Departmental Event

Faculty Meeting: November 7 (Friday), 3:00-4:30 pm, Seaton 164H.


Dissertation Defenses: Lis Pankl, “The Critical Geographies of Frida Kahlo,” 5 November (Wednesday), 1:30 pm, 407 Hale Library.

Claire Ruffing, “Influence of Legacy Disturbance on Functional Connections between Geomorphology and Organic Matter Dynamics in Mountain Streams,” 6 November (Thursday), 9-10 am, Big 12 Room (K-State Student Union).

Job Opportunities

The University of Alaska Southeast (UAS), Juneau, AK: The UAS is now accepting applications for a tenure-track Assistant Professor of Geology. The position directly supports the UAS undergraduate Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Arts degree programs in Environmental Science and Geography. Teaching responsibilities will include introductory undergraduate courses in physical, historical, and environmental geology as well as upper division courses and seminars in the candidate's area of expertise. We are especially interested in candidates with expertise in Earth surface processes, including but not limited to geomorphology, geochemistry, geohydrology, glacial geology, and coastal geology. Ability to collaborate across disciplines with colleagues at UAS is required. UAS is undergraduate-focused but faculty members have opportunities for advising graduate students through development of joint and/or affiliate appointments with the University of Alaska Fairbanks. The position will remain open until filled; however, applications received by January 5, 2015 will receive first consideration. UAS faculty will be present at the annual American Geophysical Union meeting in San Francisco in December 2014, and informational meetings may be arranged during that time. More info can be found at UAKjobs (http://www.uakjobs.com) and searching for posting 0069627, and/or by contacting Jason Amundson, Assistant Professor of Geophysics, University of Alaska Southeast, 11120 Glacier Highway, Juneau, AK 99801, +1 (907) 796-6247, jason.amundson@uas.alaska.edu.

Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia: As part of the University’s strategic plan to enhance research and teaching on pressing global issues, the new Global Studies Institute at Georgia State University will be hiring faculty over the next three years. Applications are invited for three new tenure-track or tenured positions to begin in Fall 2015 and play a central role in shaping the Institute’s dynamic research agenda. Applications are invited from scholars at the assistant or early associate professor level invested in interdisciplinary approaches to global issues, especially those with training in anthropology, cultural geography, economics, history, political science, religious studies or sociology. Preference will be given to candidates whose work addresses themes related to peace, conflict and post-conflict studies; development, urbanization and migration; or global human rights, labor or social justice movements. Additionally, the Institute, located in the College of Arts and Sciences, is seeking scholars with well-articulated and innovative methodological approaches; demonstrated interest in pursuing external funding opportunities; and substantive area expertise. Applicants should submit the following (in pdf format) to Ms. Jennifer Pate at jpate3@gsu.edu: 1) a letter outlining their qualifications and plans for individual or collaborative research in global studies; 2) a curriculum vitae; 3) two samples of their scholarly work; 4) evidence of teaching effectiveness (e.g., course syllabi, student evaluations, and statement of teaching philosophy); and 5) three letters of recommendation. A Ph.D. is required at the time of appointment. Application review will begin on December 8, 2014, and continue until the three positions are filled.

The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio: The Department of Geography in the College of Arts and Sciences at The Ohio State University invites applications for a tenure track position at the Assistant or Associate Professor levels, commencing autumn semester 2015. The department seeks a scholar with interests in geo-spatial data science in public health/epidemiology, transportation, urban science, or demography. Particularly desirable is expertise in measurement and analysis of the interactions between population and the environment, micro-scale variations in social indicators, health and well-being within cities, and/or
analysis of spatial-temporal and mobile phenomena. Strong data science and spatial statistical skills are required. The department especially encourages applications from candidates who are proficient in the analysis of large, complex data sets and have technical expertise in multilevel statistical modeling. This position is partially funded by Ohio State's Discovery Themes Initiative, a significant faculty hiring investment in key thematic areas in which the university can build on its culture of academic collaboration to make a global impact. The department seeks candidates who will contribute to both graduate and undergraduate teaching, maintain vigorous research programs, actively seek external funding, and provide service to the department and the profession. Qualified candidates will have a PhD in Geography, GIScience, or a closely related field prior to the start of employment. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled, but those received before December 1, 2014 will receive priority consideration. Complete applications will include a cover letter, curriculum vitae, statement of research and teaching interests, and three letters of recommendation. Please apply through Academic Jobs Online at: http://academicjobsonline.org. Inquiries should be directed to Harvey Miller by e-mail at Miller.81@osu.edu.

Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP), Indiana, PA: The Department of Geography and Regional Planning invites applications for a full-time geography tenure track position at the rank of assistant professor to begin August 2015. The ideal candidate will be a geographer who can contribute to both the geography and regional planning curricula offered by the Department, with research expertise and teaching experience in two or more of the following areas: 1) human geography and/or regional planning; 2) environmental or physical geography; 3) geospatial techniques/cartography. Experience teaching geography/planning program courses such as Introduction to Planning, Introduction to Geographic Information Systems, Introduction to Cartography, Climatology, Physiography, Political Geography, or Planning History will merit additional consideration, as will the ability to develop an international regional speciality. The Department seeks a scholar with a strong orientation towards teaching ranging from introductory geography and planning courses to graduate seminars. The Department is interested in candidates who have demonstrated commitment to excellence in providing leadership in teaching, research, and service towards building an equitable and diverse scholarly environment. The successful candidate may be assigned to perform work at off-campus sites and/or provide instruction through distance education. A Ph.D. in geography, planning, or an allied field is required. Ph.D. candidates who are ABD will be considered, but the degree must be in hand by the time of employment. Candidates must communicate effectively and perform well during the interview(s), which includes a teaching demonstration and a research colloquium. Candidates should apply for the position via IUP’s online faculty search application system at https://iup.peopleadmin.com/postings/1150. A complete application will contain a letter of interest, curriculum vitae, three letters of recommendation, evidence of teaching experience/effectiveness, and unofficial transcripts. Please do not fax, mail or e-mail any documentation. Three (3) letters of reference must be on file with IUP before consideration is given for an on-campus interview. Official transcripts are required for hire. Applications received by January 15, 2015 will receive full consideration.

Cartography Technician, Olathe, KS: Garmin is seeking full time Cartography Technicians for its office in Olathe, KS, to partner with engineering teams in the research, definition, creation and evaluations of maps produced for use in Garmin products. Essential functions for this role include: edit, manipulate and maintain geographic data using custom and third party software; ensure the application of cartographic specifications to the data; help evaluate and process database updates according to established methodology; assist in map generation and product compilation; conduct testing and evaluation of Garmin cartography products; perform established operations for quality assurance; and continuous growth and evolve with engineering technology. A Bachelor’s Degree in cartography or geography with a minimum 3.0 GPA or a minimum of 4 years of experience performing a role substantially similar to the essential functions of this job description is required. Qualified candidates will possess a basic understanding of geo-databases and a working knowledge of cartography and geography relevant to Garmin’s business needs. Proficient computer skills, including familiarity with PC applications and Windows Operating System (OS) and typing skills with the ability to type 30 wpm are also musts! Other required qualifications include: must be detail-oriented and have the ability to work proactively and effectively with minimal supervision; ability to prioritize and multi-task in a flexible, fast paced and challenging environment; demonstrated strong and effective verbal, written, and interpersonal communication skills; and ability to work and thrive in a sophisticated technical environment. Candidates who are familiar with ArcGIS or other GIS applications, GIS principles and methodologies, and/or possess experience using a GPS device are preferred. Bilingual skills are also a plus! To be considered please apply online at http://www.garmin.com/careers or contact Lynda Wolf at Lynda.Wolf@garmin.com.

Student Opportunities

Career Workshop: The Kansas State University student chapter of SAME will be holding a FREE CAREER WORKSHOP on November 13, 2014 at 5:30pm in Seaton 133 designed for students in architecture, engineering, construction, geography or related disciplines. Sarah Deiter, Senior Recruiter from Aerotek, will be advising students on: improving your resume (please bring yours for one-on-one consulting), efficient job searches, networking, and resources that Aerotek can provide. Aerotek is a staffing leader specializing in engineering, aerospace and defense, energy, architecture, and environmental industries. More information can be seen at: http://www.aerotek.com. SAME (The Society of American Military Engineers) is a national professional organization started after World War I to retain a strong relationship between the architecture, engineering, and construction industries and the military, federal, state, and local government agencies in the interest of national
security. Since so much of this work is done by the private sector, one does not have to be in the military, an engineer, or even an American citizen to join SAME or the KSU Student Chapter.

The Student Chapter of SAME here at K-State strives to link students of varying educational backgrounds with architecture, engineering, and construction organizations. These companies hire individuals from fields such as engineering, geology, water resource management, and ecology. The chapter also aims to bolster the professional development of its members and classmates through workshops just like this. For current members of SAME, or those interested in becoming a member, please come at 5:00pm for pizza, other health food, and refreshments. It is preferred, but not necessary, to RSVP Nick Patch at PATCHNL@GMAIL.COM / PATCHNL@KSU.EDU.

**Student Research Competition:** The Human Dimensions of Global Change Specialty Group (HDGC-SG) offers an annual grant to support student research projects at the graduate level (doctoral or masters). Awards are competitive: proposals will be evaluated by a committee from the HDGC-SG advisory board, representing a wide range of HDGC scholarship in geography. Award amounts are up to $1,000. In 2015 the group expects to make one or two such awards. In subsequent years the number of awards will depend upon the availability of funds. The aim of the competition is to provide support for student research in the area of human dimensions of global change that culminates in a doctoral or master’s thesis. These funds can be used to support fieldwork, travel to a research site, or, for example, travel to scout for a research site. Applications will be judged on the basis of (1) scholarly merit of the project, including the relevance of the project to HDGC research in geography; (2) the quality of the written proposal; and (3) the qualifications of the student to complete the proposed work. Each applicant must be a student member of the AAG and HDGC-SG at the time of the award and the proposed project must directly contribute to the student’s thesis or dissertation. Applications should include: a brief cover letter; a 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; body of the proposal (maximum 1000 words, excluding references) which clearly states the intellectual merit and expected significance of the proposed work, probable research methodology, the contribution of these funds to the project’s success, and a list of references cited; an itemized budget with justification; and a 1-2-page curriculum vitae. Applications should be sent—as a single document (in Microsoft Word *.doc or *.pdf format)—to vturner5@kent.edu. ***File size should not exceed 1 MB*** Applications should be submitted no later than January 9, 2015. Winners will be announced in February. For further information, please contact Kelly Turner (email above).