Departmental Events

Faculty Meeting: August 28 (Friday), 3:00-4:00 pm, Seaton 64H.

GTU Meeting: August 26 (Wednesday), 6pm in, Seaton 164-H.

Department Activities

Award

Livia Cirnu has received an award for Undergraduate Research in the College of Arts and Sciences. Congratulations to Livia! She will be working with John Harrington Jr. on research that addresses the climatology of surface ozone observations from the Konza Prairie Biological Station.

Grant

Bimal Paul received a Rapid Response Research Grant from the National Science Foundation. The $49,000 grant will allow him to visit Nepal in order to examine the response of various agencies to the earthquake experienced there in April 2015.

Job Opportunities

Visiting Assistant Professor, Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon: The College of Earth, Ocean, and Atmospheric Sciences at Oregon State University (OSU) invites applications for a full-time 1.00 FTE 9-month, or part-time 0.75 FTE 12-month, visiting Assistant Professor with a focus on Geospatial Analytics, Climate Change Adaptation, and Coastal Processes. The position is anticipated to begin in January 2016 and end June 2017. This position in the Geography program unites expertise in geospatial analysis, physical aspects of climate systems, and a specialization in social science approaches to adaptation, vulnerability, and planning for climate change and coastal processes. Geospatial Analytics and Planning is the development and use of large geospatial/temporal datasets to help inform effective decision-making, particularly in regard to adaptability to environmental change. This individual will conduct education, outreach, and research to characterize vulnerability and adaptive capacity to climate change as related to security and coastal processes, and specifically to assess vulnerability with respect to infrastructure, economic sectors, geographic areas, population groups, and ecosystems. This position has an expectation for scholarly accomplishments appropriate to the position focus and responsibilities. This individual will teach undergraduate courses in geospatial science, courses serving the Baccalaureate Core, and graduate courses in the Geography program. Research will be interdisciplinary and will incorporate geospatial science approaches to biophysical, ecological, and marine system science research and outreach to address climate change and related critical societal issues. The position includes: 70% teaching and advising, 20% research and proposal writing, and 10% service. Required Qualifications include: Ph.D. by the start of employment, a record of significant and innovative research in geospatial approaches to climate change adaptation and coastal processes, a strong scholarly potential demonstrated by a record of peer-reviewed publications and a clearly defined research agenda commensurate with academic rank, demonstrated ability or significant potential for establishing a research program supported by extramural funding, and a strong potential for teaching excellence and commitment to student success in graduate and undergraduate programs. To Apply: To access application instructions, go to https://jobs.oregonstate.edu/applicants/jsp/shared/position/JobDetails_css.jsp and for the position announcement, go to http://ceoas.oregonstate.edu/employment/ When applying you will be required to attach the following electronic documents: 1) Curriculum Vita, 2) a cover letter of application addressing: your qualifications for this position; current and proposed research interests; teaching experience and interest; and a statement on how you could contribute to the OSU commitment to diversity, multiculturalism, and community, and 3) three letters of recommendation are required for this position. For additional information regarding this position please contact: Prof. Hannah Gosnell by email (gosnellh@geo.oregonstate.edu), 541-737-1222. Closing Date: For full consideration for this position, your application must be received by October 1, 2015.

Senior Lecturer, 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 Senior Lecturer commencing in 2016 (semester to be
The Department seeks a teaching-oriented faculty and the successful candidate will teach six courses per year, generally in GIS, although other courses in the candidate’s area of expertise are also possible depending on departmental needs. The successful candidate’s teaching responsibilities will draw from the department’s core courses in GIS; these include Spatial Data Analysis; Cartography and Map Design; GeoVisualization; Fundamentals of GIS; Geospatial Database Design for GIS; GIS Algorithms and Programming; Design and Implementation of GIS; and Geographic Applications of Remote Sensing. Also desirable are interests in developing online versions of existing GIS courses and participating in the development of a Professional Masters in GIS. This position has a three year term and is renewable subject to performance and available funds. Please contact Morton O’Kelly (okelly.1@osu.edu) by November 16, 2015 and provide your CV and a letter of application. Qualified candidates will have a PhD in Geography, GIScience, or a closely related field prior to the start of employment.

Assistant Professor, University of Central Arkansas, Conway, Arkansas: The Department of Geography at the University of Central Arkansas (UCA) invites applications for a tenure-track Assistant Professor position in Physical Geography, beginning August 2016. It is expected that the person hired will have completed a doctoral program by the time of appointment. Successful candidates will be broadly-trained physical geographers with the ability to teach upper division physical geography courses such as Biogeography and Climatology or Meteorology and lower division courses such as Earth Science lectures and labs. Additionally, the ability to teach Conservation, Landforms, or Soils may be considered. GIS or other spatial technology skills would be a plus, but are not required. Applicants should submit a cover letter describing teaching experience and suitability for the position, a statement of teaching philosophy and interests, student course evaluations, a statement of research interests, a detailed CV, and contact information for three references. Letters of reference and transcripts will be solicited for short-listed candidates. Review of applications will begin on November 1 of 2015 and continue until filled. All application materials must be submitted to: http://www.jobsatcu.com. For questions, contact Dr. Jeff Allender, Chair, Department of Geography, University of Central Arkansas, 318 Burdick Hall, 201 Donaghey Avenue, Conway, Arkansas, 72035. Voice: 501-450-5636. FAX: 501-852-2926. E-mail: jefffa@uca.edu.

Two Assistant Professors, Texas State University, San Marcos, Texas: The Department of Geography at Texas State University is hiring two full-time tenure-track Assistant Professors. Starting date is September 1, 2016; closing date for applications is October 1, 2015. The Department seeks one Urban Geographer (with preferred additional expertise in health/medical geography or economic geography) and one Cartographer (teaching and research interests in cartographic design, cartographic theory, and geovisualization are essential). A demonstrated record of excellence in teaching and research is required. Applicants should also be prepared to contribute to graduate advising at the Master’s/PhD level and maintain an active research agenda including publishing and pursuit of external funding. A PhD degree in Geography, or a related field, is required by time of appointment. The ability to teach courses in support of department's undergraduate and graduate programs, including introductory and advanced courses in cartographic design, cartographic theory, and geovisualization is required for the Cartography position. For urban geography position, the successful candidate should teach introductory and advanced courses in urban geography. Preference may be given to applicants with additional expertise in health/medical geography or economic geography. Preference may also be given to candidates demonstrating evidence of seeking/secureing external research grants. The following materials must be submitted electronically to Dr. Alberto Giordano (a.giordano@txstate.edu): 1) a letter of application outlining their teaching experience, career goals, and fit within the department; 2) a curriculum vitae; 3) at least two samples of published scholarship; and, 4) course teaching evaluations (if available). Applicants must also arrange for three letters of reference to be submitted. Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until October 1, 2015. Only complete applications (including all three letters of reference) received by October 1 will be considered. Please indicate “Cartography Assistant Professor Position” in the subject line of all emails related to this search.

Assistant Professor, University of Colorado Boulder, Colorado: The Department of Geography at the University of Colorado Boulder invites applications for a tenure-track appointment at the Assistant Professor level beginning in August 2016. The department seeks a health/medical geographer who is trained in geographic methods, especially advanced quantitative methods and spatial analysis. The successful candidate will teach the Global Public Health class and be a core member of the Global Public Health certificate program on campus. Ability to teach in the Geography Department's quantitative methods sequence and rotation into teaching of the department's large undergraduate required classes is expected. Preference will be given to candidates with a promising research program including extramural funding, and publication in prominent outlets is required. The Health Behavior program in the Institute of Behavioral Science offers a possible research affiliation. All requirements for the PhD must be completed by August 15, 2016. Applications are accepted electronically at https://www.jobsatcu.com, posting #719793, and should include an application letter, a curriculum vitae, up to three relevant reprints of publications, evidence of teaching effectiveness, and 1-2 page statements of research and teaching plans. Candidates must also provide the names and e-mail addresses of three professional references. Full position description is available at http://www.colorado.edu/ArtsSciences/Jobs/. For full consideration, applications should be received by November 15, 2015. Further information on the department and the Institute of Behavioral Science can be obtained at the respective websites. Informal inquiries can be made to the chair of the search committee, John O'Loughlin (johno@colorado.edu).

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