30 pm in Seaton 132.

Departmental Activity

Grant


Travel Award

Anibas Kyle received a travel award ($1,000) from the College of Arts and Sciences to attend this year’s AAG annual meeting to be held in Tampa, Florida. Congratulations!!!

Presentation


Others

The Association of American Geographers (AAG) has appointed Bimal Paul a member of AAG Nystrom Award Committee.

Tickets for the 2014 Geography Awards Banquet are now on sale in the Main Office. Tickets are $25 pre-sale, but $30 at the door! The banquet will be held at the Four Points Sheraton on Ft. Riley Blvd. Social Hour with cash bar starts at 6pm and dinner will be a Kansas City BBQ buffet. The guest speaker this year is Mr. Sanho Tree from the Institute for Policy Studies in Washington DC. He will be discussing the politics and geography of the War on Drugs with an emphasis on international counter-narcotics enforcement and its effects on subsistence farmers in the developing world. The Banquet will be held on
Thursday April 17, 2014.

**Student Opportunities**

**Juneau Icefield Research Program (JIRP):** Applications are now being accepted for the 2014 Juneau Icefield Research Program. JIRP is an experience-based educational and research program that takes senior high school, undergraduate, and graduate-level students on an 8-week, self-powered expedition from Juneau, AK, to Atlin, BC, over the Juneau Icefield. During this expedition, students receive training and experience in backcountry skiing, glacier travel, and crevasse rescue; participate in JIRP’s long-running mass balance and surface elevation surveys; receive lectures from top scientists in a range of natural sciences (including glaciology, geology, climatology, meteorology, biology, and ecology); and perform individual research projects, the results of which they present at public symposia in Atlin and Juneau. Eligible students receive academic credits for participation in the program from the University of Alaska Southeast.

This year’s program will run from June 22 through August 17. The cost for the program is $4950; this includes all transportation, food, lodging, and instruction following arrival in Juneau, Alaska (but does not include transportation to and from Juneau). Some scholarships are available. Application materials and additional information are available at http://JuneauIcefield.com/apply/. To ensure full consideration for acceptance and scholarships, completed applications should be submitted by April 15.

**The Coastal Environmental Change Laboratory at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill (UNC-CH) and the Coastal Plant Ecology Lab at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU):** UNC-CH and VCU are looking for an undergraduate student to participate as a research assistant in an interdisciplinary study of coastal dune dynamics during the summer of 2014. This project is an investigation of the interactions between coastal dune grasses and sediment transport that give rise to coastal dune formation, as well as the impacts of climate change on coastal dune and barrier island systems. The successful applicant will spend 10 weeks living and working at the Anheuser-Busch Coastal Research Center at the VCR on Virginia’s Eastern Shore. During this time the student will work and interact with project principal investigators and faculty members Drs. Laura Moore (UNC-CH, Geological Sciences), John Bruno (UNC-CH, Biology), and Don Young (VCU, Biology) as well as with Theo Jass, an M.S. Candidate in Dr. Moore’s group, who will serve as the student’s most immediate mentor.

Primary responsibilities will include collecting, entering and analyzing measurements from field experiments designed to understand the role of vegetation in dune building. The student will also have opportunities to work on related interdisciplinary research projects, potentially including use of numerical modeling. For more information, please contact Theo Jass, phone (641) 230-0637 and e-mail: theojass@live.unc.edu

**Association for Women Geoscientists Osage Chapter Scholarships:** The Osage Chapter will award four scholarships for the summer and fall of 2014 to students who support the advancement of women in science and who are engaged in research related to the geosciences. Scholarships include: 1) Chevron Chapter Scholarship ($500-$1,000) for a female graduate student to be used for field or lab research expenses, lab materials, or a stipend for a research assistant; 2) Thomson Service Scholarships ($500) for a graduate student of any gender to be used for research, tuition, or books; 3) Undergraduate Research Scholarship ($500) for a female undergraduate, to be used for field and lab research expenses or
materials, or workshop attendance fees; and 4) Undergraduate Service Scholarship ($500) for an undergraduate student of any gender to be used for research, tuition, or books. Questions and requests for application forms can be addressed to Osage Chapter President Blair Benson (bensonbe@ku.edu), or Osage Chapter K-State Liaison Dr. Laci Gerhart (rockchalk@ksu.edu). TO APPLY: send a completed application form and research or service statement to bensonbe@ku.edu. Students need not be a member of AWG to apply. Deadline: April 15, 2014

**Summer Institute on Sustainability and Energy**: Energy Initiative of the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) is inviting students to apply to its annual Summer Institute on Sustainability and Energy workshop to be held August 6 to 20 in Chicago. All applicants accepted into the program receive lodging support for the duration of the 2-week program, and some meals will be provided on weekdays. Many will receive partial support for travel costs. The UIC is now accepting applications and will continue to do so until July 1. The UIC welcomes all graduate students and senior-level undergraduates from all academic disciplines to apply. Applicants will need to submit an online application form, their resume, and three recommendation letters for consideration. All this information can be found at: http://sise.phy.uic.edu) and in the attached flyer/information pack.

**Job Opportunity**

**Interpretive Services Assistant Manager**: Delaware North Companies (DNC) Parks and Resorts at Yosemite has opened a permanent position: Interpretive Services Assistant Manager. This position will be open until April 6, 2014 and will be beginning early summer, 2014. The Interpretive Services Assistant Manager supports the Interpretive Services department in ensuring high quality interpretive programming for DNC Parks and Resorts at Yosemite. S/he acts as a catalyst in creating opportunities for visitors to form their own intellectual and emotional connections with the meanings and significance of Yosemite. S/he is responsible for supervising seasonal naturalist staff, overseeing all aspects of public programming, interpretive training, department scheduling, and offering interpretive programs.

Required education and experience include: 1) baccalaureate degree in Interpretation, Science, Natural Resources, History or relevant degree. In the absence of a Baccalaureate degree in Interpretation, candidate must have NAI CIG certification, equivalent Eppley Certification, or significant interpretation training, 2) experience developing and leading interpretive learning programs (classroom teaching is not equivalent), 3) experience supervising, training and coaching interpreters, 4) experience in management and/or administration, 5) experience working with children, and 6) experience with web management and social media preferred. Interested persons need to submit a cover letter and résumé to Kara Stella, Assistant Manager of Interpretive Services, Delaware North Companies Parks & Resorts at Yosemite at kstella@dncinc.com.

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