Departmental & Campus Events

13 Mar (M) • The Library and Your Research workshop for graduate students: “Managing Your Research and Publication Impact,” 1:30-2:30 pm, Hale 407

14 Mar (T) • Early career service opportunities: Teach, Serve, Learn – Teach 4 America, Peace Corps, and College Advising Corps; 4-5 pm; Berney Welcome Center Theater

15 Mar (W) • Faculty coffee, 8-9 am, Union food court.
• Weekly ETDR walk-in clinic, 11:30 am-1 pm, Hale 301A
• The Library & Beyond: Organize Your Life Workshop – time/organization management tools; 2:30-3:30 pm, Hale 407. Register at http://cal.lib.k-state.edu/event/3152472.
• Study Abroad 101 Session – introductory information, 4:30-5 pm, Fairchild 304
• Designing Rubrics to Teach Critical Thinking, 3-4 pm, Union 209
• Science on Tap Community Conversations (sponsored by Div of Biology): "Ecological Legacy of Mining: Adapting to Contaminated Soil" with Samantha Sharpe. Focus on Tar Creek Superfund Site (abandoned Pb and Zn mine in southern KS/northern OK) and research focused on comparing populations of a native grass species that can grow in this highly contaminated environment with populations from uncontaminated soil; 7-8:30 pm; Tallgrass Tap House, 320 Poyntz. If you wish to arrive early and order food/drink, tell host you are there for Science on Tap for happy hour discounts.

16 Mar (Th) • Open/Alternative Textbook Initiative information session: review of application requirements and selection criteria. Two time options: 8:30-9:30 am and 3:30-4:30 pm; Hale 407
• Study Abroad 101 Session – introductory information, 11-11:30 am, Fairchild 304
• Designing Rubrics to Teach Critical Thinking, 3-4 pm, Union 209 (repeat of 15 Mar session)
• Geology Seminar: Dr. Trandis Bidgoli, Kansas Geological Survey and University of Kansas, "What's Shaking Kansas? Causality Assessment Approaches for Injection-Induced Earthquakes;" 4-5 pm; 213 Thompson Hall

17 Mar (F) • Office of Governmental Relations Legislative Review Session: Sue Peterson, director of governmental relations; noon-1 pm, Hale Hemisphere Room
• Tapping Social Media Data with NCapture and NVivo 11 Plus, 1:30-3:30 pm, Hale 401B

20-24 Mar • Spring Break (no Globe)

21 Mar (T) • Walk-in Portrait Day, faculty and staff; 10 am-noon, 1-3 pm; Photo Services, Dole Hall

22 Mar (W) • Weekly ETDR walk-in clinic, 11:30 am-1 pm, 301A Hale Library

27 Mar (M) • Summer/Fall enrollment begins
• Last day to drop a course
• The Library and Your Research workshop for graduate students: “Discovering Primary Sources at K-State Libraries,” 1:30-2:30 pm, Hale 407

29 Mar (W) • Tenured Geography faculty meeting, 8 am, S 164H (no coffee session)
Publication


Grant Received

John Harrington Jr., “Plants, Peoples, Places and Patterns: An Institute for K-12 Teachers on Kansas Ecological Culture,” $24,200, F. Price Cossman Trust. The funding will enable a week long Institute/workshop for K-12 teachers 5-9 June 2017. This is the second year of funding for the P4 Institute, through the Kansas Geographic Alliance (KGA).

New Ancillary Faculty Member

Dr. Matt Sanderson, Department of Sociology, has been appointed as an ancillary faculty member in the Geography Department.

Undergraduate Opportunity

National Science Foundation (NSF) Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) Summer Fellow Opportunity in Spatiotemporal Research; 7 weeks, June-Aug. The NSF Spatiotemporal Innovation Center (STC) is looking for 4-6 undergraduate research assistants to serve as NSF REU Summer Fellows in 2017. They will potentially work at the George Mason University Site (Fairfax, VA), Harvard University site (Cambridge, MA), or University of California, Santa Barbara site (Santa Barbara, CA). This opportunity enables undergraduate students to obtain research experience and consider a career path in spatiotemporal domains. Students will work in a team with graduate students, postdocs, and faculty at one of the three sites, conducting research related to spatiotemporal issues. They also will have the opportunity to attend a professional conference to present research results. Students may participate in various projects; see http://www.stcenter.net (see "Projects" tab). Applicants must 1) be undergraduate students, 2) have U.S. citizenship or permanent resident status. Applicants should be able to work as NSF fellows for 7 weeks (starting date is flexible). NSF REU fellows will receive stipends and reimbursement for travel to a conference. Applications from underrepresented groups are encouraged. A complete application includes: 1) a CV; 2) a one page double-spaced statement of interest; and 3) contact information (email and phone) for 2 references. Review of application will begin on 30 Mar. Submit application at http://stcenter.net/stc/REU2017. For more information, contact Fei Hu (fhu@gmu.edu).

PhD Student Opportunities

Employing Model-Based Reasoning in Socio-Environmental Synthesis (EMBeRS). PhD students are invited to apply for a new summer training workshop to be held 8-16 June 8-16 at the University of Texas at El Paso. The National Science Foundation-funded EMBeRS project will host ten PhD students from diverse disciplines to participate in ten days of specialized training on conducting interdisciplinary research in teams. Selected students will gain the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary to become the future leaders of interdisciplinary research teams. Teamwork concepts introduced will be made
more concrete through simulating interdisciplinary teamwork around water-related topics. This training will strengthen your professional development and position you for success in interdisciplinary research. Local field trips will highlight features unique to this water-stressed region. PhD students from U.S. institutions in any science, technology, engineering, or math (STEM) discipline are invited to apply. Applications are due 31 Mar. Selections will be made by 15 Apr. All travel, housing, and meal expenses will be covered by the grant. See http://embers.cybershare.utep.edu/summerwksp.html.

The National Socio-Environmental Synthesis Center (SESYNC) seeks proposals from highly qualified graduate students interested in conducting team based, socio-environmental synthesis research under the following themes: 1) ecological wealth & changing human populations; 2) globalization & socio-environmental systems; 3) assessment & modeling of ecosystem services; 4) water, people & ecosystems; 5) biodiversity & ecosystem services; 6) social & environmental dimensions of the food–energy–water nexus; 7) environmental dynamics and food systems; 8) sudden or unexpected events: environmental recovery, reorganization, or restoration. The goal of the program is to support graduate students as emerging scholars in the growing field of collaborative, socio-environmental synthesis research. SESYNC offers opportunities for graduate students to form diverse, interdisciplinary research teams ('Graduate Pursuits' below) in order to investigate critical and innovative socio-environmental issues using existing data and information. Core teams should be composed of 5-7 PhD students. All graduate participants must have completed at least two semesters of their PhD program by May 2017; preference given to those who have passed their qualifying exams. Participants must plan to remain in their PhD programs until May 2019. Team are often formed during SESYNC’s annual Graduate Student Workshop, but have also taken shape through conference and meeting contacts, listserv postings, Google searches, etc. SESYNC also has a Facebook group as a way to facilitate team formation amongst potential participants. SESYNC will host an informational online webinar for the Graduate Pursuits on 17 Mar and 24 Mar (12:30-2:30 pm CDT). As an informal platform to expand networks and facilitate collaboration opportunities in real time, the webinar will serve as another way to encourage team formation and idea generation. Graduate Pursuits will last for a period of approximately 18 months and will center around 3-4 meetings of approximately 3-4 days each. All Graduate Pursuit meetings will be held at SESYNC’s facilities in Annapolis, MD. Support includes all travel, lodging, and meal costs incurred by team members during in-person meetings. SESYNC has significant modeling, data analysis, and database management expertise to guide and support teams that need assistance with technical aspects of data mining, processing, integration, analysis, visualization, and/or modeling. Opportunities for training in computational tools and approaches will also be available. Upon completion and pending satisfactory participation and successful submission of requested materials and reports, each team member will receive a $2000 stipend and the title SESYNC Graduate Student Fellow. See www.sesync.org/opportunities/may-2017-gradstudent-rfp.

**Graduate Program Recruitment**

**University of Georgia**, Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources. A fully funded three year position for an exceptional doctoral student is available in the Dwivedi Forest Sustainability Lab, to pursue research on ascertaining the extent of heirs’ property (inherited land passed on intestate, without clear title, typically to family members) and its impacts on minority forest landowners and their forest management practices in South
Central Georgia. See [http://forestsustainabilitylab.uga.edu/announcements.html](http://forestsustainabilitylab.uga.edu/announcements.html). Interested candidates are encouraged to directly contact Dr. Puneet Dwivedi (puneetd@uga.edu) with a cover letter, c.v., transcripts, and writing samples before applying formally. Applications will be reviewed on first come, first served basis.

**Events - State & Beyond**

**WEALTH Day at the Kansas State Capitol.** 16 March, 9 am-3 pm. Kansans and policy makers to discuss solutions to issues related to Kansas WEALTH: Water, Energy, Air, Land, Transportation and Health. For a complete agenda and to register for a complimentary lunch visit the Climate + Energy Project’s website, [www.climateandenergy.org](http://www.climateandenergy.org). Hosted by Climate + Energy Project, Kansas Rural Center, Kansas Interfaith Action, Kansas Natural Resources Council, KCK NAACP, Diesel Health Project, and Grassland Heritage Foundation.

**Earth Hour,** 25 March, 8:30-9:30 pm. See [https://www.earthhour.org/](https://www.earthhour.org/).

**March for Science,** 22 April; see [www.marchforscience.com/](http://www.marchforscience.com/). Kansas events will be in Topeka, Wichita, and Prescott ([www.marchforscience.com/satellite-marches?state=Kansas](http://www.marchforscience.com/satellite-marches?state=Kansas)); there also will be an event in KC, MO ([www.marchforscience.com/satellite-marches?state=Missouri](http://www.marchforscience.com/satellite-marches?state=Missouri)).

**Webinars (free)**


**Workshop**

**Climate, Migration & Health,** with a Focus on Refugee Movements, 25-26 May, Boulder, CO. The two-day workshop will bring together approximately 10 researchers and policy communicators. Researchers need only possess expertise in at least one aspect of the workshop. Applicants must have a current research project related to the workshop theme. Much of the workshop will involve brainstorming about knowledge gaps and beginning papers/proposals designed to fill those gaps. Researchers from social and natural sciences are encouraged to apply. Funds are available for partial reimbursement for domestic travel and lodging. Applicants must be post-PhD, but an interdisciplinary mix of junior and senior scholars is expected. To be considered for this workshop, send a CV and a complete paper, working draft, or an extended abstract (with data description, methods, and preliminary results) by **17 Mar.** Decisions will be made by 24 Mar. Address questions to Lori.Hunter@colorado.edu. Submit papers to Cheryl.Graham@colorado.edu. See [https://csde.washington.edu/news-events/call-for-papers-workshop-on-climate-migration-and-health-with-focus-on-refugee-movements/](https://csde.washington.edu/news-events/call-for-papers-workshop-on-climate-migration-and-health-with-focus-on-refugee-movements/).
Conferences

6th EUGEO Congress, 4-6 Sep 2017, Brussels. EUGEO, the Association of Geographical Societies in Europe, organises a major international scientific congress every two years, bringing together geographers from all over the world. Geography for Europe is the theme this year. Deadline for abstracts: 10 Apr. Conference website: https://eugeo2017.sciencesconf.org/.


Faculty Opportunities

Early Career Geoscience Faculty Workshop: Teaching, Research, and Managing Your Career, 9-13 July (optional trip to NSF 14 July), College Park, MD. Application deadline: 22 Mar. For those in their first three years of a permanent academic position. The workshop is offered by NAGT On the Cutting Edge professional development program for geoscience faculty with support from the National Science Foundation, Geological Society of America and American Geophysical Union. Learn about setting course goals, strategies for active learning, and methods for assessment; share ideas and strategies for teaching courses; consider successful strategies for maintaining an active research program and advising/ supervising undergraduate and/or graduate research students; discuss life as an early-career faculty member and explore ways to balance teaching, research, and service responsibilities; leave with examples of assignments and activities for various courses, strategies for balancing competing demands, a support network of other early career faculty, and a plan for managing your early career as an academic. Estimated $1250 registration fee ($1200 for NAGT members) for workshop, University of Maryland campus accommodations, and most meals. In cases where the cost of attending this workshop would cause financial hardship, you may apply for a stipend to help defray these costs. See http://serc.carleton.edu/NAGTWorkshops/earlycareer2017/index.html.

Positions

Purdue University. Department of Forestry and Natural Resources: Postdoctoral Research Associate in the Natural Resource Social Science (NRSS) Lab. The NRSS Lab primarily focuses on the intersections between water quality, climate change and agriculture in the Midwestern United States. PI Dr. Linda Prokopy has a number of grants to support this ongoing work and the successful applicant will generate a number of publications, gain experience in grant writing, learn about project and data management, have the opportunity to mentor undergraduate students, and help inform the practice of watershed management through interactions with local stakeholders throughout the Midwest. The successful applicant will work on multiple projects, including 1) understanding the role of crop advisors in promoting conservation practices in watersheds in Michigan, and 2) evaluating innovative collaborative watershed partnerships in Indiana. The candidate will also have the opportunity to work on other projects related to the social dimensions of watershed management and to interact with other postdocs, graduate students, and undergraduate students in the NRSS lab. Opportunities for professional development are encouraged and attendance at a minimum of one national conference per year will be fully funded. The successful candidate will have the opportunity to collaborate with faculty and staff at other
universities and staff at conservation organizations. Should have experience with both quantitative and qualitative social science research methods, knowledge of agricultural conservation policy and water quality issues, and strong written and verbal communication skills. The position pays $47,500/year plus benefits. This position is initially for one year but is renewable for a second year based upon satisfactory performance. To apply, email Dr. Prokopy (lprokopy@purdue.edu) by 22 Mar and attach a letter of interest, a c.v., and contact information for 3 references. Must be eligible to drive for university business.

The University of Idaho is hiring a new Director of the McClure Center for Public Policy Research (http://www.uidaho.edu/class/mcclure-center). With a focus on critical issues facing Idaho and the nation, the director is responsible for: conducting and overseeing nonpartisan, science-based, public policy research; informing public policy dialogue through research publications, presentations, and events, with a primary emphasis on non-academic audiences including media (the Center may also contribute academic publications); building relationships and interacting on a regular basis with Idaho’s elected and appointed officials; engaging University of Idaho students in learning about public policy making; engaging with faculty from the University of Idaho to inform and participate in the research; and ensuring the McClure Center’s financial and organizational sustainability. To carry out these responsibilities, the director builds relationships with state and local policy makers, agency staff, elected officials, nonprofits, and other external stakeholders. The director identifies policy issues of importance to Idaho and research opportunities for the center and the broader university. The McClure Center leverages both the university’s expertise and the center’s strategic location in Boise to respond to critical policy issues through research and outreach. Faculty status will be considered with appropriate qualifications and within the policy guidelines of the appropriate department. The position description is available at: http://jobelephant.com/display.php?ad=972333. To apply, see www.jobs.uidaho.edu. Applications received by 31 Mar will receive first consideration.

NOTE:

Postings in the Globe are abbreviated.
If interested in opportunities listed, please pursue additional information.

Please contact Lisa Butler Harrington (lbutlerh@ksu.edu) with K-State Globe items.