Departmental & Campus Events

Geography Colloquium: Fariastuti Djafar, “Life Strategy of Indonesian Migrant Workers in Malaysia,” 22 March at 3:30 p.m., Seaton 1069.

Geography Thesis Defense: John Paul Rogers, “The Contemporary Scottish Gaelic Linguistic and Cultural Landscape,” 21 March at 10:00 a.m., Seaton 1069.

Geology Seminar: Kirk Nordstrom, “Negative pH, Efflorescent Mineralogy, and the Challenge of Environmental Restoration at the Iron Mountain Mine Superfund Site, California,” 21 March at 4:00 pm, 213 Thompson Hall.

Weekly Geography Faculty Coffee Hour: 20 March and 27 March, 8:15 am, K-State Student Union.

Publications


Award

Md. Abu Sayeed Maroof awarded the Student Research Proposal Award from the 2019 AAG Water Resource Specialty Group. Congratulations!
Student Opportunities

Steve Kale Graduate Fellowship Program, 2019 request for proposals: The Department of Geography at Kansas State University is now considering research proposals for the Steve Kale Fellowship Program. Dr. Steven R. Kale was a native of the state of Kansas and earned a B.A. in Geography in 1970. He maintained his enthusiasm for geography throughout his career in transportation and was the recipient of the 2009 K-State Geography Distinguished Alumni Award. His goal and vision were to support student research in geography. Kale fellowships support research activities to be undertaken during a twelve-week period as part of a thesis or dissertation. The Kale Fellowship is the premier award for graduate students in the Department of Geography, and proposals for the award should reflect this. The proposed activities should be of the highest scholarly caliber, and the proposal should emphasize how receipt of the fellowship will enable the recipient to extend the scope of their research and contribute to broader geographical understanding. Proposals should emphasizing the conceptual aspects of the research, rather than methodological ones. The focus of the Kale Fellow should be entirely on these research activities during the period the fellowship is held. Each Kale Fellow will present a research colloquium to the Department of Geography during the Fall semester following the fellowship. The department expects to appoint on Kale Fellow pursuing an M.A. degree, and one Kale Fellow pursuing a Ph.D. during the period between May and August as funds and applications permit. These fellowships consist of a $4500 stipend to the student.

For eligibility:
- Applicants must be current full time at Kansas State University. For the graduate student fellowship, students must be enrolled in either the Geography masters or doctoral program, in good academic standing, and making satisfactory progress toward degree completion. Successful applicants may apply in subsequent years providing they still meet eligibility requirements, but priority will be given to new applicants. Receipt of other departmental awards (e.g. GGRG awards) does NOT preclude application for a Kale Fellowship. Proposals will be evaluated by the Geography department graduate committee. Evaluation will be based on the merits and vision of the proposed research.

Kale Fellowship application forms are available at: http://www.k-state.edu/geography/academics/forms.html. To apply to be a Kale Graduate Fellow, prepare:
1. A completed Kale Graduate Fellowship cover sheet
2. A short research proposal
   a. title
   b. one sentence overview of the proposed research
   c. a 500-word description of the proposed research
   d. a 500-word description of your interests and qualifications for the project
   e. a timeline of proposed activities
3. Your current curriculum vita
4. A letter of support from your faculty mentor stating how the funds will help you attain your research goals

Send a single pdf of items 1-3 and arrange to have the letter sent to: Dr. Douglas Goodin <dgoodin@ksu.edu> by 5 pm CST, 06 April 2019.

Marston Muddy Boots Fund to Support Field Work in Physical Geography: This fund was established to support graduate students in Geography at Kansas State University who are pursuing theses or dissertations centered in physical/environmental geography. The scholarship honors the memory of R.B. Marston, a lifelong educator, who attributed his achievements to hard work, a positive outlook and effective mentoring. Application for the Marston Muddy Boots Fund available to: graduate students in Geography at Kansas State University who are pursuing a master’s thesis or doctoral dissertation that utilizes concepts and techniques in physical/environmental geography. The thesis/dissertation project must involve a significant level of well-conceived fieldwork. Preferably, the project should explore one of the following two themes: 1) separate human effects on the environment
from changes that would have occurred without human interference; and/or 2) explain the integration between geomorphology, hydrology and other biophysical processes. The lack of other sources of direct financial support for the student’s thesis/dissertation should also be considered. A thesis/dissertation proposal, approved by the student’s committee, shall be the basis for judging applications along with a letter of application from the student. Recipients receive a cash award (the amount varies from year-to-year), a framed certificate, and have their names engraved on a plaque that is displayed in the department. Deadline: April 5, 2019 (submit your proposal to the Graduate Program Director Dr. Douglas G. Goodin, dgoodin@ksu.edu). Number of awards each year: variable Value: variable, normally awarded in the Spring Semester, prior to the onset of fieldwork Selected by: KSU Geography Graduate Program Committee.

**2019 Department of Geography Graduate Research Grant (GGRG) Competition:** The Geography Department at Kansas State University solicits proposals to directly support thesis or dissertation research activities. Examples of supported activities include travel to field sites, purchases or rentals of equipment or other resources (computer cluster time, data sets, software, etc.). Salary requests to support the graduate student applicant will not be considered, nor will travel requests to attend conferences or workshops. The amount and number of awards will vary from year to year depending on available funds and the quality of applications. Individual grants will not normally exceed $2,000.00 Eligibility: Applicants must be currently enrolled full time Geography graduate students in good academic standing and making satisfactory progress toward degree completion. The students do not need to be in residence to apply. Master's students may apply for support during their first year in the program. Successful applicants may apply to subsequent RFPs providing they still meet eligibility requirements. Proposals will be evaluated based on merit. However, applicants who can demonstrate that they have actively sought external sources of research funding will have a significant advantage in this competition. Required Application Materials:
1. A completed and signed cover sheet. (found at: http://www.kstate.edu/geography/academics/forms.html)
2. A five-page research proposal focusing on the specific application of the grant funds and its relevance to the larger thesis or dissertation project.
3. A 250 word abstract summarizing item #2.
4. A detailed budget.
5. A detailed budget justification (not to exceed one page)
6. A brief supporting letter from the applicant’s primary advisor

Please electronically submit your complete application as a single PDF file to the Graduate Program Director (Dr. Douglas Goodin, dgoodin@ksu.edu) by April 5, 2019.

**Milton and Emma Jean Rafferty: Gamma Theta Upsilon Geography Scholarship:** This scholarship is awarded annually to a worthy geography graduate or undergraduate student who is a member of and an active participant in the Beta Psi Chapter of Gamma Theta Upsilon at Kansas State University. The scholarship is named in honor of Milton and Emma Jean Rafferty and provides financial assistance to a student enrolled in the Department of Geography. Any current undergraduate geography major or graduate student enrolled during the 2018 - 2019 academic year is eligible. Award amount: $ 1000.00 and application deadline: March 29, 2019. Receipt of the Milton and Emma Jean Rafferty Scholarship does not preclude the award winner from receiving any additional scholarships awarded at Kansas State University. If you are interested in being considered for this Scholarship, please turn in the following materials by the application deadline to the Department of Geography main office. (1) A one-page essay describing the importance of geography for attaining your professional goals, and (2) Two letters of recommendation from instructors (letters should be sent to the department head, if sent separately).
Applicants may also mail their completed packets to: Rafferty Scholarship, 1002 Seaton Hall, Department of Geography, Kansas State University.

**Job Opportunity**

The Center for Geospatial Analytics at North Carolina State University is seeking a highly motivated individual to join its academic programs as a non-tenure track, 9-month, faculty member at the rank of Teaching Assistant Professor or Teaching Associate Professor. The selected individual will join a dynamic team of interdisciplinary faculty dedicated to educating the next generation of geospatial data science professionals and will contribute to a diverse and inclusive teaching environment. The primary duty of this position will be to teach and develop courses in the center’s highly ranked Professional Master of Geospatial Information Science & Technology Program (MGIST), Graduate Certificate in GIS Program, and growing offerings at the undergraduate level. The selected individual will teach the equivalent of five to six classes per year online and/or on-campus. Topics may include geospatial data infrastructure, cloud computing and CyberGIS, spatial analysis, geospatial programming and development, open source GIS, and decision analytics. The selected individual will also have opportunities to develop new courses in their area of expertise at the undergraduate and graduate levels. Service commitments may include mentoring students and serving on programmatic committees within the Center for Geospatial Analytics. There is also an opportunity to play a leadership role in the development of an interdisciplinary undergraduate minor in GIS and geospatial data sciences, including but not limited to curriculum development and student advising once the program is established. The initial contract will be for three years, with opportunities for multiple renewals and advancement based on yearly performance reviews and progress. Applicants must have a Ph.D. in a relevant field, with clear evidence of geospatial/GIS expertise. For interview process, please call 919-515-3148.

Department of Interior, US Fish and Wildlife Service is seeking four full-time term appointments (not to exceed 13 months) at Grand Junction, CO, Lakewood, CO, Manhattan, KS, and Helena, MT. Responsibilities include: 1) representing the Service in carrying out various agency responsibilities under the Endangered Species Act (ESA), Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, Migratory Birds Treaty Act, Bald Eagle Protection Act, Clean Water Act, National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and numerous other federal laws, regulations, and policies for the protection of natural resources; 2) planning and conducting on-site ecological investigations of complex land and water resource development proposals to determine their effect on fish and wildlife resources, with special emphasis on federally listed species; 3) conducting informal and formal ESA Section 7 consultations, reviewing biological assessments and NEPA documents, responding to species list requests and preparing biological opinions; and 4) preparing status and listing packages, as appropriate, for Federal candidate species as required under authority of the ESA; assist in the development and implementation of recovery plans for listed species.

To apply for the position, candidates must submit a complete Application Package which includes resume or application (at a minimum, the resume MUST contain job title (include job series and grade, if federal), duties, starting and ending dates (month and year), hours worked per week, and salary. USAJOBS has a template to ensure a complete resume.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8YX7o1PBoFk
Other supporting documents: 1) cover Letter, optional and 2) official or unofficial College Transcript(s). Education must be accredited by an accrediting institution recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. A copy of official transcripts will be required if the candidates are selected. For further information, visit: http://http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ous/international/usnei/us/edlite-visitus-forrecog.html.

The Department of Global and Sociocultural Studies (GSS) at Florida International University (FIU) invites applications for a tenure-track position at the rank of Assistant or Associate Professor in Critical and Applied GIS to begin August 2019. The successful candidate will play an active role in FIU’s existing graduate-level GIS Certificate and in establishing a new undergraduate GIS certificate.
Additionally, there are opportunities to build GIS lab capacity for research and teaching. Topical specialization is open, though the department seeks a colleague who will support and advance the existing agendas of the department, which include critical public health, immigration, critical race and ethnicity, political ecology, and urban social justice. A record of successful grant acquisition and publication is important. The successful candidate will offer both introductory and advanced courses oriented toward the application of GIS for the investigation of sociocultural phenomenon. Ph.D. in geography or related discipline required at the time of initial appointment. Qualified candidates should apply to Job Opening ID 517407 at facultycareers.fiu.edu. Submit a single document containing: 1) a cover letter 2) curriculum vita; and 3) writing sample. Under separate cover, please have three letters of academic reference sent as email attachments under subject heading “GIS Search” to Prof. Rod Neumann, GIS Search Committee Chair, Department of Global and Sociocultural Studies at gcrivell@fiu.edu. Initial screening of applications begins April 1, 2019 and continues until the position is filled.

**East-West Center (ECS), Honolulu** is accepting applications for two positions in the Center’s Early Career Scholars program. The ECS program mentors outstanding individuals with the intellectual curiosity and multidisciplinary research skills needed to explore the rapid and transformative changes occurring in fields such as agriculture, urbanization, food security, water usage and conservation, labor and migration, economics, governance, and climate change across the Indo-Asia-Pacific region. The Fellow will work constructively with colleagues from across the region to advance methodologies for finding, communicating, and implementing new solutions to important policy issues using the language and methods of the biophysical and social sciences. The Center is most interested in candidates whose expertise and work are regional or sub-regional in scope rather than single-country specialists. The ECS program offers the Fellow an opportunity to join a community of collaborators to create imaginative, transdisciplinary projects in pursuit of insights into the complex systems that matter most for science and society in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region. The positions are for a two-year limited appointment. Candidates must have a Ph.D. or equivalent in a field such as Geography, Political Science, Economics, Urban and Regional Planning, Natural Resources and Environmental Management, Demography, Sociology, Information Technology, or a related field from an accredited college or university. Candidates must be receptive to mentoring in pursuing career objectives and should show a record of research achievement commensurate with their time in their field of study with capacity in analytical and policy-relevant research. Good communication skills in the English language demonstrating the ability to communicate results and recommendations in a clear and concise manner to academic as well as informed policy, public, and private-sector audiences. Candidates will have research and experience in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region. Submit an electronic application to www.eastwestcenter.org/employment. Application should include a resume and a cover letter with the position title and a statement addressing how the objectives of the Early Career Scholars Program correspond with the applicant’s career development. Also, include names and contact information of three professional references. Screening and assessment will be based on materials submitted. Applications received by May 15, 2019 will receive full consideration. For more information about the Center, visit our website at www.EastWestCenter.org.

**Conference**

**ISFRE:** Registration for the 2019 International Society of Forest Resource Economics (ISFRE) Conference is now open. To Register online, please follow this link (http://sofew.cfr.msstate.edu/meeting_registration.asp). Registration is $375 per person ($425 after 4/30, $450 at the door). Student registration is $200 per person ($250 after 4/30, $275 at the door). This fee includes attendance to all conference presentations, receptions, coffee breaks, and includes a Networking Lunch. The conference will commence on the morning of May 14 with 2 plenary sessions and run until noon, May 15.
There will be a welcome social with student poster presentations on the evening of May 14. The optional tour will be in the afternoon of May 15. If you plan to attend the optional tour of Homestead Furniture, an Amish owned and operated custom furniture manufacturing facility, a $50 charge will be added to your registration.

A block of rooms is reserved at the Blackwell Inn (2110 Tuttle Park Place, Columbus, OH 43210). To reserve rooms online please follow this link (https://www.theblackwell.com/) to the hotel’s web page. Select book now, choose your dates, and then select the Special Codes drop down menu and enter ISFRE513 as the group code to get the special conference rate of $149 per night. Reservation requests must be made no later than Friday, April 19, 2019 to receive this rate. If you are requesting a reservation after this date, please contact the hotel directly for availability at 614-247-4000. If you plan to attend the optional tour, a limited number of rooms available for the night of May 15. If you plan to stay that night, it is very important that you reserve your room as soon as possible. If you have any problems reserving rooms online, please call the hotel directly and let them know that you are attending the ISFRE Conference. The Blackwell offers complimentary airport transportation, and must be scheduled at least 48 hours in advance, please follow this link for the shuttle schedule (https://www.theblackwell.com/transportation.htm). To arrange, you may contact the hotel concierge at (614) 247-4000. Please note, it is on a first come, first serve basis for availability. Valet parking is available for all guests and attendees, overnight rates are $20 and may be applied to your room. If you have any problems with registration of hotel reservation, please email me at Mehmood.9@osu.edu.

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