Departmental & Campus Events


Geography Colloquium: Ted Payne, "Decisions Made in Manhattan, Kansas and Beyond." 12 October (Friday) at 3:00 pm, the Wildcat Chamber (formerly Little Theatre) of the Union.

Annual Department Chili Cook-Off: 12 October (Friday) 2018, from 6:30 to 9:30 pm at the home of Martha and Marcellus Caldas, 1617 Virginia Drive, Manhattan. Please bring some chili or other dish to share. Drinks will be provided.

The K-State Geography Alumni Advisory Board will meet on campus Friday 12 October, 2018. You can connect with the alumni board via Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/groups/geoalumnisksu/ and LinkedIn via K-State Geography Alumni at http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=3666215. Feel free to contact chair Matt Gerike (PhD 2012, MA 2004) at mattgerike@gmail.com or past chair Rorik Peterson (MA 2008) at rorik.peterson@edpr.com or chair for the meeting Jason Sweet (MA 2006) at jason.sweet@stantec.com for more information.

Weekly Geography Faculty Coffee Hour: 3 and 10 October, 8:15 am, K-State Student Union.

St. George Geographic Society Meeting: To celebrate the return of some friendly faces and a dissertation defense, there will be a meeting of the St. George Geographic Society at Old Chicago on Thursday, October 11 at 5:30 pm.

Recognition

Arnaud J.A.M. Temme recently commented on mountain safety to large website Glacier Hub, which resulted in this article: http://glacierhub.org/2018/09/18/a-cap-on-climbers-at-mont-blanc/

Publication

Presentation


Student Opportunities

GTU is looking for volunteers to work at the K-State Career Fair on September 18th, 19th, and 20th as a fundraiser. Tasks include registration, set-up, hospitality, etc. Michael Stumpff will send out an email with more details and the sign-up link. Contact him with questions: mike61@ksu.edu.

The Department of Geography and Urban Studies at Temple University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania is accepting applications for a four-year assistantship in political ecology for the pursuit of a doctoral degree. The assistantship provides a stipend plus tuition remission. The successful applicant will work with Dr. Kimberley Thomas and will be involved in political ecology projects focused on climate change adaptation, water governance, and international development in South and Southeast Asia. Qualified candidates should have a Master's degree in Geography, Environmental Studies, Anthropology, or a related discipline. Candidates should have a strong interest in the social, political, and economic dimensions of environmental issues and be eager to work in a multi-disciplinary environment. Experience in qualitative and quantitative methods, data analysis, data management, and geographic information systems (GIS) are desired. Strong oral and written communication skills are required. Applicants should submit application materials to the program no later than January 15, 2019. For more information about this assistantship, please contact Dr. Kimberley Thomas (kimthomas@temple.edu) and Dr. Hamil Pearsall (hamil.pearsall@temple.edu). Please include a copy of your CV, unofficial academic transcripts, and a brief personal statement that highlights skills relevant to the position.

Funded Graduate Research Assistantships: The Department of Geography at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, Alabama is accepting applications for a fully funded Graduate Research Assistantship at the doctoral (preferred) or masters level beginning in Spring 2019 or Fall 2019. This position will be in direct support of a NSF project "Anticipatory Interdiction of Narco-Trafficking Networks." This project will study how U.S. counterdrug efforts designed to disrupt Central American cocaine trafficking networks influence citizen security in the region and in the U.S. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis until December 15, 2018 for Spring admission, and March 15th, 2019 for Fall admission. Qualified students will have expertise in some or all of the following: GIS and spatial analysis, operations research and optimization modeling, agent-based modeling, spatial statistical modeling, network analysis, or similar computational approaches. Previous experience and proficiency with programming with Matlab, Python, or R is desirable. Interested students should first contact Dr. Nicholas Magliocca (nrmagliocca@ua.edu) with a statement of interest, an unofficial transcript, and GRE scores to assess competitiveness and topical fit with the project.

The Resources and Communities Research Group in the Department of Earth Sciences at Montana State University seeks motivated individuals to join its research team as scholars on a large, multi-institutional research effort focused on interdisciplinary solutions to water quality degradation. Graduate Research Assistants (1 doctoral, 1 masters) affiliated with this project will contribute to a collaborative exploration of social dimensions of efforts to remediate water-quality problems stemming from hard-rock mining, dryland agriculture and energy extraction in diverse geographies across the state of Montana. GRA support for this project includes stipend and tuition and fee assistance, as well as opportunities for conference travel and professional development. Positions are open until filled. If you are interested in applying, please send a CV or resume, contact information for three references, and a one-page personal statement describing your scholarly interests and career objectives by September 21, 2018 to Dr. Julia Haggerty (julia.haggerty@montana.edu).
The 2018 Applied Geography Conference (AGC) Student Poster Competition will be held on Thursday, 1 November from 8:00am – 12:00pm. The AGC Student Paper Competition will be held on Thursday, 1 November in two sessions (10:15am – 12:00pm and 2:00pm – 3:30pm). Additional information can be found at http://www.appgeogconf.org/student-competitions.html.

Dumbarton Oaks Research Library and Collection is accepting applications until November 1 for their 2019-2020 fellowships for final graduate degree students and post-graduate scholars. In the past, geographers have received fellowships in all three research focus areas: Byzantine, Pre-Columbian, and Garden and Landscape Studies. For more information consult the following link: www.doaks.org/research/support-for-research/fellowships

GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SCIENCE COORDINATOR – Position #K0238978: This unclassified, full-time position will be located at the Pratt Operations Headquarters and is directly supervised by Jake George, Wildlife Division Director. The incumbent will provide assistance to the Fisheries, Wildlife & Boating branch of the Department for GIS related projects and basic mapping needs. The GIScience Coordinator will provide direct assistance to agency staff with GIS related needs, and maintain oversight of ongoing contracts for GIS related services. Responsibilities include following federal aid procedures for timely grant applications, performance reporting, and expenditures/budget monitoring. The GIScience Coordinator will oversee all GIS related contract work, ensuring compliance with state purchasing guidelines while maintaining QA/QC of end products. The incumbent will serve as the official ESRI liaison, providing software support to Agency staff. Primary responsibilities include analyzing data requirements; performing advanced technical data and database design, development, implementation, management, and QA/QC to support agency operations and needs; develop and manage ArcGIS Online based web map and feature services; perform spatial data analyses; produce maps and other cartographic products; create and verify integrated data topologies for use within geospatial applications and systems; coordinate access to/distribution of data; identify and implement policies and procedures to enable users access to data; lead utilization of data analysis tools and techniques; and perform project leadership and management activities, as required. The GIScience Coordinator will be responsible for the continued development and improvement of field/mobile data collection methods for population monitoring and harvest/use surveys; continued production of statewide hunting and fishing atlases in printed, web map application, and various digital file formats; and develop new and useful data layers and web map applications for public use.

Minimum Requirements: Bachelor’s degree in geography, environmental, agricultural or natural resources and one year of GIS experience in a field of environmental sciences/agricultural sciences or natural resources. Additional experience in the biological sciences, agricultural sciences, physical sciences, or natural resources may be substituted for the required education as determined relevant by the agency. Preference will be given to applicants who possess at least two years of experience in the GIScience/natural resources field in addition to the bachelor’s degree. Qualified applicants must register with the State of Kansas by completing the personal information registration form to obtain their State of Kansas Applicant ID Number. This form may be completed online at https://admin.ks.gov/services/state-employment-center/sec-home/state-employment/register-personaldata. Qualified applicants may apply by submitting ALL of the following items: 1) a letter of interest, which includes your State of Kansas ID Number; 2) a detailed resume; including a valid email address; 3) transcript material, if applicable, (copies of official transcripts or unofficial student copies are acceptable as long as degree is conferred); 4) KDWPT employment application located at https://www.ksoutdoors.com/news/KDWPT-Info/Jobs/Employment-Application-Additional-Info;

**Job Opportunity**

The Department of Geography, University of Delaware invites applications for a tenure-track Assistant Professor of human geography beginning September 2019. The department seeks a scholar who shows exceptional promise as an intellectual leader in the field of political ecology emphasizing quantitative or mixed methods with a focus on natural resources. A strong candidate will have disciplinary overlap in the areas of urban geography, political geography, or both, and regional expertise in Sub-Saharan Africa or Asia. However, applicants with expertise in any sub-discipline of human geography are invited to apply. Questions regarding this position may be addressed to the committee chair Dana Veron, dveron@udel.edu. Review of applications will begin on October 5, 2018, and will continue until the position is filled. Apply here: apply.interfolio.com/53142. The successful candidate will be expected to develop an ambitious research program with a high level of publication and external support, enhance human geography course offerings and mentor students in the degree programs, and offer service to the department, college, university, profession, and community. A Ph.D. in Geography or related discipline is required at the time of appointment. To be considered for this position, applicants should submit: 1) a letter of application addressing their qualifications for the position, 2) a curriculum vitae, 3) statements of research and teaching interests, 4) a diversity statement, 5) up to three publications as examples of the candidate’s scholarship, and 6) contact information for three references.

Department of Geography, Rutgers University: The department seeks two tenure track positions: Assistant Professor in Political Ecology and Assistant Professor in Human Geography (Race, Gender, Ethnicity, Sexuality). For the first position, the department seeks candidates whose teaching and research interests focus on innovative perspectives with a focus on patterns of uneven development and how they shape resource systems and users. The department looks to hire a scholar with demonstrated commitment to in-depth fieldwork in a developing world region, and the interests on the history and political economy of resource use, and applies empirical insights to advance larger theoretical understandings of political ecology and international development. Possible areas of specialization include, but are not limited to, agro-pastoral or agro-food systems, conservation, environmental change, health and disease ecologies, land management, marine ecologies or maritime economies, resource extraction or conflict, rivers or water infrastructure, or urban political ecology. For more information about this open position please go to: https://jobs.rutgers.edu/postings/75886

For the second position, the department seeks candidates whose teaching and research interests focus on innovative perspectives on race, gender, sexuality, and/or ethnicity. Topical sub-areas might include, for example: racial discrimination; spaces of exclusion; black, feminist, or queer geographies; immigration and (im)mobilities; liberation politics; solidarity and social movements; spaces of difference; social or environmental justice; legal geographies; and boundaries/borders. The candidate will teach courses in the field of human geography at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. For more information about this open position please go to: https://jobs.rutgers.edu/postings/75884

For both positions, review of applications will begin on November 1, 2018. For additional information about either position or the application process, please contact Professor Kevin St. Martin, Department of Geography at kstmarti@rutgers.edu. Additional information about the Department of Geography and Rutgers University can be found at geography.rutgers.edu.

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor: The School for Environment and Sustainability (SEAS) at the University of Michigan is seeking applications for a full-time, nine-month, tenure-track Assistant or Associate Professor in Spatial Science of Coupled Natural-Human Systems. The SEAS seeks candidates whose work advances the frontiers of knowledge in natural-human system processes and relationships...
at diverse scales using theories, methods, and tools of spatial science. Topical areas of interest are broad. These could include human dimensions of global change as they relate to biodiversity loss, land-cover/land-use change, climate change, ecosystem services and valuation, material and energy flows, urbanization, and environmental degradation, among others. Candidates need to have strong capabilities in Geographic Information Systems (GIS), remote sensing, and/or other forms of spatial science, and to incorporate this as an integral core of their work. Candidates must have a Ph.D., and we are interested in candidates from a range of disciplines, including geography, anthropology, urban planning, ecology, hydrology, environmental science, computational or data science, engineering, public health, social sciences, or related fields.

Applications should include (1) a cover letter; (2) CV; (3) a concise personal statement describing vision and plans for research, teaching and societal engagement; (4) a one-page statement on how the candidate contributes to diversity efforts, and (5) a list of three academic references with contact information. To apply, submit application materials (in a single PDF file), via the following web address: http://seas.umich.edu/employment. For assistance or further information, you may contact SEAS.faculty.search.staff@umich.edu. Review of applications will begin on September 14, 2018 and continue until the position is filled. SEAS hopes to appoint a faculty member to this position to begin Fall 2019.

The Department of Geography at The Pennsylvania State University invites applications for a tenure-track faculty position at the assistant or associate professor rank. The department seeks an established scholar whose research and teaching contributes to the area of Environment and Society as a subfield of Geography. Areas of investigation could include water, sustainability, health, urbanization, social justice, globalization, global environmental change, political ecology, planning, or governance. A Ph.D. in Geography or a related field is expected at the time of appointment. It is expected that applicants in related fields will demonstrate how their work will fit within a diverse Geography department. Excellence in teaching, research, and service is expected, as is the development of an extramurally funded research program. Applicants should upload the following materials: 1) a letter describing how they would contribute to the Department's research and teaching program; 2) a complete curriculum vitae; 3) a maximum of five reprints; and 4) the names and addresses (including e-mail) of three references. All materials must be submitted electronically. To apply: https://psu.jobs/job/82838

Applicants should provide evidence, either woven through their application materials, or as a separate diversity statement, of a commitment to fostering diversity, equity, inclusive excellence, and belonging and of engagement which creates an inclusive environment in their department/workplace. Review of applications will begin October 8, 2018, but applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Questions about the position should be directed to the search committee chair, Dr. Brian King, Department of Geography, The Pennsylvania State University, 302 Walker Building, University Park, PA 16802; Phone: (814) 865-2612; E-mail: king@psu.edu.

The Department of Geosciences at Mississippi State University invites applications for a nine-month tenure-track position in Human Geography at the rank of Assistant or Associate Professor, with expertise in one or more of the following areas: economic geography, political ecology, political geography, health geography, food security, geographies of race, gender and sexuality, or another closely aligned area. We seek an energetic and enthusiastic scholar who can contribute to Mississippi State University’s research priorities in the areas of ‘addressing disparity’, ‘securing our future’ and/or ‘leading in the 21st century economy’. The anticipated start date is August 15th, 2019. Applicants will be expected to develop and teach undergraduate and graduate courses in regional geography, as well as
their area of expertise. Additionally, applicants will be expected to supervise masters and doctoral students. Successful applicants will hold a Ph.D. in geography or a closely related field at the time of appointment and demonstrate: (1) evidence of (or the potential for) excellence in research, teaching, and student mentoring; (2) a record of peer-reviewed publications; (3) the capacity to develop and direct an active, externally-funded research program; and (4) a commitment to professional service.

Candidates may apply on-line by submitting a cover letter that includes the applicant’s teaching philosophy and current and future research plans, curriculum vitae, and a list of three references with contact information through the Mississippi State University HRM Online Employment System: explore.msujobs.msstate.edu/cw/en-us/job/... or by going to http://explore.msujobs.msstate.edu/and searching for job number 497644. The position will remain open until filled; however, the review of applications will begin November 16, 2018. For questions about the position or the application process, please contact Dr. Shrinidhi Ambinakudige (Search Committee Chair): ssa60@msstate.edu.

The Department of Geography at Indiana University invites applications for a tenure-track Assistant Professor position in Critical Food Studies as part of a series of university-level strategic hires focused on food systems. The department seeks candidates who take a critical political economy approach to food and have demonstrated the ability to engage with community groups and policy makers. Ideal candidates will have a strong background in security, sovereignty, and justice within the U.S. food system, and investigate the ways that contemporary American food systems intersect with international political economies and political ecologies of food production, trade, and consumption. Candidates are expected to have or be able to develop an excellent research program, with the ability to attract external funding. Teaching duties include both undergraduate and graduate courses. Applicants should have or expect to receive their doctoral degree by August 1, 2019 in Geography or related field. The position will remain open until filled, but priority will be given to those who apply with full applications by October 15, 2018.

The School of Public and Environmental Affairs (SPEA) at Indiana University - Bloomington invites applications for an Assistant Professor or tenured Associate Professor with a specialization in sustainable food systems. The School seeks candidates from the social sciences with a focused line of research on food system development and evolution. Applicant’s background should bridge the nexus of food, community development, and sustainability, and ideally would have an analytical background in social-ecological systems. The School is particularly interested in candidates studying food systems within a U.S. context that possess mixed-methods research skills or systems modeling ability. The successful candidate will be expected to develop an extramurally-supported research program. Candidates may be appointed at the rank of assistant or associate professor. Appointment at the full professor level may be possible for a candidate with an exceptional research record in the specified areas of expertise. Minimum educational qualifications include a Ph.D. in a related field (e.g., sociology, economics, community development, public policy and affairs, geography, anthropology) and evidence of a developed research program. The successful applicant is expected to start August 1, 2019, and to have completed the Ph.D. by that date. To ensure consideration, application materials must be received by October 31, 2018, however, the search will continue until the position is filled. To apply, please submit a cover letter, curriculum vita, research statement, up to three papers, and contact information of three references electronically to https://indiana.peopleadmin.com/. Inquiries regarding the position should be sent to Dr. James Farmer (jafarmer@indiana.edu).

The SPEA at Indiana University-Bloomington also seeks to appoint a tenure-track faculty member at the assistant professor level in Human Ecology. The successful candidate will be expected to demonstrate strong scholarly potential, to develop an extramurally-supported research program, and to contribute to the teaching mission of the School. Applicants should have research interests in the general field of human behavior and the natural environment, with a focus on understanding society’s adaptive capacity and resilience in the face of environmental change. Related research interests might include but
are not limited to human risk perceptions and decision-making, human use of natural resources, human use and management of working lands, human/environment feedbacks, political ecology, and environmental justice. The Ph.D. or an equivalent terminal degree in a related field is required (e.g., human ecology, environmental studies, environmental anthropology, rural or environmental sociology, political science, environmental psychology, sustainability, etc.).

To ensure consideration, application materials must be received by October 15; however, the search will continue until the position is filled. Please submit a letter of application, current vita, sample publications, and contact information for three references to https://indiana.peopleadmin.com/ (select “Bloomington” and “Public and Environmental Affairs”, then Human Ecology”). Statements on teaching and service are optional but welcomed. The preferred start date is August 1, 2019. Doctoral degrees must be in hand by August 1, 2019. Inquiries regarding the position should be sent to Professor Beth Gazley at bgazley@iu.edu. For more information see: http://www.indiana.edu/~spea

Boise State University announces two tenure-track faculty positions in human-environment systems science. Competitive candidates will demonstrate expertise and interest in quantitative and integrative approaches to social-biological-physical systems, with the goal of addressing sustainability challenges. The university encourages applicants from a wide range of disciplines and backgrounds including geography, geoscience, biological science, climate science, social science, economics, math, engineering, and computational and data sciences. The university seeks an individual who applies innovative geospatial approaches to understanding processes and relationships across spatial and temporal scales in human-environment systems. Candidates may utilize novel data streams or develop and apply models to a wide range of topics at the interface of the environment and society, including, but not limited to, climate change, land use change, biodiversity, urbanization, and ecosystem services. For the second position, the university seeks an individual who develops novel complex systems/big data approaches to understand, model, and predict social-ecological system dynamics. Candidates may employ theoretical, empirical or computational tools from the fields of complex systems, network science and data science in order to address human-environment system challenges at local to global scales.

If you are interested in these positions, please submit in one PDF document: a cover letter (max 3 page), CV, contact information for a minimum of three professional references, and three publications as representative sample work. In the cover letter, you should address the following items in this order: 1) your qualifications for this position, especially application of quantitative methods; 2) your capacity to develop an integrated research, teaching, and service program to solve problems in human-environment systems (please see strategic plan); 3) evidence of and interest in transdisciplinary collaboration and team science; and 4) your interest in and commitment to diversity and inclusion. Candidates wishing to be considered for employment at the level of Associate Professor should specifically identify so in the cover letter. Questions should be e-mailed to hes@boisestate.edu. Closing date: October 16, 2018 at 11:59pm.

The UNC Department of Geography recruits applicants to the Carolina Postdoctoral Program for Faculty Diversity, a prestigious 2-year postdoc that has the goal of preparing recent PhDs for tenure track appointments at UNC. The department has previously used this mechanism multiple times to make tenure-track hires, and hopes to recruit another such scholar this year. The target applicants are US-born scholars from groups that are underrepresented in the academy. This is a full-time research appointment with no service obligations and the option of teaching a maximum of one course per year. Applicants who plan to rank Geography as their first choice placement at UNC should contact Geography Diversity Liaison Clark Gray (cgray@email.unc.edu) and/or potential faculty mentors in the department.
Applicants must have completed their doctoral degree within the past five years and no later than July 1st of the award year. The primary criterion for selection is evidence of scholarship potentially competitive for tenure track appointments at the University of North Carolina and other research universities. Application materials include: 1) a cover letter addressed to Vice Chancellor for Research, 2) curriculum vitae, 3) a statement of research plans (1-3 pages), 4) a contribution to diversity statement on why you should be selected for this program (1-3 pages), 5) writing samples (e.g., publications and/or dissertation chapters), and 6) two references for letters of recommendation. All Materials must be submitted through online application system to be accepted: unc.peopleadmin.com/postings/148285. Deadline is November 15, 2018 at 11:59 EST. Applications are accepted September 15th-November 15th.

**Professional Conference**

The Department of Geography at Kansas State University is hosting the 2018 Annual Meeting of the Great Plains/Rocky Mountain Division of the American Association of Geographers on October 5-6, 2018 on K-State campus in Manhattan, Kansas. Over 200 active geographers and spatial scientists – including faculty, practitioners, graduate students, and undergraduate students from the states of Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming - are expected to participate in discussions about basic and applied research in the human, physical, and geospatial subfields of geography and related disciplines.

Abstracts are due no later than September 7 and will only be accepted after registering for the meeting. More information about the conference, including links for registration and payment can be found at http://www.ksu.edu/gprm2018.

Accelerating Research Advances in Collective Spatial Cognition Specialist Meeting in Santa Barbara: Kevin Curtin at the U of Alabama and Dan Montello at UC Santa Barbara are organizing a Specialist Meeting on the interdisciplinary topic of Collective Spatial Cognition: Innovative Research about Spatial Thinking by Human Groups. The Meeting is planned for early January 2019 in Santa Barbara, CA. Consider submitting an Abstract to secure possible invitation to the meeting. For more information, please contact: Daniel Montello (montello@geog.ucsb.edu).

International Symposium on Society and Resource Management (ISSRM): The 25th Symposium of ISSRM will be held June 2-7, 2019 at the campus of the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh. A call for organized session proposals will be forthcoming by the end of September and due by November 15, when the call for abstracts for individual paper and poster presentations will be issued. Conference registration will open in early 2019. For more information about the symposium or about IASNR, please email Jessica Hill (info@iasnr.org).

Please contact Bimal Paul (bkp@ksu.edu) with K-State Globe items.