



Geography

# Geography Newsletter

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## January Happenings

Welcome back! The Spring 2019 semester has arrived!

No sooner than we start then we have a short holiday break, as the university will be closed and no classes held on **Monday, January 21** for MLK day observances. Two days' worth of events (January 20-21) will be held at the Stillwater Public Library – more information can be found [here](#).

On **Sunday, January 27** at 3 PM the Geography Club is sponsoring our semi-regular bowling event at Frontier Lanes. Come to bowl, watch, or simply heckle – shoe rentals are \$3.50 per person and bowling is \$5 per person/game.

Also, the Geography Department is putting on a spectacular [Lunar Eclipse](#) on Sunday, January 20 at around 9:30-11:30 PM. Head outdoors and enjoy the show...it's the last "super blood wolf moon" for another 18 years. Jon Comer will sell you special viewing glasses in his office for a mere \$20.

After quite the full schedule of colloquium presentations back in November and December, we just had our final job interview-related presentation on Monday, January 14, and now our slate is clean. If you are interested in bringing someone to campus to give a talk (or giving one yourself), please contact [Jon Comer](#), this year's Colloquium Coordinator, about securing a slot. As a reminder, regular colloquia are scheduled for Fridays 3:30-4:30 PM.

Finally, some of you must have done some interesting things over the holiday break, so send in photos and short blurbs to the newsletter editor, [Jon Comer](#), for the February edition. Otherwise you might be subjected to his holiday family photos from Denton next month...

## Fulbright Alumni Ambassador

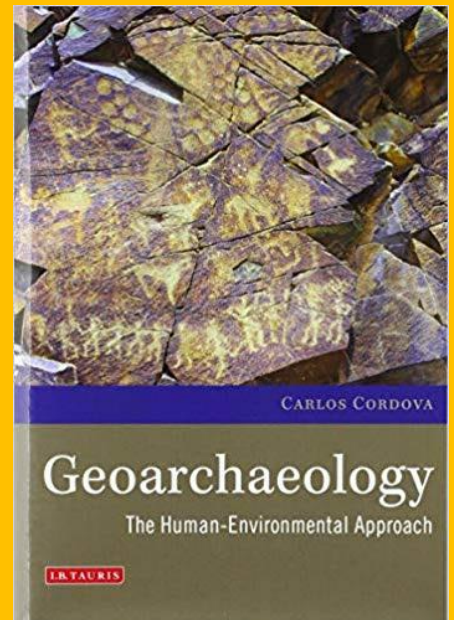
Colton Flynn, a PhD candidate in the Geography department, has received the honor to serve in the [Fulbright Alumni Ambassador Program](#) for the 2019-2021 term. Colton looks forward to sharing the Fulbright experience he gained in Ethiopia with others. He also hopes to encourage more students to apply for their potential Fulbright experience. Colton was one of 20 selected from over 500 past Fulbright Alumni. The program will allow him to travel around the United States to conferences and universities to share his Fulbright experience. The Alumni Ambassador Program was established in 2008 and has the aim to train and engage a small group of Fulbright alumni to serve as recruiters, representatives, and spokespersons. The Ambassadors chosen are subject to rigorous vetting by the Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs as well as the Fulbright Commission. The continuation of the Fulbright Student Program depends greatly on the Fulbright Alumni Ambassadors as they are a major part of outreach for the program providing first-hand experience with the grant and what it means to be a 'Fulbrighter.'



## Cordova Publishes New Book

Dr. Carlos Cordova has published a new book, titled *Geoarchaeology: The Human-Environmental Approach* (I.B. Tauris, 2018). From the Amazon.com blurb:

“Geoarchaeology is traditionally concerned with reconstructing the environmental aspects of past societies using the methods of the earth sciences. Once a purely technical subject, the field has been steadily enriched by scholars from a diversity of disciplines and by the introduction of the human-environmental approach pioneered by Karl Butzer in the late 1970s. Yet much has happened since that time, particularly as the importance of global perspectives on environmental change has emerged.



Carlos Cordova provides a fully up-to-date account of geoarchaeology that reflects the important changes that have occurred in the past four decades. Its innovative features include accounts of: the development of the human-ecological approach and the impact of technology on this approach; the diversity of disciplines and their contribution to archaeological questions; the frontiers of archaeology in the deep past, particularly the Anthropocene; the geoarchaeology of the contemporary past; the emerging field of ethno-geoarchaeology; and the role of geoarchaeology in global environmental crises and climate change.

The book is unique in featuring a review of the methodological and epistemological aspects of geoarchaeology. The result is a work of outstanding scholarship that will be essential reading for environmental historians, archaeologists, geographers, environmental scientists, and anthropologists.”