

Starrett is technical chair of upcoming global water resources congress in Kansas City

Steven K. Starrett, associate professor of civil engineering, has been named technical chair for the 2009 World Environmental and Water Resources Congress to be staged in Kansas City.

The conference theme is "Great Rivers: To protect the quality of life and biodiversity while supporting development and growth critically important for a sustainable future."

This conference series is the main annual event of the Environmental and Water Resources Institute of the American Society of Civil Engineers. About 1,200 participants are expected.

Some of the topics to be covered: large watershed planning, non-point source pollution, great rivers of the world, climate change, bio-fuel crops, stream restoration and sustainable development.

Starrett will lead about 80 volunteer leaders in organizing a dozen technical sessions, symposia, student activities, technical tours and partnerships with various organizations.

K-State at Salina to offer bachelor's degree in family studies and human services

K-State at Salina will offer a general option bachelor's degree in family studies and human services beginning in fall 2008.

The degree program, offered through the School of Family Studies and Human Services in K-State's College of Human Ecology, will provide students with a strong foundation of course work in human development and family studies.

"We are excited to offer this option to students at K-State at Salina," said Dennis Kuhlman, dean at K-State at Salina. "Family studies and human services graduates will have a wide variety of career choices in many different areas."

Graduates enter such fields as family and community service programs, the judicial system, Cooperative Extension Service, elder-care facilities, religious institutions and public health programs.

points of pride

K-State extends a hand to Fort Riley troops

K-State and Fort Riley are strengthening their commitments to assisting soldiers and their families by creating a Cooperative Extension program tailored to the needs of military personnel. A new memorandum of understanding allows K-State Extension family and consumer science programs, affiliated with the College of Human Ecology, to give military families information on diverse family-related issues.

Topics could include parenting, family communication, child and youth development, nutrition and food preparation, physical activity and health, and money management. K-State also will be contracting with the Department of Defense and Fort Riley to deliver education based on their specific needs. In a related effort, the College of Human Ecology is working to increase the clinical services it provides to Fort Riley families through K-State's Speech and Hearing Center and the Family Center.

on campus April-May

April 24

Sorensen speaks

As part of the Provost's Lecture Series, Chris Sorensen, Coffman Chair for University Distinguished Teaching Scholars, will deliver "A University Without Walls."

3:30-5 p.m., Fiedler Auditorium, Fiedler Hall.

University Ensemble

The K-State University Band and University Choir offer a concert.

7:30 p.m., McCain Auditorium, Frank Tracz and Julie Yu will conduct.

April 25

'Shell Collector' author

Anthony Doerr, author of the award-winning book "The Shell Collector," will present a reading.

4 p.m., Little Theater, K-State Student Union.

Little Apple Film Festival

The winning student films from this year's contest. 7 p.m., Forum Hall, Student Union.

Concert in the library

Amy Rosine, soprano; Bill Wingfield, piano; and Tod Kerstetter, clarinet; 7:30 p.m., Hemisphere Room, Hale Library.

April 29

'A Matter of Gravity'

Steven Krantz of the American Institute of Mathematics and Washington University will deliver the 26th annual Friends of Math-

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'Romeo and Juliet,' Shakespeare's timeless romantic tragedy, comes to Nichols Theater at 7:30 p.m. April 24-26 and April 30-May 4. Two young lovers (played by Brett Culbert and Jordan Martens) struggle to unite their warring families and end a generations-long violent feud. (Guest artist and K-State alum Benaiah Anderson is fight choreographer for the production.) Tickets are \$8-\$13 at the McCain box office and the Little Theater in the Union. To order by phone, call 532-6428.

ematics Lecture, 2:30 p.m., 1018 Throckmorton Hall.

'Les Amitiés Maléfiques'

Drama set at French university explores deception among new friends. Part of the French Film Series. Free. 7 p.m., Forum Hall, Student Union.

April 30

Landon Lecture

Gen. Michael Hayden, director of the Central Intelligence Agency, 2:30 p.m., McCain.

opportunities

Classified

- A list of employment opportunities is posted at <http://www.k-state.edu/hr/>
- A recording of classified job opportunities is available 24 hours a day on the Employment Information Line, 532-6271.
- For additional information, call 532-6277 or visit the Division of Human Resources at 103 Edwards Hall. Applications are accepted 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

Unclassified

- A complete listing of vacancies can be seen at <http://www.k-state.edu/affact/>
- For additional information, call the office of affirmative action at 532-6220 or visit 214 Anderson Hall.

World of 'what if,' continued

this concept an agricultural spin, Hutchinson said.

"He asked, 'What if an area that is economically reliant on cattle farming were to be hit with a foot-and-mouth disease outbreak?'" Hutchinson said. "He looked at what the economic impact could be on the people in an area like this." Such research can help emergency managers plan for the potential effects on an agricultural state.

The staff at K-State's Geographic Information Systems Spatial Analysis Laboratory is as diverse as the projects it takes on. In addition to professional staff and visiting scientists, the lab employs 13 undergraduate, graduate and doctoral students, and one exchange student.

"We've been fortunate to attract and employ a mix of male

and female students, as well as people from different cultural and racial backgrounds," Hutchinson said. "I'm proud of this, and they're great students and great people."

Students employed by the lab get hands-on training with the technology used in the field and are involved in all aspects of projects, from meetings with clients to research and final presentations, Hutchinson said.

"A significant number of students are gaining invaluable experience," said Richard Marston, University Distinguished Professor and head of the geography department. "And the K-State community of geographic information systems scholars is now larger, better connected and working together because of the lab." ♦♦

Noteworthy, continued

ventionalization," Shakespeare Association of America, March 21, Dallas.

Hedrick was appointed to the chair of the division on Shakespeare and Shakespearean Criticism, Midwest Modern Language Association.

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Deborah Murray, Stacia Gray and student presented "Writer to Tutor: 'You're Talking So Much I Can't Hear

Myself Think!'" 18th annual South Central Writing Centers Association Conference, March 7, University of Oklahoma, Norman.

Multiple departments

David Smit, English, and **Richard Hoag**, architecture, presented "Architectural Literacy," 24th National Conference on the Beginning Design Student, March 14, Atlanta.

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K-State at Salina gets go-ahead for student center

The Salina campus has received state approval to start construction of the campus' new \$5.9 million Student Life Center.

The center, scheduled to open in July 2009, will provide a place for students and members of the Salina community to meet, develop leadership, maintain physical health and promote academic achievement.

It will include a basketball gymnasium, racquetball/handball courts, a cardiovascular area, free weights, aerobic/fitness areas, a second-level running track, administrative offices and relaxation areas.

The need for the student center was apparent 20 years ago — before K-State at Salina existed. In the mid-1980s the Kansas Technical Institute began to plan a student hub and developed a campus master plan.

That plan grew and changed through the institute's merger with K-State in 1991. When Dennis Kuhlman was appointed dean of K-State at Salina in 1997, he began to pursue the creation of a student life center.

"We have put a great deal of time and effort into planning, fundraising and constructing the Student Life Center," Kuhlman said. "It has been at the top of my agenda since my arrival at K-State at Salina, and has been the single focus of all fundraising activities since 2003."

Cheney Construction Inc., Manhattan, is the general contractor for the project. The site is southeast of the College Center.

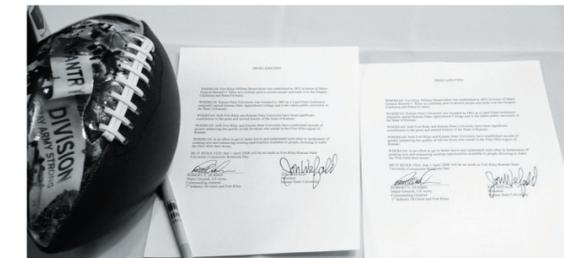
"It is fantastic that the construction clock has finally started ticking," Kuhlman said. "Getting phase one started has been a monumental task for the entire K-State at Salina team."

Partnership with Fort Riley

Jon Wefald and other K-State leaders visited Fort Riley for the first Fort Riley and Kansas State University Community Relations Day April 1. ★



Maj. Gen. Robert Durbin and President Jon Wefald cut the ribbon at the fort's new combatives institute as combatives team members look on. The day included an exchange of proclamations of mutual support.



fald and Durbin cut the ribbon for the new Modern Army Combatives Institute, where K-State faculty will teach.

During lunch, the K-Staters met with soldiers. Durbin presented Wefald with the Outstanding Civilian Service

Medal from the Department of the Army.

A social hosted by the K-State Alumni Association concluded the day. Wefald presented Durbin and the soldiers an autographed basketball from the KU game. In

turn, Durbin presented Wefald with a football.

The two signed proclamations supporting their joint efforts to create new opportunities and enhance existing ones to the benefit of all who live in the Flint Hills. ♦♦

Conrad, Morcos receive first Iman Awards



Gary Conrad

Gary W. Conrad, University Distinguished Professor of biology, and Medhat M. Morcos, University Distinguished Teaching Scholar in electrical and computer engineering, have been named the first two recipients of the Dr. Ron and Rae Iman Outstanding Faculty Awards.

The two were honored at an April 9 reception in the K-State Alumni Center ballroom. Each received \$5,000. The awards, sponsored by the K-State Alumni Association, were made possible by Ron and Rae Iman.

Conrad earned the Outstanding Faculty Award for Research, designed to recognize a full-time K-State faculty member who has contributed significantly through research to improve the educational experience, or whose research has had a significant effect on his field.



Medhat M. Morcos

Morcos earned the Outstanding Faculty Award for Teaching, which goes to a full-time K-State faculty member for excellence in instruction, strong relationships with students inside and outside the classroom, and a reputation for scholarship and distinguished service to the university.

Food service group names scholarship for Molt

The National Association of College and University Food Services has named a scholarship for Mary Molt, an assistant professor in hotel, restaurant, institution management and dietetics.



Mary Molt

The Mary Molt Student Excellence Award was announced at the association's Midwest Region conference March 12 at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind.

"Mary Molt is a mentor, a teacher, a leader, someone with a passion for student success," said Nona Gollgedge, president of the association's Midwest region.

A longtime instructor of food management and dietetics, Molt also is the author of "Food for Fifty," a standard text for culinary professionals.

Williams honored for distance education efforts

Ruth Williams, K-State executive coordinator for Great Plains Interactive Distance Education Alliance, was among three key developers of the alliance honored at the group's annual meeting April 7-9 in Kansas City, Mo. About 100 representatives from 11 U.S. universities attended.

"Students from around the country are connected with faculty from across the nation, and have the opportunity to be admitted to one institution, while taking online courses from any participating institution," said Virginia Moxley, dean of K-State's College of Human Ecology and a founding board member of the Great Plains group.



Shawn Hutchinson, director of the Geographic Information Systems Spatial Analysis Laboratory, has guided projects that tackle topics as diverse as wheat pricing and disease outbreaks.

The world of 'what if'

Collaboration across many disciplines is key to geospatial lab's analysis, mapping, projections

Whatever you want to know about wherever, the staff at K-State's Geographic Information Systems Spatial Analysis Laboratory probably can track it down.

"The projects we do are all over the place thematically, but they all use geospatial technology," said Shawn Hutchinson, director of the lab and an associate professor of geography. "Many of our projects deal with natural resources, agriculture, public health, ecology or biology. We have a multi-disciplinary lab and we work with an array of people at K-State and from outside organizations."

Founded in 1990, GISSAL supports spatial research, education and outreach. Recent projects range from a map of the characteristics of wheat harvested in the United States

to determining the factors that make a ranching population vulnerable to disease outbreaks.

Since 2000, the spatial analysis lab has collaborated with more than 35 academic departments, research units, and state and federal agencies here and abroad. The program has received two K-State Targeted Excellence Program awards. The lab also has been named a National Center for Digitizing Excellence by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resource Conservation Service.

Ten major projects are under way, with lab staff serving as principal or co-principal investigators. The projects total more than \$4.3 million.

A current project has staffers working with K-State's International Grains Program to

create a Web site where buyers from across the globe can assess wheat harvests in the United States.

"The International Grains Program staff is collecting data on the quality of wheat that's harvested and our lab is working to model and map this data," Hutchinson said. "Eventually, we hope to start a Web site where wheat buyers can see the crop information and decide where they want to buy wheat based on the characteristics of each crop."

The lab's staff also helped a student complete a master's project examining rural vulnerability to agricultural diseases. The student looked at what factors would determine where people are vulnerable to natural disasters, then gave

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noteworthy

Agronomy

Guihua Bai, Dadong Zhang and colleagues published "Quantitative Trait Loci for Aluminum Resistance in Chinese Wheat Landrace FSW," *Theoretical and Applied Genetics*, 2008.

Bai and colleagues published "Quantitative Trait Loci for Fusarium Head Blight Resistance in Recombinant Inbred Population Wangshuibai/Wheaton," *Phytopathology*, Vol. 98, 2008.

Bai and colleagues will publish "New FHB-Resistant Sources from Asian Wheat Germplasm," *Crop Science*, 2008.



Steve Welch, Mary Beth Kirkham and colleagues published "Merging Genomic Control Networks and Soil-Plant-Atmosphere-Continuum Models," *Agricultural Systems*, Vol. 86, No. 3.



Kirkham published "Sludge Disposal" and "Trace Elements" in the *Encyclopedia of Soil Science* (2008, Springer), edited by W. Chesworth.

Apparel, textiles, and interior design

Jana M. Hawley presented the keynote address "Apparel Sustainability in the 21st Century: Making the Right Decisions" at *Eco-Design: A global paradigm shift*, April 30, Seoul, South Korea.

Anthropology

Lauren W. Ritterbush presented "Before the Pawnee: Late Prehistoric Archaeology at Lovewell Reservoir," annual meeting of the Kansas Anthropological Association,

April 12, Beloit.

Ritterbush presented "Riley County's Prehistoric Past" at the annual meeting of the Riley County Historical Society, April 15, Manhattan.

Architecture

The following faculty members presented at the 96th annual meeting of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture, March 27-30, Houston:

Mick Charney, "The End of Architectural History and Reports of Its Demise."

David Seamon, "A Phenomenology of Inhabitation: The Lived Reciprocity Between Houses and Inhabitants as Portrayed by American Writer Louis Bromfield."

John Eck, "Surviving Success: Neighborhood Identity and Gentrification."

from farm-to-fork," Ontario Veterinary Medical Association annual meeting proceedings, Toronto.

Powell presented "The medium and the message: Compelling food safety information from farm-to-fork," Southern California Food Protection Association, Feb. 15, Los Angeles.

English

Philip Nel published "The Fall and Rise of Children's Literature," *American Art*, Vol. 22, No. 1, Spring 2008.

Nel published "Fantasy, Mystery, and Ambiguity" (reprint) in *The Norton Guide to Field Writing with Readings and Handbook* (2008), edited by Richard Bullock, Maureen Daly Goggin and Francine Weinberg.



Lisa Tatonetti published "Sex and Salmon: Queer Identities in Sherman Alexie's 'The Toughest Indian in the World,'" *Studies in American Fiction*, Vol. 35, No. 2.



Tim Dayton presented "Writers Etcetera: Cummings, the Great War and Discursive Struggle," The Louisville Conference on Literature and Culture since 1900, Feb. 23, Louisville, Ky.



Tanya Gonzalez presented "All About the Mother: Latina Subjectivity in 'Ugly Betty,'" Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association Conference, March 19, San Francisco.



Don Hedrick presented "Entertainment and Decon-

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A love for campus life

Longtime employees adapt to ever-changing technology



John Anneberg cites two changes as technology got personal: Headphones replaced jukeboxes in the Union, and cell phones supplanted public ones.

When Cheryl Klingensmith, John Anneberg and Karen Gaskill started working for K-State, Lyndon B. Johnson was president, a letter cost a nickel to mail and a gallon of gas was under 30 cents.

In 41 years with K-State, they've worked under three presidents (James McCain, Duane Acker and Jon Wefald). A football stadium was constructed; Martin Luther King Jr. and Robert Kennedy both spoke on campus; the Union was renovated; Nichols Gym burned and was rebuilt as Nichols Hall; and the campus swelled in population and size.

Klingensmith, Anneberg and Gaskill are classified employees who have been working for K-State since 1966. They agree that one of the biggest changes they've had to adapt to is the technological revolution that continues to sweep campus.

"Everything in my position went automated in 1995," said Gaskill, an accountant for the dean's office in the College of Agriculture. "These were big changes, but after three years, we started noticing how much more accurate and faster this made things."

Anneberg, a building operations employee with the K-State Student Union, remembers when Bosco Plaza was built, and because he used to work nights, the Nichols Gym fire of 1968 remains a vivid memory. He also has witnessed the change from public technology to private.

"There used to be two jukeboxes in the Union, one in Union Station and one in the food court," he said. "Now you just don't see something like that, but they were pretty popular when I started."

The number of public phones in the Union has also dropped consid-

erably since now everyone uses cell phones, he said.

Klingensmith, an administrative specialist with the Southeast Area Extension Office, says that by far the biggest changes have to do with communications, "things like computers, copy machines, cell phones, BlackBerrys."

When she started working for the university, Klingensmith would make copies using a Roneo, which was a wax-stencil duplicating machine.

"If I overinked the cylinder, the machine would spew ink from the sides of the stencil, and it had an uncanny knack for targeting me," Klingensmith said. "I'd have to go home and change clothes."

Long-term employees are a vital part of the university, said Gary Leitnaker, assistant vice president for the Division of Human Resources.

"Employees who have been with the university for many years have a knowledge and understanding of their jobs that is very difficult to teach," he

said. "They understand our culture, they love being around our students, and they contribute enormously to our mission and growth."

While they have had varying experiences and duties, one thing that these long-time employees can agree on is their favorite part of the job.

"It has to be the people," Klingensmith said. "You meet so many people here, and if I can make them happy, it makes me happy. I have a lot of friends on campus and I rely on their expertise and willingness to help me — they've been really great through the years."

Anneberg concurs. "I work closely with a lot of students and I really enjoy working with and supervising them," he said.

That enjoyment these employees experience at K-State is what has kept them working here for so long.

For Anneberg — whose sister keeps asking him when he's going to retire — the reason he stays is simple:

"I like it too much here." ♦♦