

2nd Annual Geography Student Research Symposium

By Kirk Schoppe

On April 22, 2005, undergraduates, graduates, and alumni will participate in the 2nd Annual Geography Student Research Symposium. This mini-conference of the Texas State Geography Department has created quite a buzz and will prove to be an exciting opportunity to present research projects and posters. This unique opportunity allows students to share their work with friends, faculty, special guests, family, and colleagues, who are unable to attend professional conferences.

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Geography Scholar Passes

Adapted by Angelika Wahl

It is with a heavy heart that we must inform you Joe Grady Moore, Jr., 80, died Friday, March 11, at his home in Austin, Texas. Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 15, at First Baptist Church in Austin, and burial followed in the Texas State Cemetery.

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11th Annual Alumni Reunion and Student Celebration

By Angelika Wahl

Happy 2005!!!! Tie a ribbon on your finger, write a reminder on a sticky note, create a reminder in your calendar, whatever you do – be sure to mark your calendars for April 30, 2005. The official date for our 11th Annual Alumni Reunion and Student Celebration!

Events include presentations of more than 50 scholarships and awards to outstanding geography majors and graduate students — and, of course the annual barbeque from Fuschak's, with this year's entertainment – our own alumnus Carley Pilgrim and the Gypsy Cowgirls (www.gypsycowgirls.com)!!

We will also continue our scholarship fundraising efforts with our fourth annual Silent Auction. Anyone wishing to contribute may email GeoAlumni@geo.txstate.edu.

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Dr. Philip Suckling Appointed as New Department Chair

By Cynthia Opheim

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Philip W. Suckling as Professor and Chair of the Department of Geography, effective July 1, 2005. Dr. Suckling earned B.Sc. (1973) and M.Sc. (1974) in geography from McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada and a Ph.D. (1977) in geography from the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.



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Faculty News

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Suckling Joins Department as Chair

From 1984-88, Dr. Suckling served as Graduate Coordinator for Georgia's large Ph.D.-granting geography program, and he held the General Sandy Beaver Teaching Chair of Geography from 1988-91.

In 1991, Dr. Suckling became head of the Department of Geography at the University of Northern Iowa. During his 14 years in this administrative position, the geography faculty grew by 25%, and geography course enrollments tripled, the number of undergraduate and graduate majors increased significantly.

Dr. Suckling's interests involve climatology and natural hazards. He has over 60 scholarly publications in a wide range of geography and meteorological/ climatological publications.

Phil and his wife Cheryl have four daughters. He and his wife Cheryl are dog show enthusiasts with their Siberian husky and Newfoundland dogs.

We look forward to welcoming Dr. Suckling as he assumes his duties as Professor and Chair of our department.

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on-line
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Faculty Recognized

Adapted by Barbara Hilliard

Please join us in congratulating our faculty as they were recognized, selected, and nominated throughout the past few months:

- David Butler and David Stea are the College of Liberal Arts nominees for the Presidential Excellence in Scholarship Award.
- Fred Day has been selected 2005 NTSO Outstanding Professor of the Year by the Nontraditional Students Organization.
- Yongmei Lu and her Geo 4427 class successfully presented their class project at SWAAG (Southwestern Association of American Geographers) conference in Nacogdoches.
- Alberto Giordano presented testimony to several congressional staffers in Washington D.C. concerning his research comparing unemployment offices and the location of areas with high rates of non-employment among people with disabilities.
- Byron Augustin was selected for inclusion into the 9th ed. of Who's Who Among America's Teachers and has been named Co-Chair of the Texas State University Fund Drive. Doc as he is known on campus took the plunge for a dollar to help raise money for scholarships earlier this semester.



2005 ALUMNI REUNION AND STUDENT CELEBRATION SCHEDULE

When: Saturday, April 30, 2005

Where: Aquarena Springs – in the conference center (formerly the restaurant).

This year all of the following events will take place at Aquarena:

- 1:00 – Registration/Begin Silent Auction
- 2:00 – Scholarship Presentations
- 3:00-6:00 – Glass Bottom Boat Rides
- 4:00 – Awards Presentations/End of Silent Auction
- 5:30-6:30 – Silent Auction Pick-up
- 5:30-8:00 – Barbecue Dinner
- 7:00-11:00 – Entertainment – Gypsy Cowgirls

We are looking forward to honoring our students, faculty, and alumni!

11th Annual ARSC, April 30, 2005

We will return to Aquarena Springs this year with all events taking place in and around the conference center. Registration and the silent auction begin at 1:00 p.m. with the Scholarship Presentations beginning at 2:00 p.m.






































Dr. Eyton will have his amazing satellite imagery on display and the Awards Presentation will begin at 3:00 p.m. We will again be able to enjoy the endangered species exhibit and glass bottom boat rides. Did you know there are nature trails as well as historical sites at Aquarena? Come explore the old and the new at this year's celebration!

Look for updates which will be provided on the department's Website: www.geo.txstate.edu. All faculty, staff, current students, alumni, friends of the department and your families are invited to celebrate this year's achievements at our 11th Annual Alumni Reunion and Student Celebration! Registration is just \$10 before April 27th and \$15 at the door. (Registration form is located on the last page of this newsletter as well as on our Website) Please feel free to email GeoAlumni@geo.txstate.edu with any comments and/or suggestions you may have.

We look forward to seeing you and your families on **April 30, 2005!**

2005 GEOGRAPHY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Department scholarships have been endowed by generous donations from faculty, alumni, and friends of the Department. Winners are determined by the Scholarships and Awards Committee and are subject to vote of the faculty. The Scholarships and Awards Committee consists of Dr. Joanna Curran (Chair), Dr. Yongmei Lu, Dr. Richard Earl, and Dr. David Stea. Join us in congratulating these students!

 Leif Anenson Geography Scholarship – Marlen Leal  Bruce Lee Augustin Undergraduate Geography Scholarship – Ryan Janway  Byron “Doc” Augustin Undergraduate Geography Scholarship – Yakoko Handa 
 George D Battle Memorial Scholarship Supporting Research in Climatology or Coastal Geography – Rebecca Brown  A E and Alvina Beckworth Geography Scholarship – Susan Meckel  Blanchard Family Geography Scholarship – Bharati Ayyalasomayajula  Don and Reba Blaschke Scholarship for the Protection of the San Marcos River – Vera Wood Cruz  Frank and Ivy Boehm Geography Scholarship – Xiaomin Qui  Karen Brettschneider Undergraduate Geography Scholarship – Joshua Bailey  Brock Brown Non-traditional Minor Student Geography Scholarship – Cherrie Lee Phillips  Ray and Marian Butler Environmental Geography Scholarship – Carol Sawyer  Peggy Steele Clay Outstanding Pre-service Teacher in Geography Scholarship – Whitney Ray  Richard A Earl Gamma Theta Upsilon Geography Scholarship – Elizabeth Young  Lawrence Estaville Scholarship in Geography – Natalie Bell  Four Brothers Scholarship in Geography – Fenda Akiwumi  Hilmar W and Alta R Hageman Family Endowed Scholarship – Ian Snyder  Allen D Hellman Scholarship in Geography – Leticia Martinez  Hodges-Padilla Dissertation Research Scholarship – Shuo-sheng (Derek) Wu 
 Donna Rankin Jeffries Undergraduate Scholarship – Jennifer Petrzelka  Sally Ann Karnau Undergraduate Geography Scholarship – Elizabeth McMillan  Sally Ann Karnau Geography Dissertation Research Scholarship – Shing-Tzong Lin  Ross Kimmel Jr Undergraduate Scholarship in Nature and Heritage Tourism – Melissa Gray 
 Lester Family Geography Scholarship – Rain Nox  Amita Malwade Graduate Scholarship in Human Geography – Ashley McNabb  Joe and Jerry Moore Scholarship in Water Resources – Johnathan Frodge 
 Martha Sue Baker Morrow Scholarship for a Teacher Candidate for Secondary Geography Teaching – Lauren Maples  Gilbert M White Natural Hazards Scholarship – Darlene Occena-Gutierrez  Alice Rechlin Perkins Graduate Scholarship in Geographic Education – Jana Harter  Leon and Verann Simmons Scholarship – Robert Landry  Spirit of Geography Scholarship – Noah Hopkins  Phillip A Staskus Undergraduate Geography Scholarship – Andrew Goudge  Roy H Touchstone Graduate Scholarship in Nature and Heritage Tourism – Nyta Brown  Adrana Samantha Visser Memorial Geography Scholarship – Xueqin He  Jim Wacker Memorial Scholarship – Anthony Warzecha  Irene L Wahl Geography Scholarship – Dawna Cerney  Mao-Geng Zhan Scholarship for Academic Excellence – Jungmei Tang 

UPCOMING DEPARTMENT EVENTS

Jemison to Present 7th Annual Distinguished Lovell Lecture

By Rich Dixon

The James and Marilyn Lovell Center for Environmental Geography and Hazards Research of the Department of Geography, Texas State University-San Marcos is proud to announce its upcoming Seventh Annual Distinguished Lovell Lecture on April 26, 2005 at the Alkek Teaching Theater at 7:00 pm, Texas State University, San Marcos. The Lecture will be



given by Dr. Mae C. Jemison, former NASA Astronaut and founder/president of *The Earth We Share* (TEWS). For more information, please contact, Dr. Richard W. Dixon, Director, *The James and Marilyn Lovell Center for Environmental Geography and Hazards Research*, Department of Geography, Texas State University-San Marcos. Email: rd11@txstate.edu Tel: 512-245-7436.

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2nd Annual GSRS

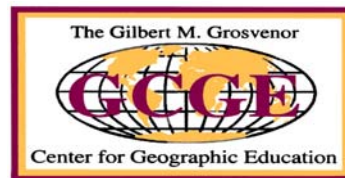
The GSRS committee has worked hard to prepare this event for you and has created a new initiative this year. Each presentation session will be accompanied by a panel session pertaining to Environmental Issues, Urban Planning, and Women in Geography. These panels will be arranged to resemble a “round-table” type of discussion and will address significant issues concerning current events in each category.

The day will conclude with an incredible speaker, Dr. Daniel Sui. He will be discussing “Ubiquitous Computing and the Future of Geography.” The day will be filled with amazing research, enlightened discussion, and dynamic presentations. We at the 2005 GSRS committee are very excited about the upcoming event and hope to have you attend or even participate. If you are interested in giving a presentation or volunteering for the event please contact Kirk Schoppe, Chair ks1092@txstate.edu. Hope to see you there!

2005 Grosvenor Center International Conference

By Judy Behrens

On May 27-29, 2005, the Grosvenor Center for Geographic Education will host its biennial International conference here on the campus of Texas State University-San Marcos. This year’s conference, “Building a Research Agenda,” will bring together geographers from throughout the United States and across the globe to discuss ways to build a stronger research agenda in the field of geographic education. The conference keynote address will be given by Lanny Proffer, former Director of the National Geographic Society’s Education Foundation. The schedule will include two days of conference sessions, a variety of local field trips, and a post-conference field trip to Nuevo Laredo, led by Dr. James Petersen. For additional information about this

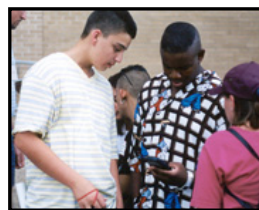


event, contact the Grosvenor Center for Geographic Education at (512) 245-1823 or jb42@txstate.edu

2005 Summer Academy for Minority Scholars

by Judy Behrens

For the fourth year in a row, the Grosvenor Center for Geographic Education is proud to host the Summer Academy for Minority Scholars. From June 12-18, 2005, 12 teams of high school students and their teachers from across the state will participate in a



seven-day, in-residence workshop here at Texas State University-San Marcos. The Summer Academy is designed to introduce minority students to various aspects of contemporary geography, including field exercises, the use of geographic technologies, and opportunities available for those interested in pursuing geography as an academic or career pathway.

DEPARTMENT NEWS

New Accelerated Learning Ph.D. Program in Geographic Education

By Judy Behrens

The Department of Geography at Texas State University-San Marcos has developed a unique Accelerated Learning Ph.D. program in Geographic Education. This new doctoral program caters to classroom teachers, community college instructors, and other individuals who want to obtain an advanced degree, but cannot stop their busy lives to participate in a traditional Ph.D. program. The Accelerated Learning Ph.D. program is a "hybrid" summer-focused, cohort-based doctoral program. It offers on-campus courses during two summer sessions and 100% online courses during the fall and spring semesters.

According to Dr. Scott Walker, a co-developer of the program with over 10 years experience developing online education programs, "I earned my doctorate through a hybrid program at a premier university in Australia. I don't see why teachers can't do the same thing in geography education through Texas State."

The Accelerated Learning Ph.D. program at Texas State is the only hybrid doctoral program of its kind in the world. The first cohort of students in this innovative program will begin taking classes during the Summer 1 session in June 2005. More information is available online at: <http://www.geo.txstate.edu/programs/geoed/>.

Geography Students Recognized

Adapted by Barbara Hilliard

Please join the department in congratulating these students for their varied accomplishments:

- Junmei Tang, PhD student, is the third place winner of the 2005 ASPRS Space Imaging Award
- Carol Gillespie, PhD student, has recently been inducted into the Society of Women Geographers, included in *Something About the Author* (a reference series on authors and illustrators of books for children and young adults) and she has an essay published on the Old Order Amish on the AP Human Geography website
- Steven Gray, in the MS program, has been awarded a 3-month fellowship from the US EPA in their National Network for Environmental Management Studies Fellowship Program
- Adrienne Booth, in the MAG program, co-authored, with Dr. Jim Kimmel, a report for the City of Luling and the Zedler's Mill Steering committee regarding nature-and-heritage tourism focusing on the Zedler's Mill historic site as part of a larger heritage-tourism and community development program, and she also wrote a book review for publication in the Spring 2005 issue of the journal *Material Culture* about Terry Jordan-Bychkov's book "The Upland South"



NEW ARRIVALS

Xuwei and Guangyu had a beautiful baby boy on November 11th. Andy Wu was born 5lb 14.6oz and 18" in length. Mom and baby are doing great.

Elena Morgan and her husband Brent welcomed Race Porter Morgan to the world on Tuesday, March 22nd at 4:47pm after just under 16 hours of labor. Race was 21 inches long and weighed in at 7 lbs and 14 oz.



Texas Watch

Adapted by Barbara Hilliard



Television

Texas Watch Director, Eric Mendelman was interviewed on PBS's Texas Parks and Wildlife Documentary "The State of Water: Finding A Balance." The show was narrated by Walter Cronkite and aired on Thursday, January 27.

Upcoming Events

- 🕒 April 16th - Texas Watch Water Quality Monitoring Training Session 9am-3 pm ELA 150
- 🕒 April 20 - Earth Day/NPS Model Presentation - Matthews Elementary School - Austin - 10am-1pm
- 🕒 April 21 - Texas Watch Presentations at Jacobs Well in Wimberley - Present to several 4th grade classrooms 8am-2pm
- 🕒 May 4 - Texas Watch Presentation at Crockett Elementary Science Fair in San Marcos
- 🕒 May 10 & 25 - Texas Watch NPS Model Presentation(s) at McKinney Roughs - School age children

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DEPARTMENT NEWS

Texas State Geography Grants and Contracts

By Pat Hell-Jones

Fall 2004 was very busy for Department of Geography grants and contracts. A total of 24 proposals were submitted between September 1 and December 31. At this time, 12 have been funded for a total of \$42,452. Twelve proposals are still being reviewed by the funding agencies.

Funding was obtained from the Natural Hazards Center at the University of Colorado – Boulder, the Texas State University-San Marcos Research Enhancement Program, and the Texas State University Library Research Grant program, to name a few. Awardees include Dr. David Butler, Dr. Scott Walker, Dr. Leo Wang, Dr. Richard Dixon and Dr. Alberto Giordano.

Dr. Pam Showalter and Dr. Sue Johnson (Sociology) have submitted a proposal to the U.S. Department of Agriculture Integrated Research, Education, and Extension Competitive grants program, Dr. Yongmei Lu and Dr. Kim Rossmo (Criminal Justice) submitted a concept paper to the National Institute of Justice, and Dr. Scott Walker has submitted to the National Science Foundation and collaborated on another NSF proposal with Dr. David Stea, and Dr. Joanna Curran and Dr. Sergio Fagherazzi (Florida State University) submitted to the NSF Earth Sciences Research program.

The proposals listed are examples of the effort put forth by faculty and graduate students into researching, writing, and obtaining grants. Within the department, student support, software and computer purchases, and research materials would decrease significantly without the efforts put forward by our extraordinary, committed faculty. “Sharing the Spirit of Geography” with students, other faculty members, and staff is the result of their efforts.

New Staff Member

Adapted by Barbara Hilliard

Charles Robinson joined our department in November 2004 as the Microcomputer Lab Coordinator. Before coming to Texas State University Geography department Charles earned a BBA degree in Computer Information Systems in 1995 and worked as a senior System Administrator for Motorola in Austin for seven years, and enjoyed substituted teaching for San Marcos area schools.

Charles is married to Tracy, and they have two children Derrik (9) and Isabella (1). Some of his favorite activities to do with his family are camping at many of our wonderful Texas State parks, swimming in the San Marcos River, and outdoor grilling. Charles is a big sports fan, especially when it comes to the Dallas Cowboys, Longhorn football, and Spurs basketball.

He is looking forward to spending many great years with the department to help keep us number one.



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Moore Passing

Joe was a lifelong public servant and teacher. Throughout his life, he was committed to the cause of clean water and environmental protection. The night before he died, he taught a graduate class in environmental law, regulation, and public policy at Texas State University in San Marcos, where he was a Distinguished Professor of Biology. He was a deacon and Sunday school teacher at FBC in Austin, which he and his wife, Jerry, joined in the early 1950s. Joe and Jerry, who were married Nov. 13, 1948, also were members of Royal Lane Baptist Church in Dallas, when they



lived in Richardson from 1976-1995.

During his more than 35 years of service to the State of Texas, Joe taught at three universities. From 1996 until his death, he was a Distinguished Professor at TSU, formerly Southwest Texas State University, first in the Geography and then the Biology Departments. He was a Professor in the Graduate Program in Environmental Sciences at The University of Texas at Dallas from 1976-89. And in 1973, he was Director of the Office of Research at the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs at The University of Texas at Austin.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the Joe and Jerry Moore Scholarship in Water Resources, Texas State University, Development, 601 University, San Marcos, Texas 78666, or First Baptist Church in Austin, 901 Trinity St., Austin, Texas 78701.

DEPARTMENT NEWS

By Barbara Hilliard

In each newsletter we highlight the important contributions of department alumni, faculty, students, and staff. One group that has been overlooked throughout the years is the student-workers. Students-workers dedicate time

during their busy school schedules to work in one of our many department offices. We would like to introduce you to this dedicated, hardworking, enthusiastic, intelligent and diverse group of young people. Please join

us in saying a very large "THANK YOU" to this outstanding group of student-workers!

Alex Nankervis

Alex is a senior, majoring in Mathematics. He will graduate in December 2005. Alex is a member of Alpha Lambda Delta and Golden Key.



Amy Ford

Amy is a senior majoring in Criminal Justice. After graduation this May, Amy plans to move to Washington, D.C., apply for graduate school and get into a fellows program with the Secret Service. Ultimately, Amy would like to go to Law school and earn the title: Judge Ford.



Adriana Heard

Adriana is a senior, majoring in Sociology. Adriana will graduate in December 2005. She enjoys jogging and listening to music.



Shelia Henk

Shelia is a senior, majoring in Geography. She will graduate in May, after which she plans to go on the graduate school. Shelia enjoys painting, playing guitar and piano, and reading.



SARA WENDLAND

Sara is a senior, majoring in Fine Arts with an emphasis in photography. Sara will graduate in May, after which she may pursue graduate school or try to survive in New York or California.

Alexis Baughman

Alexis is a senior majoring in Political Science. After graduation this May, Alexis will be moving to Fort Walton Beach, Florida with her Fiancé, where they will be married on November 12. Alexis plans to get a job and pursue her Masters degree.



MICHELLE HILDEBRAND

Michelle is a senior with a double major in Spanish and Anthropology. She will be graduating in 2006. When she is not at school, Michelle is a proud hard-working Momma.



James Andre Siebert

Andre is a senior, majoring in Psychology. After graduation in August, Andre will move to Dallas, Houston or Austin to teach English.



JASMINN ALLEN

Jasminn is a junior, majoring in Healthcare Administration. She is a member of numerous organizations and enjoys reading, music, dancing, traveling, and sports.



Janise Jay

Janise is a junior, majoring in Criminal Justice. She will graduate in August 2006. Janise is Short, but she is BIG in SPIRIT.



Karina Monreal

Karina is senior, majoring in Microbiology. Karina is a certified nurse's assistant and an emergency medical technician (EMT)-basic while still in high school.



Rebecca Pena

Rebecca is a junior, majoring in Respiratory Care. If she chooses to double up on her course work, she could graduate in 2006.



CHELSEA WINTERS

Chelsea is a junior, majoring in Criminal Justice. She will graduate May 2006. Chelsea is a member of numerous organizations.



HECTOR OLVERA

Hector is junior in Music Education, with an emphasis in Jazz studies.



Anthony Warzecha

Anthony is junior, majoring in Geography. After graduation in December 2007, Anthony plans to become a Social Studies teacher.

Kisha Vaniece Dixon
Kisha is a junior in Healthcare Administration, looking forward to graduation in 2006. She is a determined young black woman, who enjoys reading and poetry.



WILLIAM FLOWERS

William is a junior, majoring in GIS. He enjoys swimming, fencing, and video games.



Clarissa Alleman

Clarissa is a Health and Wellness Promotion major. Her interests include volleyball, swimming and tumbling.



Jamie Anonsen

Jamie is a sophomore, majoring in Psychology. She will graduate in 2007. Jamie enjoys all sorts of outdoor activities.



BRADFORD HARRISON

Bradford is a freshman, majoring in History and Political Science. Bradford is interested politics, law, and philosophy.



Samantha Kotara

Samantha is a sophomore in Criminal Justice. She works two jobs and likes to keep busy.



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Registration Form



Name(s) of Registrant(s): _____

Address: _____

Day phone: _____ Evening phone: _____

E-mail: _____ Fax: _____

1) Award Recipients, Scholarship Recipients, and Volunteers:

Registration fee is waived

Number of: Award Recipients _____ Scholarship Recipients _____ Volunteers _____ on this registration form.

2) Students, Alumni, Faculty, Staff, and Friends of Geography:

Prior to April 27, 2005 \$10

After April 27 (including at the door) \$15

Number of: Students _____ Alumni _____ Faculty _____ Staff _____ and/or Friends of Geography _____ on this registration form.

3) Children under 12 are FREE

Number of children under 12 registrations on this form _____

Total number of people registered on this form: _____

Method of payment: Cash _____ Check _____ Credit Card (Mastercard or Visa)

Credit Card Number (if applicable): _____

Expiration Date (if applicable): _____

Signature (credit cards only): _____

Total amount included with this registration form: \$ _____

Registration includes admission to all activities, a souvenir program, and BBQ dinner with all of the fixings!

Return this form to:

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