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December Happenings

Graduate hooding for MS and PhD candidates is Friday, December 14 at 7 PM in Gallagher-Iba Arena, and Undergraduate Commencement (A&S) is Saturday, December 15 at 10:30 AM in the same venue.

The month has been busy, and the busy editor has been tardy getting this newsletter assembled so we will mostly be reviewing events of the past two weeks, with numerous colloquia having already happened and two more to go:

- Monday, December 10 – 3:30 PM – AG Hall 201. **Dr. Kunwar Singh** is currently an Associated Scientist at the Center for Geospatial Research, University of Georgia, and a Postdoctoral Research Fellow in the Department of Forestry and Environmental Resources, North Carolina State University. Dr. Singh received his PhD in Forestry and Environmental Resources from North Carolina State University in 2014.
- Wednesday, December 12 – 3:30 PM – NRC 207. **Dr. Gehendra Kharel** is currently a Postdoctoral Research Associate at Oklahoma State University, and received his PhD in Earth System Science and Policy from the University of North Dakota in 2015.

As a reminder, the university is closed from Monday, December 24 through Monday, January 1 for Winter Break. The Spring 2019 semester begins on Monday, January 14 and the following Monday (January 21) is MLK day and the university is closed. Departmental employees (GTAs and GRAs) are expected to be available for various duties the week of January 7-11, 2019.



Departmental News

The department has had four colloquia in recent weeks:

Dr. Thomas LaVanchy, November 28, “Coupled Perspectives on Water Security.” Dr. LaVanchy is currently an Adjunct Assistant Professor in the Department of Geography and the Environment, University of Denver. He received his PhD in Geography from the University of Denver in 2015.

Dr. Michael Acheampong, November 29, “Pursuing Sustainable Development Goal Number One: Has the Ship Sailed for Farmers in Ghana’s Oil City?” Dr. Acheampong is currently a Visiting Assistant Professor in the Department of Geography, Oklahoma State University. He received his PhD in Geography and Environmental Science & Policy from the University of South Florida in 2018.

Dr. Ranjeet John, November 30, “Canopy cover and herbaceous above ground biomass in Mongolia and Inner Mongolia: spatiotemporal estimates and controlling factors.” Dr. John is currently a Visiting Assistant Professor in the Department of Geography, Oklahoma State University. He received his PhD in Biology (Ecology) from the University of Toledo in 2010.

Dr. Hamed Gholizadeh, December 4, “A Bird's-eye View of Grassland Biodiversity.” Dr. Gholizadeh is currently a Postdoctoral Research Associate in the School of Natural Resources, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and received his PhD in Geography from Indiana University in 2016.

One more job candidate presentation is expected in mid-January – stay tuned.

Departmental News (cont.)

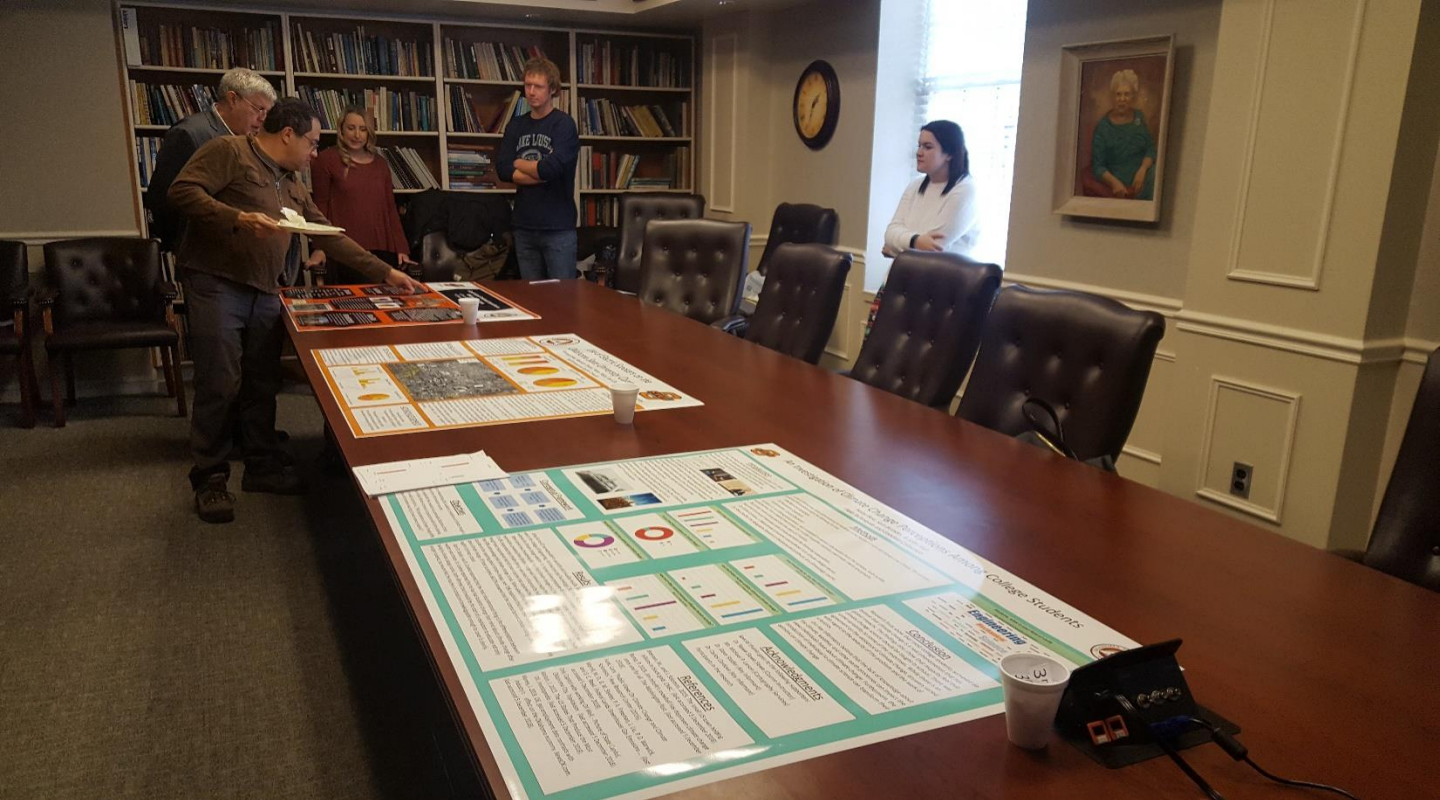
Dr. Carlos Cordova recently gave a colloquium to the Boone Pickens School of Geology on November 30 titled “Geoarchaeology: Geosciences in Search of Our Human Past.”

Several OSU Geographers participated in GIS Day at the school in Norman on November 14, 2018. Pictured below are **Shellie Willoughby** (BS (1995) and MS (1999) alumna and GIS Specialist with the OK Conservation Commission), **Parker Smith** (BS student), **Michael Larson** (Coordinator of OSU Cartography Services), **Chike Etumudor** (BS (2016) alumnus and Americorps Member at Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement), **Catherine Shropshire** (MS student), **Amanda (Thomas) Lind** (MS student), **Jean Wang** (Coordinator of Center for Remote Sensing), **Hayden Harrison** (BS alumna (2018) and Transportation Planner at the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments), and **Giovanni Penna** (BS alumnus (2018) and GIS and Mapping Specialist at Reagan Smith Energy Solutions).



Departmental Events

On Thursday, December 6 the annual potluck for GEOG 4313 (Field Techniques) was held in the department to feature undergraduate student research. Three teams conducted research studies and prepared posters to be judged by all departmental personnel.



Departmental Events cont.

On Saturday, December 8 the annual departmental holiday party took place at the home of Tory and Dale Lightfoot. Amanda (Thomas) Lind took home the honors for most interesting holiday sweater...

