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# Geography Newsletter

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## February Happenings

It's a short month, and we're already halfway through! Meanwhile, activity levels are still at a mild pace. Hopefully newsletter submissions and events will pick back up!

The [AAG meetings](#) are fast approaching...all virtual yet again. The conference runs from February 25-March 1.

Wednesday, February 16 – 4-5 PM – departmental open house for prospective students on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of SSH.

Friday, February 18 – 5:00 PM – deadline for applications to departmental travel scholarships (Greiner, Norris, and Tweedie). Announcements were sent out recently with all materials due to [Jon Comer](#) via email.

Monday, February 21 – President's Day. The university does not observe this as a holiday, but dress up as your favorite historical president!

We welcomed a new graduate student this semester. Emmanuel Kumi received his BS in Geography and Regional Planning from the University of Cape Coast in Ghana.



## News from Around the Department

- **Dr. Hamed Gholizadeh** received an Iranian and Persian Gulf Studies Professorship from the [School of Global Studies and Partnerships](#).
- Ph.D. student **Ny Aina Rakotoarivony** received a travel award from the [National Center for Ecological Analysis & Synthesis](#) to attend the Environmental Data Science Summit. The theme of the meeting is “Harnessing Diversity in Environmental Data Science.”
- Ph.D. student **Kianoosh Hassani** published a paper in *Applied Engineering in Agriculture*: Hassani, K., Taghvaeian, S., Gholizadeh, H., (2021) “A geographical survey of center pivot irrigation systems in the central and southern high plains aquifer region of the United States.”
- Kianoosh Hassani received a \$5,000 [Delores and Jerry Etter scholarship](#). This scholarship provides support to selected M.S. and Ph.D. graduate students who are currently working on research related to the Joseph H. Williams Tallgrass Prairie Preserve.
- A recent article in the *Southeastern Geographer* by Ph.D. student **Jesse Andrews** and **Dr. Allen Finchum** about the prevalence of the word “Dixie” was mentioned in the [Washington Post Magazine](#) in a story about how St. George, Utah is dealing with the term.
- Barbara Goodnight and Laura Kreutzer are working towards making Geography a [Certified Healthy Department](#). Certified Healthy Department was created in 2011 to recognize work groups at OSU Stillwater and align with Oklahoma’s “Certified Healthy” Program.