Departmental Activities

KCUR-Kansas City's NPR station interviewed Bimal Paul on COP 20 meeting in Lima, Peru, and climate change and its impacts on Kansas, December 16, 2014.

New York-based Bengali TV TDN24 interviewed Bimal Paul on the recent Oil Spill in Sundarbans Mangrove Forest, Bangladesh, and climate change and its impacts on Bangladesh, January 7, 2015.

Grant Opportunity

University of Wyoming, Laramie, Wyoming: Each year the University of Wyoming National Park Service Research Station awards numerous small grants for research in the Greater Yellowstone Area. The grants (up to $5,000) are designed for a summer research investigation in the Grand Teton NP, Yellowstone NP or the broader Greater Yellowstone Area. Research areas funded have been diverse, including topics from A(rt history) to Z(oology). The grants are prefect for a graduate student. This year’s suggested areas include museum collection research, documentation of cemeteries within the park and ecology, just to name a few. And then there is that landscape at the station, with the Tetons across the lake and fellow researchers on site. If you have questions please contact Celeste Havener (307.766.4227) or check out website http://www/uwyo.edu/uwnps

Job Opportunities

Nature Conservancy, Missouri Chapter: The Nature Conservancy’s Missouri Chapter is in the process of recruiting a “Watershed Restoration Specialist.” The primary duty of the specialist will be to develop and implement on-the-ground stream and river restoration technical design plans using natural channel design (Rosgen) and/or similar state-of-the-art bioengineering restoration techniques. In addition, s/he will complete assessments of river and stream geomorphology and bank erosion, watershed features affecting stream water quality/quantity and ecological status, impacts of watershed alteration, and habitat connectivity and aquatic organism passage through the removal and/or replacement of stream barriers. The Watershed Restoration Specialist will also prioritize areas for aquatic conservation, write reports, and develops proposal for conservation of priority watersheds located throughout Missouri. Applicants must apply on line at www.nature.org/careers (external applicants) or PeopleSoft/Self-Service/Careers (internal applicants) by 11:59 PM Eastern Time on February 16, 2015. To more easily locate the position, enter the job ID number 42764 in the keyword search. Please do not hesitate to contact: Steven J. Herrington, Directory of Freshwater Conservation, 2800 S. Brentwood Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63114; (314) 968-1105 x110 (Office); (314) 968-3659 (Fax); sherrington@tnc.org

Indiana State University, Terre Haute, Indiana: The Department of Earth and Environmental Systems (EES) at Indiana State University invites applications for the position of Chair to begin as early as June 1, 2015. The department seeks an interdisciplinary scientist at the Associate or Professor level to lead a recently developed, multidisciplinary Department. Undergraduate and graduate (MA, MS, and Ph.D.) degree programs were recently revised and have a heavy emphasis on hands-on learning. Although the particular expertise is open, the successful candidate will have a strong record demonstrating leadership skills, student mentoring, teaching, and research with an environmental focus. EES has 14-faculty, including anthropologists, geographers and geologists, with a robust record of externally funded research that involves both graduate and undergraduate students. The Chair will provide direction, advocacy, oversight, and management to the Department, serve on the Council of Chairs in the College of Arts and Sciences, and play a vital role in ensuring the continued success of research, outreach activities and undergraduate and graduate programs. Candidates must apply at the university's job postings web site at https://jobs.indstate.edu and electronically attach a letter of application that includes a statement of research and teaching interests, curriculum vitae, copies of graduate/undergraduate transcripts, and three letters of reference. Review of applications will begin Feb 15, 2015, and will remain open until filled, for full consideration apply by March 15, 2015. Questions should be
directed to Dr. Kathleen Heath (Kathleen.Heath@indstate.edu). For more information about the department, including recently renovated classrooms and laboratories, visit: www.indstate.edu/ees.

**Student Opportunities**

**Athletic Department, KSU:** Now accepting applications for Spring 2015 tutors in geography. For more information, please e-mail to: ksuathtutorapp@yahoo.com.

**Geography Department, KSU:** Dr. Jida Wang in K-State Geography Department is currently seeking for two undergraduate students to join his global lake inventory project in Spring 2015. The selected students will assist and benefit in a global-scale study that involves GIS-based hydrological analysis, climatology, and satellite image interpretations. Each undergraduate student is expected to work 20 hours per week (50%) for a period of 3-4 months (Spring 2015) in the Remote Sensing Laboratory, Geography Department. Two high-end computing workstations will be prepared for the undergraduate researchers. The salary rate ranges between $10.50–12.00 per hour depending on the researcher’s qualification and working progress.

Qualified applicants must be undergraduate students officially enrolled in Kansas State University. Dr. Wang welcomes campus-wide applicants from all backgrounds, but priority may be given to candidates in the Geography major or who have satisfactory experience in GIS, spatial data management, remote sensing, or water resources studies. Once hired, the undergraduate researchers will be provided with a two-week paid training. Please submit: (i) a one-page cover letter, (ii) your unofficial transcript, and (ii) your CV/Résumé to Dr. Wang (jidawang@ksu.edu) by January 31st, 2015 for full consideration.

**Geography Career Day, KSU:** Please make plans to attend activities of the Geography Career Day, which will be held on 10 February, 2015. The career day is a wonderful opportunity for students to connect with potential employers. It may be of special importance if you are seeking an internship or full-time or part time employment in the field of Geography beginning Summer 2015. The main activity includes (30 minutes blocks) interviews with potential employers.

**DGSG Student Paper Award:** The Development Geographies Specialty Group (DGSG) is inviting papers for the 2015 DGSG Student Paper Competition. An award in the amount of $200 will be provided to a graduate student (M.A. or Ph.D.) who provides a single-authored, original paper dealing with development studies, development geography, or relevant geographic research in a developing country. The paper needs to be presented at the AAG Annual Meeting in 2015 but does not need to be part of a DGSG-sponsored session. Please submit a fully-developed paper between 5,000-10,000 words (inclusive of bibliography), in 12 font, 1 inch margin, and provide information on the AAG session it is scheduled to be presented at. Please provide word count at the end of the document, with your name and page number on each page. Papers from graduate students who have not yet graduated will be considered. Preference will be given to student members of the DGSG. If you are not already a member of DGSG, the student membership fee is only $1, so please become a member through your membership at www.aag.org. Paper submissions will be evaluated by Directors and Vice-Chair of the specialty group and the winner will be announced in advance of the Annual Meeting. The winner will be requested to attend the Business Meeting of the DGSG at the AAG to receive the honor. In order to apply for the award, students need to send an electronic copy of their paper (preferably as a PDF document) and relevant information by February 15, 2015 to Dr. Farhana Sultana, DGSG Chair, at sultanaf@syr.edu.

**DGSG Student Travel Award:** The Developing Geographies Specialty Group (DGSG) is inviting papers for the 2015 Gary Gaile Travel Award. An award in the amount of $200 will be given to a current graduate student conducting preliminary fieldwork for a research project on development-related themes. Candidates should submit a two-page, single-spaced, 12 font, 1 inch margin proposal that summarizes the project and its significance, a list of references cited in the proposal, and a CV. Proposals should be well-developed with clear methodology. Please ensure your name is on each page of your submission. Preference will be given to student members of the DGSG. If you are not already a member, the student membership fee is only $1, so please become a member through your membership at www.aag.org. Proposal submissions will be evaluated by Directors and Vice-Chair of the specialty group and the winner will be announced in advance of the Annual Meeting. The winner will be requested to attend the Business Meeting of the DGSG at the AAG to receive the honor, if she/he is attending the AAG. In order to be considered, students need to send an electronic copy of their proposal and CV (preferably as one PDF document) by February 15, 2015 to Dr. Farhana Sultana, DGSG Chair, at sultanaf@syr.edu.

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