**Departmental Event**

**Faculty Meeting:** September 26, 2014 (Friday), 3:00-4:30 pm, Seaton 164H.

**Departmental Activities**

**Publications**


**Job Opportunities**

**California State University - Chico, CA:** The Department of Geography and Planning is searching for a tenure track Assistant Professor in Cartography/Geographic Information Science to start August 2015. The minimum education requirement for appointment to this position is a Ph.D. in Geography or closely related field from an accredited college or university at time of appointment. Evidence of commitment to high-quality teaching and to research. Post-doctoral or equivalent professional experience desirable. Necessary teaching and research specialties include but are not limited to cartographic design, web cartography, geovisualization, spatial and temporal analysis and modeling (big data analytics), and Web-based GIS and mobile computing/location-based services. Technical expertise in GIS, geospatial database development, statistics, and/or GIS programming (Python, Java, HTML5, Adobe Flash, etc.) is required. The department seeks a dedicated faculty colleague who is serious about teaching and who will complement and enhance the Geography and Planning Program’s award winning reputation for undergraduate geospatial technologies instruction. Previous professional experience in the geospatial industry will be considered a significant asset. Other areas of interest include graphic design, data mining/knowledge discovery and crowdsourcing/citizen science/VGI. The areas of application are open, but some preference will be given to candidates whose interests provide greatest opportunity for collaboration within and outside our department. The new hire will join an active geospatial community in teaching and research at our institution; however, our department serves as the focal point for GIS/cartography/remote sensing teaching and research. The department is also involved in several existing and planned interdisciplinary endeavors at our institution in which the individual in this position could choose to participate (for example, big data science; integrated social-ecological science as applied to issues of the growing wildland-urban interface in the American West; food/water security, resilient rural communities, and sustainability/resilience).

Normal teaching load is 12 units per semester, with opportunities for reduction in teaching load for funded research. There will be a reduced teaching load of 9 units per semester for the first two years of appointment. The department seeks a geographer who will involve students in research projects and data analysis, and generally prepare students for careers in geospatial technology profession, engage in scholarship in the form of external funding and service through student advising, department governance, and public engagement. Review of applications will begin on October 1, 2014 and continue until the position is filled. Applications received after October 1, 2014 may be reviewed. All applicants must complete the Application for Academic Employment Form, which is available on-line at http://www.csuchico.edu/faaf/documents/facultyapplication.pdf to be submitted with a cover letter, curriculum vitae, a statement of teaching interest, evidence of teaching ability, research interests, and three letters of recommendation to be sent separately to: Dr. Nori Sato, Search Committee Chair, Department of Geography and Planning, 400 W. First Street, California State University, Chico, Chico, CA 95929-0425 USA nsato2@csuchico.edu.
Macalester College – St. Paul, MN: Applications are invited to apply for a tenure-track position in Urban-Environment and Asian Geography at the Assistant Professor level to begin fall 2015. Ph.D. in Geography required. The successful candidate will teach a range of courses in his/her areas of expertise in urban-environment geography that complement the existing strengths of the department. The department is especially interested in candidates with expertise in East or South Asia, with a preference for those who approach urban-environment questions using remote sensing and/or environmental GIS techniques. Examples of courses that might be taught by the successful candidate include: geography of world urbanization, Asian cities, urban ecology, regional geography of Asia, remote sensing, and environmental GIS. A strong commitment to liberal arts education, civic engagement, and undergraduate research activities is essential. If appropriate, successful candidates can play important roles in the interdisciplinary and other programs listed on the college web page (including Urban Studies, Environmental Studies, and Asian Studies).

To apply, go to https://academicjobsonline.org/ajo and electronically submit a letter of application, a C.V., a graduate school transcript, a statement of teaching philosophy and interests, and example syllabi if available. Also, arrange for three references to upload letters to accompany the application. Applications should be received by October 10, 2014 to receive fullest consideration, but will be accepted until the position is filled.

Gustavus Adolphus College – Saint Peter, MN: Gustavus Adolphus College invites applications for a full-time tenure-track position of Assistant Professor in the Department of Geography to begin September 1, 2015. The college seeks candidates who have an earned doctorate, but will consider candidates who have achieved ABD status and will complete the doctorate by September 1, 2015. Evidence of geographic research and teaching relating to urban or energy social justice is required. Candidates must have demonstrated excellence in teaching. A commitment to undergraduate teaching and advising is essential. Ability to contribute to the Department’s GIS curriculum is preferred. Gustavus faculty engages in teaching, research, and service. Primary teaching responsibilities will include courses in introductory human geography, urban or energy geography, and research methods. The candidate will have the opportunity to develop a course in his or her area of expertise and offer short-term study abroad courses. Development of an active undergraduate research program and community service learning experiences is highly encouraged. To apply, email (as PDF files) a letter of application, curriculum vitae, statements of teaching philosophy and research interests, transcripts (scanned copies acceptable), evidence of teaching excellence (such as syllabi and evaluations), evidence of scholarship (such as a publication or dissertation chapter), and three letters of professional recommendation (sent directly from the reference) to geography-search@gustavus.edu. The cover letter and letters of recommendation should be addressed to: Dr. Anna Versluis, Chair Department of Geography, Gustavus Adolphus College, 800 W College Ave, Saint Peter, MN 56082-1498. Application information is also available at www.gustavus.edu/jobs.

Ohio University – Athens, Ohio: The Ohio University Departments of Geography and Sociology/Anthropology invite applications for a tenure-track Assistant Professor of Rural Development, with specialization in the areas of poverty and/or inequality and related expertise in community, development, or environmental sustainability, beginning in fall 2015. A focus on the Appalachian region is strongly preferred, though we will welcome applications from candidates whose research focuses on other rural geographic areas within the U.S. Methodological expertise may include qualitative, quantitative, or spatial analytical methods. The successful candidate should conduct research that is theoretically innovative and empirically grounded, and be committed to teaching excellence at the undergraduate and graduate levels. This position will contribute to the new interdisciplinary curriculum theme on Wealth and Poverty in the College of Arts and Sciences. Interested applicants can learn more about the Wealth and Poverty theme here: www.ohio.edu/cas/undergrad/themes/wealth-poverty/. The position will be housed in either the Department of Geography or Sociology/Anthropology depending on the successful applicant's discipline. A Rural Development position with tenure home in the Department of Geography would complement Geography's Urban Planning and Sustainability major, providing a comprehensive applied focus to existing theoretical strengths and make a meaningful regional contribution to Geography's Globalization and Development major. The Rural Development position with tenure home in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology would complement Sociology's strengths in social inequality and social change as well as race/class/gender and would contribute to Sociology's historical strength in Appalachian scholarship. The successful candidate will teach a rotation of graduate and undergraduate courses focused on Appalachia, community, development, inequality, rural studies, and social change. Working with other faculty members involved in the theme, the successful candidate will be expected to develop and offer a service learning course and participate in teaching the new Capstone Seminar for the Wealth and Poverty theme.

Please complete the online application and attach required documents including: cover letter, CV, publications or other samples of scholarly writing (upload as “Other” document type), research statement, and statement of teaching philosophy. Actual or proposed course syllabi and recent teaching evaluations (also uploaded as “Other” document type) are optional. Applicants must provide contact information for three references who will receive an auto-generated email invitation with unique link to upload their recommendation.
Student Opportunity

The AGS Council Fellowship: The 2014 American Geographical Society (AGS) Council Fellowship is now accepting applications. The councilors of the AGS created this fellowship to support graduate student scholarship. The fellowship is open to all student members of the American Geographical Society. Each fellowship is worth $1,000 and will be awarded in the spring. Applications for the award must be received in the AGS office by November 1, 2014. Digital submissions are preferred. To be considered an applicant must be a current member of the American Geographical Society and a graduate student. Please submit a curriculum vitae as well as a three-page research proposal that describes (a) the proposed research (b) the reasons for doing this research, and (c) the candidate's particular competence in this area. Proposals with a field component are desirable but not required. Upon completion of the research, fellowship recipients are strongly encouraged to submit an article based upon their research to one of the AGS peer-reviewed publications such as the Geographical Review or Focus. The AGS Council Fellowship recipient will be announced in March 2015. Applications by email should be sent to: ags@amergeog.org Subject: AGS Council Fellowship Committee or mailed to: AGS Council Fellowship Committee, The American Geographical Society, 32 Court Street, Suite 201, Brooklyn, New York 11201-4404. Telephone: 718-624-2212 -- Fax: 718-624-2239. For further information contact: Dr. Marie Price (202) 994-6187 or AGS@amergeog.org.

Gilman Scholarship for Study Abroad: The Gilman Program diversifies the kinds of students who study and intern abroad and the countries and regions where they go by awarding over 2,000 scholarships of up to $5,000. Applicants must be a U.S. citizen undergraduate student at a 2 or 4 year institution in the United States. Deadlines for Spring Programs and Internships are first Tuesday of October. Apply at: www.iie.org/gilman

All-University Career Fair: This career fair will be held on September 23 (Tuesday) and 24 (Wednesday) from 11-4 in Bramlage Coliseum. Information about the fair and how to prepare for it can be found here: http://www.k-state.edu/ces/students/cfalluniversitycareerfair.html.

ANNUAL MEETING

Southwest and Great Plains/Rocky Mountain (SW-GPRM) Joint Regional Meeting: The 2014 Joint Regional Meeting of the Southwest and Great Plains/Rocky Mountain Divisions of the AAG will be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico on October 23-25. For more information about the meeting, including a listing of special sessions, lodging and transportation options, and financial assistance for childcare, please see the conference website at http://www.ksu.edu/swgprm2014. Follow the conference on Twitter at @swgprm_2014 to keep abreast of the latest conference news!

Conference on Geographic Education: “Geography Underground: 2014,” is a joint conference by the Kansas and Missouri Geographic Alliances. The conference is 27 September, 2014 at Park University in Parkville, MO. The conference theme is "Enhancing History Education with Geographic Information Systems" and the keynote speaker is Dr. Matthew Gerike, K-State alumni, who will address “On the Trail Again: Roads to Santa Fe, Historical Geography, Memory, and Landscape.” Registration is $20 in advance and $30 after Wednesday September 24. To sign up, go to: http://www.eventbrite.com/e/geography-underground-2014-geography-education-conference-tickets-12510564435. If you have any questions, please email Kayla Flamm (kmf7td@mail.missouri.edu) or Thomas Larsen (tblarsen@ksu.edu).

Mappers Conference: The Kansas Association of Mappers’ 2014 conference will be held on October 7-10 in Manhattan. October 9 (Thursday) is open to students for free if they are members of Kansas Association of Mappers (KAM). The student membership fee is only $20 and the regular membership fee is $30. There is more information at the KAM website, www.kansasmappers.org where people can join KAM and register for the conference online.

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