Departmental Events

Faculty Meeting: 18 October, 3:00 pm, Seaton 1069.

Weekly Geography Faculty Coffee Hour: 9 and 16 October, 8:15 am, K-State Student Union.

Grant

Audrey Joslin, Marcellus Caldas, and Jason Bergtold (Agricultural Economics) were recently awarded $42,795 through the Global Food Systems Seed Grant at Kansas State University for their project, "Agricultural Food Production and the Conservation Reserve Program in the Context of Wildfire: Assessing Rural Perceptions and Land Management in the U.S. Southern Plains." Their project is will run October 1, 2019 through September 29, 2020. Congratulations!

Publication


Student Opportunities

AAG Council Award, Best Grad Student Paper at Regional Division Meetings: The AAG is encouraging all Regional Divisions to invite submissions of graduate student papers under the AAG Council Award for Outstanding Graduate Student Paper at a Regional Division Meeting. The award is designed to encourage graduate student participation in Regional Division meetings and support their attendance at the AAG Annual Meeting. Each regional awardee will be issued a prize of $1,000 to support his/her travel and registration costs to attend the next AAG Annual Meeting in Denver, CO April 6 – 10, 2020. Please direct any questions about this award to: grantsawards@aag.org

The Department of Geography at the University of Florida is accepting applications for a graduate research assistant position in GIS and urban studies, to begin in August 2020. The assistantship will provide a stipend, health insurance, and cover the cost of tuition. This student will work with Dr. Yujie Hu (people.clas.ufl.edu/yujiehu). Prospective masters and PhD students are both being considered.

The ideal candidate will be motivated individuals with both experience in GIS and network theory and
modeling and interest in applying them toward urban studies, such as transportation, health care, and human-environment interactions. Applicants should demonstrate prior training and experience in GIS, network modeling, and statistical analysis. Skills and experience in programming (e.g., Python, R) and big data analytics are preferred. Interested candidates should contact Dr. Yujie Hu (yujiehu@ufl.edu). In initial email, please include a CV, GRE scores, and a brief statement outlining your research interests as well as any relevant skills, experiences, and previous coursework. To apply, please visit geog.ufl.edu/programs/grad/admissions and admissions.ufl.edu/apply/graduate. Note that all application materials, including letters of reference, must be submitted to the University of Florida Graduate School and Department of Geography no later than January 31, 2020. The University and Department of Geography especially encourage applications by students from underrepresented or minority groups.

Job Opportunities

The Department of Geography and the Environment at the University of North Texas (UNT) seeks application for a non-tenure track lecturer position with a specialization in Physical Geography/Geology to begin in August 2020. The department is seeking a broadly-trained physical geographer who is able to teach introductory courses in physical geography and geology as well as courses in the Geography major and Geology minor, including upper division electives in their area of expertise. An ability to teach an introductory course in GIS and organize or lead field trips/field schools is desirable. It seek also candidates with a strong commitment to mentoring undergraduate students. A Ph.D. in physical geography or a closely related field is required at the time of appointment. Applications must be submitted online at: http://facultyjobs.unt.edu, and should include a cover letter with a two-page statement of teaching and mentoring philosophy and teaching experience, a curriculum vitae, and full contact information of three references. Questions regarding the position can be directed to the Chair of the Search Committee, Dr. Feifei Pan (fpan@unt.edu). The search committee will begin its review of applications on 1 November 2019, and continue to accept and review applications until the position is filled.

The Department of Geosciences at Auburn University invites applications for a new tenure-track Assistant Professor position beginning in the Fall Semester 2020. The position is for a Geographic Information Scientist that specializes in geospatial data. Applicants are expected to hold a PhD in Geography or a related field at the time the appointment begins. The position covers a fundamental area of Geographic Information Science (GIScience) which examines the collection, storage, analysis, and visualization of geospatial data. The ideal candidate for the position will have a focus (or foci) on emerging geospatial technologies that are applied to geospatial data and big data. Such foci could include: 1) the use of drones to collect spatial data occurring on the Earth’s surface or subsurface; 2) real-time data collection using the cloud and mobile devices; 3) public participation GIS; and 4) data analytics and modeling such as advanced spatial analysis, space-time analytics, data mining, and spatial modeling. Applied GIS research areas of the candidate could include environmental analysis, global change, urban planning and simulation, natural hazards, and exploration and analysis of natural resources (water, vegetation, soils, minerals, oil/gas), etc. The department seeks a dynamic individual who will play a leadership role in propelling our new interdisciplinary Earth System Science PhD Program in which collaborative research programs that are regional or global in scope are currently active, with faculty in the College of Sciences and Mathematics, School of Forestry and Wildlife Science, College of Engineering, and College of Agriculture. The successful candidate is expected to develop a vigorous, externally funded
research program, publish scholarly work, and advise graduate and undergraduate students. The successful candidate will have duties that include teaching graduate and undergraduate courses based on his/her expertise. The candidate selected for this position must meet eligibility requirements to work in the United States on the date the appointment is scheduled to begin (August 2020) and must be able to continue working legally for the proposed term of employment. The candidate must possess excellent written and interpersonal communication skills. Applications must include curriculum vitae, letter of application describing professional experience, research and teaching interests, copies of transcripts, and the names and contact information of three professional references. To apply please go to https://aufacultypositions.peopleadmin.com/postings/3797, complete the online form and upload the required application documents.

**Boise State University’s School of Public Service** (SPS) seeks to hire two tenure-track Assistant Professors to contribute to a research and teaching cluster organized around the theme of “Governance and Well-Being in Sustainable Communities.” This is the second round of hiring on this theme. These new faculty members will support the growth of the interdisciplinary SPS programs Environmental Studies, Global Studies, and Urban Studies and Community Development, as well as existing MA, MPA, and PhD graduate programs. Candidates’ areas of focus should address the cluster theme but could do so from a variety of perspectives, including the following: Race, ethnicity, diasporic populations, and/or indigenous nations or tribal communities. Migration and the movement of peoples in the shaping of communities. Social and grassroots movements, non-profits, and non-governmental organizations. Science, technology, and society, especially the intersection of global, environmental, and/or urban change. The deadline for applications is October 20, 2019, 11:59 PM MST. Please submit a cover letter indicating the applicant’s interest and qualifications for this position, curriculum vita, a written sample of research, and transcripts (unofficial are acceptable). In addition, please include a 2-page statement of the candidates’ approach to teaching, including a summary of recent teaching evaluations and contributions would make to the programs. Please also include a 2-page statement of research output and trajectory giving context to the quality and placement of research. Please indicate scholarship variety, including peer-reviewed publications, commissioned reports, public service scholarship, etc., and identify the ways in which the candidate works interdisciplinary. Letters of recommendation will be requested before on-campus interviews. Please submit application materials using the following link:https://boisestate.taleo.net/careersection/infac/jobdetail.ftl?job=190839&tz=GMT06%3A00&tzname=America%2FBoise.

**The Department of Environment and Sustainability at the University at Buffalo** seeks to hire three Assistant or Associate Professors for the 2020-2021 academic year. The department seeks scholars with expertise in the economic, social, political, cultural, historical, psychological, and ecological aspects of environmental and sustainability issues. It is especially interested in scholars who study the macro structures that affect the sustainability of societies; the forces that shape the way individuals think and act; and the processes controlling coupled natural-human systems. Standard duties for academic-year (10-month) faculty include teaching undergraduate and graduate courses and seminars, advising and mentoring students, maintaining a strong research program, and providing service to the Department and University. Application materials should be submitted via UBJobs (http://www.ubjobs.buffalo.edu/postings/21775). Review of applications will begin Nov. 1, 2019.
The Department of Geosciences at University of Arkansas invites applications for a 9-month tenure-track Assistant Professor of Geography – GIScience with an anticipated start date of August 2020. Highly qualified applicants for Associate Professor with tenure will also be considered. The department seeks an outstanding individual with skills in geospatial data science and/or spatial data analytics, and systematic expertise that supports some combination of the University’s three signature research areas (https://researchfrontiers.uark.edu/signature-research-areas/). Systematic areas might include, for example, geospatial intelligence, augmented reality and holographic GIS, economic geography, transportation analysis and logistics, urban and rural design, medical geography, social networks and sharing economy. The successful candidate will be expected to develop an independent, externally-funded research program and complement ongoing collaborative and interdisciplinary research in the Department of Geosciences and the University. Teaching duties may include introductory GIScience, geospatial computational tools, geodatabases, and/or upper-division undergraduate or graduate courses in the candidate’s field of interest. To be considered for the position, applicants must submit a cover letter/letter of application, a curriculum vita, a brief statement of research interests, a brief statement of teaching interests, and a list of three professional references (name, title, email address, and contact number) willing to provide letters of reference. Letters, if requested, should address the research and teaching experiences of the applicant. All applications must be submitted electronically at https://jobs.uark.edu/postings/36436. Questions regarding this position may be addressed to the search committee chair, Dr. Jason A. Tullis (jatullis@uark.edu). Completed applications received by October 17, 2019 will be assured full consideration. Late applications will be reviewed as necessary to fill the position.

Samford University’s Howard College of Arts and Sciences invites individuals to apply for the position of Assistant Professor of geography in the Department of Geography and Sociology. This position is a tenure track, 9-month faculty appointment and carries a 3-3 load. Position will begin August 2020. The department is seeking a broadly trained human-environmental geographer with expertise in the teaching and application of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) or other geospatial tools in their specialty area. Candidates must have a Ph.D. in Geography at the time of the appointment. Areas of specialization may include human-environmental geography, economic/business geography, or a regional expertise preferably outside the United States and Canada. As a strategic member of Samford University’s digital initiative, this individual will work with other schools and departments to make interdisciplinary connections between geography, GIS, and fields in which GIS methodology is applied. The successful candidate will teach 100-level Global Geography and Physical Geography courses, as well as Introductory and/or Advanced GIS. Additional upper level courses can be designed according to disciplinary expertise. Review of applications will begin August 19, 2019 and will continue through at least December 13, 2019. Please submit a letter of application; curriculum vita with names and contact information of three references; evidence of teaching effectiveness; description of leadership experience; research interests and activities; application for faculty position; and faculty applicant Christian mission statement. All questions about this position should be directed to Jennifer Speights-Binet, jspeigh@samford.edu. “Application for Faculty Position” can be found at: (https://www.samford.edu/departments/files/Human_Resources/application-for-faculty-employment.pdf) and “Faculty Applicant Christian Mission Statement” can be found at: (https://www.samford.edu/departments/files/academic-affairs/Faculty-Applicant-Christian-Mission-Statement.docx). Please submit all materials as a PDF file to: FACAPP@samford.edu
ATTN: Geography Assistant Professor
School of Earth Systems and Sustainability, Southern Illinois University Carbondale is seeking application for a tenure-track Assistant Professor for appointment on August 16, 2020; 9-month, continuing appointment. Applicants must possess an earned doctorate in Geography, Geology, or a closely related field. All degree requirements must be met by August 15, 2020. Applicants must show evidence of relevant teaching and research, including peer-reviewed publication. Applicants must have a professional record that establishes their external funding history and/or potential. Preference will be given to applicants with a focus on applied research in sustainability science that complements existing strengths in the School of Earth Systems and Sustainability. Post-doctoral experience is preferred. Duties and Responsibilities: Duties include the following: teaching a mix of undergraduate and graduate courses, which may include introductory and advanced courses in sustainability, and other topics in the candidate’s area of expertise; service on M.S. and Ph.D. student committees; maintaining an active and successful research program that includes external research support; and appropriate service.

The School of Earth Systems and Sustainability is a newly formed school affiliated with the College of Science and houses programs in Geography and Environmental Resources (geography.siu.edu) and Geology (geology.siu.edu) The school offers bachelor’s and master’s degrees in Geography and Environmental Resources, Geology and two doctoral degrees (Environmental Resources and Policy and Geosciences). Areas of study at the undergraduate and graduate levels include: Climate and Water Resources, Environmental Geology, Environmental Sustainability, Geographic Information Science, Geophysics, and Resource Geology. Application Deadline is October 15, 2019, or until filled. Applications may be submitted electronically or by mail. Applications must include a cover letter describing sustainability-oriented teaching and research experience and goals, a CV, and a list of three references. Applicants should also include reprints of recent publications. Materials can be sent electronically to ess@siu.edu or by mail to: Justin Schoof, Director School of Earth Systems and Sustainability, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, 1000 Faner Drive Mail Code 4514, Carbondale, Illinois 62901.

The Department of Geosciences at Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, Tennessee invites applications for a tenure-track, Assistant Professor of Geography to begin August 1, 2020. The department seeks applicants broadly trained in geography with a specialization in human-environmental geography. Candidates should have expertise in the relationship between humans and their environment across geographic locations around the world. Regional area of specialization open. Ph.D. in Geography (advanced ABD will be considered if all degree requirements will be completed by August 1, 2020). Each applicant must include the names and contact information for three references, one of which must be from your most recent or current employer, with your application materials. Many people add this to the end of the CV. Applicant must submit a Teaching Philosophy along with application. Applicant review will continue until the position is filled. Please refer all questions to facultyapplications@apsu.edu. Applications taken ONLINE ONLY at http://www.apsu.edu/human-resources.

Department of Geosciences and Environment, California State University, Los Angeles seeks applications for a tenure-track faculty position. Preferred qualifications include: 1) demonstrated expertise in a closely-related discipline (examples include, but are not limited to, geomorphology, hydrology, or biogeography), and 2) Evidence of successful teaching experience at the graduate level. The primary professional responsibilities of instructional faculty members are: teaching, research, scholarship and/or creative activity, and service to the University, profession and to the community. These responsibilities generally include: advising students, participation in campus and system-wide committees, maintaining office hours, working collaboratively and productively with colleagues, and participation in traditional academic functions. The successful candidate may be expected to contribute to the department’s well-established programs of climate, climate change, hydrology, environmental sciences and meteorology at both undergraduate and graduate levels. He/she may also have opportunities to contribute to on-going student research projects, and initiate new student-oriented
research projects within the department or with other disciplines. Specifically the successful candidate should be committed to recruiting, engaging, and mentoring diverse students in their core areas of research. The candidate may have opportunities to teach a variety of physical geography, climatology and atmospheric science courses, as well as courses fitting the candidate's specialization and supporting existing degree and certificate programs offered by the Department.

Please submit the following to the Search Committee at the email address below: 1) a cover letter specifically addressing minimum and preferred qualifications, 2) a curriculum vitae, 3) a narrative statement describing your commitment to working effectively with faculty, staff, and students in a multicultural/multiethnic urban campus environment with a substantial population of first-generation students, 4) a list of three professional references, and 5) a university application for employment (www.calstatela.edu/academic/position). Review of applications will begin October 15, 2019 and continue until the position is filled. Please email all application materials in a single PDF to: GEOSFacultySearch@calstatela.edu. Please type “Geosciences & Environment Tenure-Track Application” in the subject line. Please address all questions to the search committee, at: GEOSFacultySearch@calstatela.edu or 323-343-2400.

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Sacramento State seeks a Human/Cultural geographer with specialty in race, ethnicity, gender, and/or sexuality and a regional focus to join Geography Department’s growing faculty at the Assistant Professor rank. The department is looking for a geographer dedicated to providing students with the analytical skills necessary to engage a variety of social issues and to prepare for success in the workplace and/or graduate school. The successful candidate will teach undergraduate courses in Human Geography and Metropolitan Area Planning concentrations. It seeks applicants committed to teaching a diverse group of undergraduate students. The successful candidate will play a role in strengthening the connection between university and the surrounding region by engaging students with the Sacramento community. Review of applications will begin October 28, 2019, and the position will remain open until filled. Applications are accepted only through the Sacramento State jobs website located at http://csus.peopleadmin.com. Instructions on how to apply can be found at this link. A Ph.D. in Geography is required. ABD candidates will be considered. If ABD, candidates will be required to complete the doctorate by August 2020. Graduate coursework and research experience in human/cultural geography with specialty in one or more of the following areas: race, ethnicity, gender, sexuality. Regional specialization in Latin America, Asia, or Oceania is preferred. Other preferences include: demonstrated potential to collaborate with faculty and students on community projects, demonstrated potential to incorporate qualitative GIS in teaching and/or research, demonstrated ability to work well with students from diverse backgrounds, and prior teaching experience at the college or university level.
Annual Meetings

Great Plains/Rocky Mountains Regional Division Fall Meeting will be held on October 11-12, 2019 at Lawrence, Kansas. The Department of Geography and Atmospheric Science at the University of Kansas will host the 2019 Annual Meeting of the Great Plains-Rocky Mountain Division of the American Association of Geographers at the Oread Hotel, 1200 Oread Ave.

The Binghamton Geomorphology Symposium (BGS) will be held in Metropolitan State University of Denver, CO, on October 11-13, 2019. This 50th BGS will provide a perspective of geomorphology from its historical past to potential advancements in the future. The BGS: 50 years of enhancing geomorphology will have six main themes based on the foundation of topics presented at the previous symposia. Themes include: 1) Glacial, fluvial, and Periglacial; 2) Tectonics and Gravity; and 3) Biogeomorphology and Soils; Concepts and Paradigms include: Anthropogenic influences and Applications. Each theme will have an introductory perspective talk and will provide a perspective of how the BGS has advanced the research frontier. This will be followed by several presentations that will focus on the present and future state of research related to the BCS themes.

The format of the BGS is simple. Day 1 consists of an optional field trip to Rocky Mountain National Park, followed by an evening ice-breaker networking event. Day 2 consists of one main session (no concurrent presentations), followed by an evening poster presentation session, culminating in a dinner function with a keynote address given by Vic Baker. Day 3 resumes with invited speaker presentations, ending by mid-day to allow travel on Sunday afternoon. Most meals, drinks, and snacks are included in the Registration fee. Registration for the 50th BGS is will close on 9/20. Space is still available on the field trip to Rocky Mountain National Park. Funding for travel awards to attend the conference is also available. Please visit this site for additional information: http://sites.msudenver.edu/jjanke1/

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