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Geography Newsletter

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February may be the shortest month, but it’s packed full of colloquia so mark your calendars:

Friday, February 2 – 3:30 PM – Ag Hall 201: PhD Candidate (UC-Boulder, Geography) **Meredith DeBoom** will give a talk titled “Addressing Inequality at Multiple Scales: From Chinese Investment in Namibia to Inclusivity in Higher Education.”

Friday, February 16 – 3:30 PM – Ag Hall 201: PhD Student (OSU, Geography) **Brian Gilson** will tell us about “Postsecularity in Azerbaijan: A Reconnaissance” based on his holiday, dissertation-groundwork-laying trip.

Friday, February 23 – 3:30 PM – Ag Hall 201: Associate Professor (S. Connecticut State University, Environment, Geography & Marine Sciences) **Patrick Heidkamp** will give a talk titled “Just Transitions in the Coastal Zone.”

[Research Week](#) is February 19-23 at OSU, and this year there are a lot of events scheduled – check it out!



Friday, February 2 will feel like *déjà vu* all over again...

Monday, February 19 is a federal holiday – but not for OSU ☹

News from around the Department

We are very happy to report that two PhD candidates have landed tenure-track jobs for 2018-19:

Matt Haffner will be going to the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

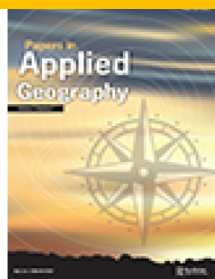
Yun Zhao will be going to the University of Illinois-Springfield.

We are also happy to learn that three alumni have recently attained jobs in industry nearby using their degrees in geospatial technologies:

Carson Bode (MS, 2015), EXP Engineering, Tulsa

James Dryden (MS, 2011), AWS Truepower, Tulsa

James Hollan (BS), Geospatial Engineering Manager, OSU Stillwater



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Exploring Local Influences on Zika Virus Rates in Puerto Rico Utilizing Geographically Weighted Regression

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Ph.D. candidate **Amanda Weber** has published a new manuscript in the *Papers in Applied Geography*. The paper is currently available online at <https://doi.org/10.1080/23754931.2017.1401954> and will soon be in print. Amanda initially developed this paper as her course project in GEOG 6303 in Fall 2016.