**Departmental & Campus Events**

- **28 Aug (M)**  Last day to add course without instructor permission
- **31 Aug (Th)** GTU/Geography Club meeting, 5 pm, seminar room (S 1069)
- **1 Sep (W)** Graduate Student Council (GSC) Travel Award deadline for November travel. See [www.k-state.edu/grad/students/studentcouncil/travel-grants/](http://www.k-state.edu/grad/students/studentcouncil/travel-grants/)
- **4 Sep (M)** Labor Day Holiday – no classes
- **6 Sep (W)** Open/Alternative Text information session for faculty and instructors, offered at 9-10 am and 3-4 pm, 407 Hale. See [http://cal.lib.k-state.edu/event/3336115](http://cal.lib.k-state.edu/event/3336115).

**GTU/Geography Club Meeting**

First meeting of the semester is Thursday, 31 Aug, at 5 pm (S 1069). **All** Geography-interested students are welcome. Items of discussion include events for the semester: fall campout (15 Sep), Conquer the Konza (24 Sep), highway clean up (6 Oct), a Brown Bag (18 Oct, Shawn Hutchinson’s trip to China), and the chili cook off (20 Oct). Other topics include the AAG GPRM conference, Geography Awareness Week, and GIS Day.

**Student Opportunities**

All students - first-year undergrads to doctoral candidates - are invited to become part of a select group that works to elevate the Libraries’ outreach and impact. K-State Libraries Student Ambassadors serve two-year terms as advocates and representatives at social, cultural and recruitment activities. They also provide valuable feedback on K-State Libraries’ initiatives and services. Applications are due by Thursday, **31 Aug**. Interviews will be conducted on Friday, 8 Sep. Visit the [Libraries Student Ambassadors](http://cal.lib.k-state.edu/event/3336115) website to learn more and apply online.  

**Fulbright US Student Grant.** The Fulbright fully funds an academic year of international experience for US citizens and is open to graduating seniors, recent alumni and current graduate students. With more than 1,900 awards available to more than 150 countries, the Fulbright is a terrific opportunity to pursue international study or research, or to work as an English teaching assistant abroad. Campus applications for the Fulbright are due by **1 Sep**. If you are interested in applying, make an appointment with Jim Hohenbary in the Office of Nationally Competitive Scholarships to discuss the application process and learn more about how to construct a competitive application. Call 785-532-3422 or stop by 215 Fairchild Hall to set up a meeting. To learn more about the Fulbright, you also can view the [PDF fact sheet](http://cal.lib.k-state.edu/event/3336115) from the Office of Nationally Competitive Scholarships or visit the Fulbright [website](http://cal.lib.k-state.edu/event/3336115).

**Local Fieldtrip**

An introductory local fieldtrip for **new grad students** as part of GEOG 821 is scheduled for Sep 10 (Sunday), 9:30 am to approximately 4 pm. To the extent that we have extra space (and there should be a lot this year), **others are welcome to join us**. If you’d like to come, please let Lisa Harrington ([lbutlerh@ksu.edu](mailto:lbutlerh@ksu.edu)) know. We typically have lunch at the Little Grill (Jamaican).
**Departmental Activities** (Department affiliates in bold)

**Publications**


Bergtold, J., **M. Caldas**, V. Rickenbrode, C. Sant’Anna, and **G. Granco**. 2017. Indirect land-use change on the Brazilian Cerrado: a farm level analysis of sugarcane producers’ land-use decisions. *Land Use Science.* (doi 1747423X.2017.1354937)

**Paper Presentation**

**Granco, Gabriel.** 2017. Land Allocation and Sugarcane Ethanol Expansion: a panel data analysis of sugarcane production in the Brazilian Cerrado. 55th Annual meeting of the Brazilian Society of Economics, Management, and Rural Sociology. Santa Maria-RS, Brazil.

**Other**

**Marcellus Caldas** organized the session “The expansion of sugarcane renewable energy production in Brazil: a change of 360 degrees?” at the 55 Annual meeting of the Brazilian Society of Economics, Management, and Rural Sociology, Santa Maria – RS, Brazil.

**Jida Wang**’s recent study on climate and human impacts on East Asia’s freshwater lake system was reported in several news outlets, Aug 2017: “Study: Climate plays role in decline of East Asia floodplain lake system,” *The Mercury* (Manhattan, KS), 3 Aug; “Study finds climate plays role in decline of one of Asia’s most critical water resources,” *Phys.org* 3 Aug; “Climate plays role in decline of one of Asia’s most critical water resources,” *Science Daily* 3 Aug; “Climate plays role in decline of one of Asia’s most critical water resources,” *US Weekly*, 3 Aug; “Study finds climate plays role in decline of one of Asia’s most critical water resources,” *EurekAlert!* (AAAS), 3 Aug; “Climate sapped more Chinese water than world’s biggest dam,” *E&E News*, 7 Aug; “Climate plays a major role in decline of one of Asia’s most critical water resources,” *International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis* (IIASA), 7 Aug; “KSU study finds climate plays role in decline of one of Asia’s most critical water resources,” *Cherokee County News Advocates*, 8 Aug.

**Academic Positions**

**University of Freiburg**, Faculty for Environment and Natural Resources. **Postdoc in Environment and Natural Resources.** This position includes teaching assignments of 6 semester weeks, with a focus on statistics and R for environmental scientists at the master’s level. The successful applicant has earned a doctorate in a natural sciences subject. Applicants have a strong interest and competences in the field of statistical analysis, and possibly in process modeling, ecological systems. The successful applicant pursues his/her own research interests, but a contribution to the research foci of the department is expected: development and application of statistical procedures for ecological research questions. Send an application with cover letter, CV including past teaching experience, research interest, publication list, and contact details for two reviewers. Send a complete application with all relevant supporting documents, including the reference number 10485, by **31 Aug**, to Albert-Ludwigs-University of Freiburg, Biometrics and environmental system analysis, Tennenbacher Straße 4, 79106 Freiburg i. Br. (meier@biom.uni-freiburg.de). For further information, contact Prof. Dr. Carsten Dormann (carsten.dormann@biom.uni-freiburg.de). See further information at biom.uni-freiburg.de. The contract is fixed-term to 30 Sep2019. See www.physicaloxy.com/announcement,a3905.html.
University of Oregon, Eugene, OR. The Ecosystem Workforce Program (EWP) is looking to fill a funding-contingent postdoctoral position. This position is full-time for one year. The successful applicant will be dedicated to analysis, publishing, and outreach related to an interdisciplinary research project on mountain pine beetle governance in the U.S West. This project is supported by a Dynamics of Coupled Natural and Human Systems (CNH) grant through NSF. More information about EWP can be found at [http://ewp.uoregon.edu](http://ewp.uoregon.edu). This position will involve conducting social science research focused on the themes of resilience and adaptive governance as applied to the issue of native mountain pine beetle dynamics in western forests. We are particularly seeking someone with qualitative research and analysis skills, knowledge of forest policy and governance, and experience writing publications for peer review. Job duties include applied empirical research, project management, publication, and outreach. The postdoctoral associate will receive guidance and mentoring by established faculty at EWP and will collaborate with scholars from other institutions. This position offers opportunities to engage in timely, relevant research of benefit to rural communities and resource practitioners, to travel for fieldwork and academic conferences, and to publish research results in professional academic journals. This position requires a PhD in applied natural resource social science in a field such as forestry, public policy, geography, political science, rural sociology, history, economics, anthropology or other related fields; must have excellent writing and communications skills, including ability to write publications for peer review; knowledge of/experience with qualitative social science research and analysis methods (e.g., thematic coding of interview transcripts, analysis of archival data) and willingness and ability to learn new methods as need arises; must be willing and able to travel regionally and nationally, including to remote rural communities. Prefer knowledge/experience of community forestry, natural resource management, or related issues in the American West; demonstrated self-motivation; strong organizational skills; ability to work cooperatively in a team environment. Anticipated Start: Prefer 1 Oct 2017 (somewhat negotiable). Deadline: [11 Sep](http://careers.uoregon.edu/cw/en-us/job/519627/pro-tem-research-assistantassociatepostdoctoral-scholar-pool). Apply through [http://careers.uoregon.edu/cw/en-us/job/519627/pro-tem-research-assistantassociatepostdoctoral-scholar-pool](http://careers.uoregon.edu/cw/en-us/job/519627/pro-tem-research-assistantassociatepostdoctoral-scholar-pool), or through the University of Oregon, Human Resources, Careers, Faculty Staff webpage and select position #519627. Follow application instructions specified for this job number.

University of Vienna. Faculty [College] of Earth Sciences, Geography and Astronomy The new Ida Pfeiffer (Visiting) Professorship supports research on the sustainability of planet Earth. Looking for a top scientist who can trigger exciting insights and act as a catalyst for the diverse research topics of the Faculty; visiting professorship goes to 31 August 2018. The visiting professor will have access to state-of-the-art facilities and will be associated with its third mission activities ("Faculty for Exploration"). "The Faculty for Exploration" regards exploration as a scientific adventure. Professorships contribute to four key research areas: Cosmos, Earth, Environment, and Anthroposphere. Looking for a visiting professor for Environment or Anthroposphere to contribute in research and teaching (including independent teaching). Profile: doctoral degree/PhD in a subject field relevant to the research areas Environment or Anthroposphere, and post-doctoral experience; outstanding achievements in research, excellent publication record, international reputation, proven success in acquiring third-party funding; enthusiasm for excellent teaching, ability and willingness to teach students in all phases, and to promote young academic colleagues; excellent command of written and spoken English; proactive, creative, and willing to work in a team. [Job grading in accordance with collective bargaining agreement](http://jobcenter.univie.ac.at): Univ Prof. (KV) Gastprof. with relevant work experience determining the assignment to a particular salary grade. Application documents: letter of motivation; c.v.; description of research interests and research agenda; lists of publications, talks given, acquired third-party funds; overview of previous academic teaching; and copies of certificates. Applications (German or English) should be submitted via [jobcenter.univie.ac.at](http://jobcenter.univie.ac.at) by [17 Sep](http://jobcenter.univie.ac.at), mentioning reference number 7545. Duration of employment: 6 months, 40 hrs/wk.
Oklahoma State University. Stillwater, OK. Diversity Post-Doctoral Fellowships. The College of Arts and Sciences seeks scholars who are committed to supporting the learning needs of students from diverse backgrounds and to engaging communities underrepresented in higher education. Fellowships will support the early development of scholars who show promise for successful academic careers. The two-year fellowships will begin in Aug 2018 and may be renewed for a third year. There is a possibility of a tenure-track appointment at the completion of the fellowship. Post-docs will carry a teaching load of one course per semester and will receive institutional support for their research/creative activities and their professional development in instruction. They will be closely mentored by faculty and may be housed in Geography. Candidates who have completed their PhD no more than three years before the start date and who have not yet had a tenure-track faculty position are preferred. If interested in a post-doc in Geography, contact Jacqueline Vadjunec (jacqueline.vadjunec@okstate.edu) or another Geography faculty member. To apply, submit the following in a single PDF file: 1) letter of application – please indicate department(s) with which you would seek affiliation if selected for a post-doctoral fellowship; 2) CV; 3) statement outlining commitment to integrating multicultural experiences into instructional methods and engaging students underrepresented in the academy; 4) statement outlining two-year plan for research/creative activity; and 5) names of 3 professional references. Deadline 1 Oct. Applications should be submitted to DiversityPostDoc-ss@okstate.edu (for Social Science post-doc). Questions may be directed to Dr. Bruce Crauder, Associate Dean (bruce.crauder@okstate.edu).

Manhattan College, New York, NY, is seeking applications for a full-time, tenure track assistant professor of cultural geography with research and teaching proficiency in GIS. The successful applicant will join a multi-disciplinary Dept of Sociology and play a key role in developing our new geography curriculum as well as the expansion of the department’s social analytical emphasis into socio-spatial analysis. Applicants must have a PhD in geography or a related field by the time of employment. Areas of specialization are open; particularly interested in applicants with expertise in critical and cultural geography (including global and political economic), as well as interests in gender, race, migration, and environmental sustainability. Requirements are demonstrable experience and excellence in teaching and proficiency in GIS. Especially interested in applicants able to foster critical inquiry and support Manhattan College’s commitment to social justice and service to the community. Review of applications will commence on 1 Oct and continue until the position is filled. Send a letter of application (including a brief statement of teaching philosophy, teaching experience, and research agenda) and a current CV to manhattan.clearcompany.com/careers/jobs/.... Three professional reference letters should be sent directly to the Department of Sociology (maryellen.lamonica@manhattan.edu). Questions may be sent to Dr. Cory Blad, Chair of Sociology (cory.blad@manhattan.edu). Manhattan College is an independent Catholic coeducational institution in the Lasallian tradition. They expect their faculty, administration, and staff to be knowledgeable of that mission and to make a positive contribution to the mission.

Indiana University, Bloomington, IN. The Department of Geography invites applications for a tenure-track Assistant/Associate Professor in Vegetation Modeling as part of a series of university-level strategic hires that are focused on environmental change. Particularly interested in candidates who will advance our understanding of how climate and vegetation interact to explain landscapes of the past, present, and/or future. Candidates should have interests in analyzing climate-vegetation dynamics by using innovative modeling approaches, such as those that incorporate plant functional traits. Research and teaching expertise and interest in remote sensing and/or GIS is essential. Expected to have or be able to develop an excellent research program, with the ability to attract external funding. Teaching will include
both undergraduate and graduate courses. Must have a Ph.D. in geography or a related field by the time of employment. This hire is part of IU's Prepared for Environmental Change Grand Challenges initiative (http://grandchallenges.iu.edu). Applications should be submitted by 12 Oct. Review the job description and submit application materials on-line (OAA#21707-12; indiana.peopleadmin.com/postings/4407). Questions should be directed to Dr. Scott Robeson, Search Committee Chair (srobeson@indiana.edu). Expected start 1 Aug 2018.

Dartmouth College. Hanover, NH, Department of Geography (geography.dartmouth.edu) seeks an Assistant Professor in Geographic Information Sciences (GIS). Seeking individuals committed to creative scholarship and teaching who complement and augment the Geography Department’s existing strengths in spatial analysis, critical urban studies, development geography, and environmental change. Especially interested in candidates who specialize in critical GIS and its applications to health, cities, and human-environment relations, but welcome applications from scholars whose research involves other geographic subfields. Candidates should hold a PhD or be in the final stages of a PhD program. Submit a letter of application that addresses research and teaching interests, CV, up to 3 reprints, and names and contact information for 3 referees by 20 Oct via http://apply.interfolio.com/. Interested in applicants with a record of successful teaching and mentoring of students from all backgrounds (including first-generation college students, low-income students, racial and ethnic minorities, women, LGBTQ, etc.), and those who could contribute to Dartmouth's undergraduate diversity initiatives in research, such as the Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship. Inquiries should be directed to Search Committee Chair Xun Shi at geography@dartmouth.edu.

National Central University, Taiwan, Center for Space and Remote Sensing Research (CSRSR) invites applications for multiple tenure-track or project Assistant/Associate/Full Professor in Satellite Remote Sensing, Photogrammetry, or GIS. The position will be filled on all levels, effective 1 Aug 2018. Successful candidates are expected to demonstrate a commitment to excellence in research and teaching in both undergraduate & graduate levels. Must possess a PhD degree in remote sensing or closely related field. Desired fields of expertise include: microwave remote sensing, synthetic aperture radar, image & signal processing, photogrammetry, computer vision, navigation system & positioning, environmental (space, atmospheric, oceanic science, or geology) remote sensing, or GI$ci & spatial analysis. Qualified applicants should email: 1) cover letter and CV, 2) proof of PhD diploma, 3) transcripts of graduate study, 4) publication list & reprints of up to 5 recent publications, 5) statements of research & teaching interests, 6) 3 recommendation letters, 7) other supporting materials. Application package should be sent to degree@csrsr.ncu.edu.tw by 31 Dec. Mention the position applied for in the subject. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted. Visit csrsr.ncu.edu.tw for more information. See: www.physicaloxy.com/announcement,a3937.html

Personal Updates

John Harrington Jr.

Still going strong at age 67 and feeling fortunate to be as healthy as I am. This curmudgeon enjoys the teaching, advising, and research aspects of the job. The big deal from me this past year was the Lifetime Achievement Award from my climate colleagues of the American Association of Geographers. For someone who was raised with a mindset that things can always be better, this award presents a conundrum: “You mean, it has been good enough?”

This semester I’m back teaching the undergraduate class I find most meaningful, Human Dimensions of Global Change. Or, if you think climate change is going to be the big deal, you have (as the Eagles sing about) a “failed grasp of the big picture.” How we transition as a global society to a more sustainable relationship with the planet is a huge issue and we need citizens who recognize the complex interactions among energy, water, and food. It is good that people
are contributing to The Next System Project. Also doing a seminar this semester on the physical science aspects of climate change wherein we’ll read the latest (5th Assessment) IPCC report from Working Group I on the science of climate change. I have always been an advocate of examining how things work.

Spending a couple of summer months on the east side of Willapa Bay in Bay Center, Washington, with Lisa and our dogs is a huge change of pace and welcome relief from the weather conditions in northeast Kansas. Views of a rural and natural looking landscape in coastal Washington are very pleasing to the eye and do wonders to offset depression. As I do the dishes and look out from the kitchen sink, I see very little evidence of humanity and a slough framed with high marsh grasses that fills and empties with the tidal cycle. Fresh wild salmon, oysters, and steamer clams provide a wonderful taste of the regional cuisine. Bay Center is a wonderful place to enjoy a good book.

Professional travels get me to some interesting places. Even with the change in leadership in Turkey to a group that I find repugnant, I did spend 17 days in Isparta on the Anatolian Plateau back in May 2017. The airport in Istanbul was a concern, but I am fortunate to have connected with Dr. Hayati Koknaroglu, a hard-working animal scientist, who is interested in the impact of extreme weather events on livestock production and wonders how climate change will likely impact where livestock are produced throughout his country – the answer is that later this century, livestock will need to be produced at higher elevations in Turkey.

With just a few doctoral students remaining to get finished, I am starting to look more favorably at the idea of retirement, along with moving to either Oregon or Washington. But the teacher in me is thinking about how to transition one or more of my on-campus classes to an online environment.

Working for the Kansas Geographic Alliance has been a wonderful experience. It is great to be able to share resources and ideas about teaching geography with K-12 teachers. I have passed the operations of the Kansas Geographic Bee along to a teacher/colleague who lives in the Abilene area. It has been a fun and marvelous experience helping with the state level of the Geographic Bee competition for almost a decade. This year, I will also work with my co-coordinator, Dr. Rich Lisichenko in Geosciences at Fort Hays State, to steward the Kansas Geographic Alliance through to fall of 2018 when Alliance funding from the National Geographic Society will end. The endowed funding for geography education in Kansas will still be available, but as of now the new model for how those funds will be made available is in revision.

The past two years, we have been able to get additional funding from the F. Price Cossman Foundation to hold a workshop on Kansas Ecological Culture for K-12 teachers. The week-long workshop includes field trips to the Konza and to Wilson Lake. In June 2017, we saw the largest gathering of the Konza bison herd that any of us can recall.
Other areas of service that I enjoy include being faculty advisor from our local Beta Psi chapter of GTU. I am pleased that the student group remains very active and motivated to do enough relevant events to earn Honors Chapter status year after year. I am also on the Board for the Friends of the Konza Prairie (FOKP) and serve as President-Elect. Yes, that means I’ll have to run a few FOKP Board meetings in 2018. FOKP does all it can to help with operations of the Konza Prairie Biological Station and raise funds to support the K-12 educational activities of the Konza Environmental Education Program.

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