



DEPARTMENT OF
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Geography Newsletter

May 2023

Spring Graduates

As the semester closes, our big event is Commencement, which occurs in Gallagher-Iba Arena on Saturday, May 13. The following undergraduate students are graduating (* indicates Certificate in GIS in addition to bachelor's degree):

Connor Cotner – BS, Geography*

Jackie Harsha – BS, Geography*

Isabelle Ley – BS, Geography*

Jordyn Walls – BS, Geography

Hadley Brumley – BS, Geospatial Information Science*

Jackie Harsha – BS, Geospatial Information Science*

Blaine Mann – BS, Geospatial Information Science*

Addie Ballard – BA, Global Studies

Elizabeth Brians – BA, Global Studies

Caitlin Brooks – BA, Global Studies

Jeremy Hicks – BS, Geography

Daniel Hoelting – BA, Global Studies

Wesley Lacina – BA, Global Studies

Abbi Lesnick – BA, Global Studies

Brianna Lucas – BA, Global Studies

Elise Neighbors – BA, Global Studies

Jacob Shepherd – BA, Global Studies

Chris Tucker – BA, Global Studies

Congratulations to the ***Class of 2023!***

2023-24 Awards Gathering

On April 27, the annual Geography Awards Gathering took place in the SSH basement auditorium followed by the initiation of new students into Gamma Theta Upsilon (GTU), the international geographical honor society. All scholarship and award winners were announced in the March 2023 newsletter.



Perri Lewis
Outstanding Junior
Rooney Scholarship



Jackie Harsha
Outstanding Senior
Orange Gown Graduate



Nivedita Kamaraj
Outstanding Grad Student
Norris Scholarship



Kathy Osei
Shaull Medal for
Outstanding Teaching
& Croft Scholarship
for Geog. Education



Emma Riddle
Miller Fellowship
In Geography



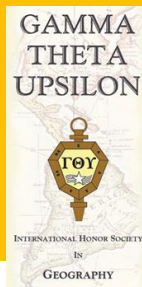
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Scholarship



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& Nivedita Kamaraj
Norris Conference
Travel Scholarships



GTU Initiation (L-R): Chapter Advisor Thomas LaVanchy; initiates Jackie Harsha, Erin Halligan, Isabelle Ley, & Alexandra Roberts; Chapter President Erin Templeton

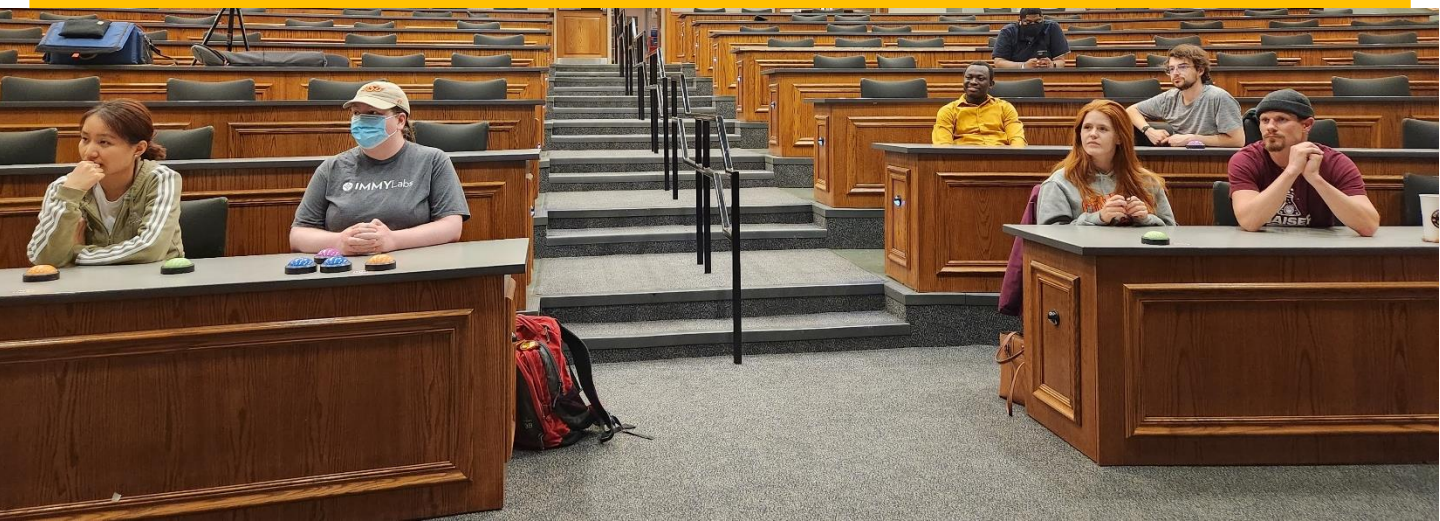


News From Around the Department

Senior **Isabelle Ley** (center) was part of the inaugural class of the InternOSU program. InternOSU is a program designed to support campus departments in offering internship opportunities to our students. OSU Career Services assists departments with the development of internship positions, recruitment and hiring of students, and resources to support student development within these positions. Additionally, Career Services contributes 50% of the cost of the interns' wages. Geography was one of 5 programs on campus selected during 2022-23 to participate in the inaugural program. Shown with Isabelle is Cartography Services Coordinator **Michael Larson** (right), with whom Isabelle worked for her internship. Director of OSU Career Services **Kellie Ebert** (left) presented Isabelle with a Certificate of Recognition.

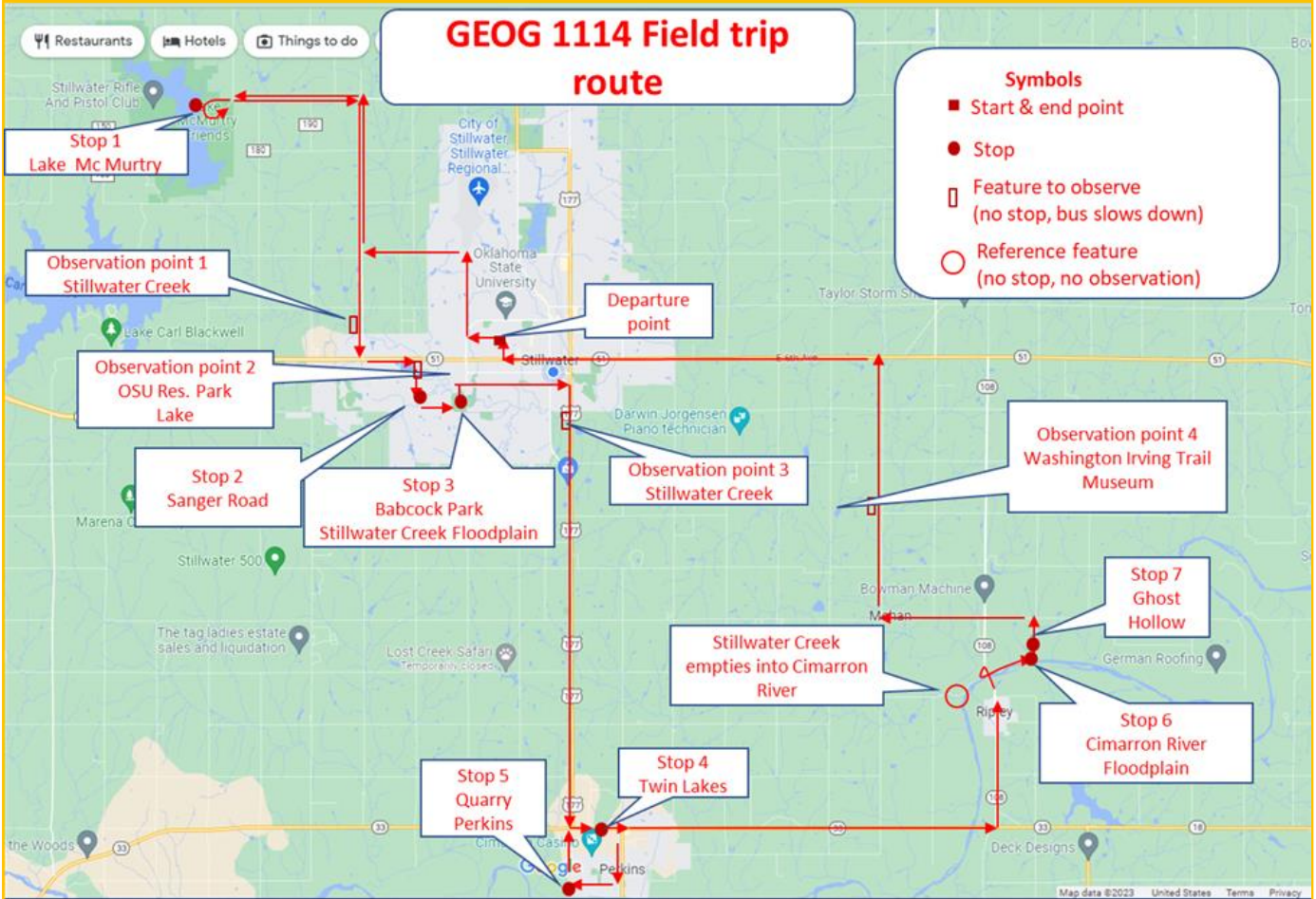


On April 6, the department sponsored a Geography Quiz Bowl. Two teams competed for the glory of being geographic geniuses, but a good time was had by all. PhD Student and GTU Chapter President **Erin Templeton** (left) moderated the competition, while professors **Saber Brasher**, **Jon Comer**, and **Alyson Greiner** served as judges.



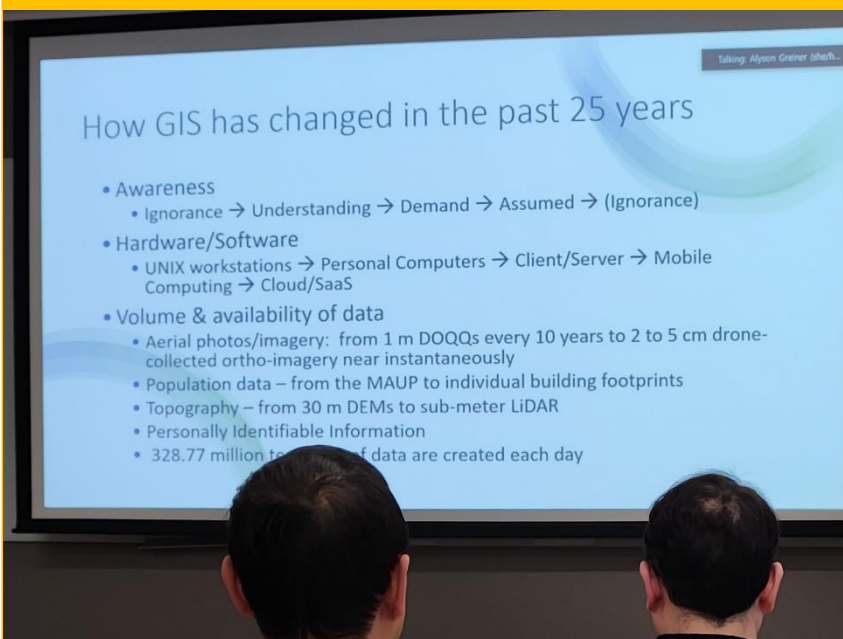
Physical Geography Field Trip

On April 11 and 12, GEOG 1114 students went on a field trip around Stillwater, visiting Lake McMurry, the “old dunes” around Perkins, Twin Lakes, Ghost Hollow, and the Cimarron River floodplain near Ripley. Field trip leaders were: **Dr. Carlos Cordova**, **Dr. Peter Crank**, MS student **Emma Riddle** and **Pecos McDonald**. The trip (see map) was meant to revisit places described by Washington Irving during an expedition to the territory in 1832.



Colloquia

The ConocoPhillips Geography Career Spotlight Speaker for this year was **Michael Scott** (right), who gave a talk titled “Saving the World One GIS Layer at a Time: The Case for Geographic Information Science in a World Awash in Spatial Data.” Dr. Scott is Dean of the Henson School of Science and Technology at Salisbury University (Maryland). He received all his degrees in Geography, including his MS and PhD degrees from the University of South Carolina.



End of Year Shenanigans

On April 28, the annual end-of-year cookout at Boomer Lake had to be relocated to a local brewery and converted to a potluck. Despite the rainy day, we had a great turnout, lots of delicious food, and great fun around the fire pit.



The moment before the Jenga blocks fell...

