



## Geography

# Geography Newsletter

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## October Happenings

On Friday, October 7, Jason Holcomb of Morehead State University will give a colloquium titled “Campbell Farming Corporation and the Contested Landscape of the Crow Indian Reservation in Montana” at 3:30 PM in NRC 108 (note new room!).

Fall “Break” is Friday, October 14 – no classes are held but the university and all offices are open.

Many departmental faculty and staff will be attending the SWAAG meetings in Denton on October 20 and 21. We expect a report and photos in the next newsletter...

Mark your calendars for the annual Halloween costume party, which will occur on Saturday evening, October 22 at Dr. Emily Fekete’s house – more details to come. And photos!

A few faculty and students will be traveling to Louisville for the Applied Geography Conference October 26-28 and there will definitely be a report (and photos!)

Homecoming activities will be ramping up during the month of October, highlighted by the world-famous “Walkaround” outside Murray Hall on University Avenue the afternoon of Friday, October 28. Take lots of photos!

## 2016 Distinguished Alumnus

On September 8, 2016 we were visited by Jerry Overton and his wife, Tina, who had lunch with several Geography faculty members and toured our department and Murray Hall. Jerry was in town to receive the 2016 Geography Distinguished Alumnus award at the A&S Hall of Fame ceremony on Friday evening, September 9. Tina and Jerry Overton, with son Jason who flew in from Alameda, California, dined at the event with Dale Lightfoot and 2015 Outstanding Senior Avonlea Keenen. Jerry was a student when John Rooney arrived at OSU. He also knew Dick Hecock, Keith Harries, and was a friend of Jerry Croft.



Jerry Overton grew up on a ranch in southwest Oklahoma and graduated from Walters High School in 1965. He attended Cameron Junior College and Oklahoma State University, where he obtained his B.S. and M.S. in Geography. After leaving OSU he attended the University of Oklahoma for his Ph.D. in Geography. After teaching for many years at Fort Hays State College, Cameron University, and the University of Central Arkansas, he returned to OSU to acquire a second M.S. in Geology with an emphasis in Hydrogeology, and then entered environmental consulting. In 1994 Dr. Overton began what is today ATOKA, Inc. an Engineering and Environmental Consulting Firm with headquarters in Hot Springs, Arkansas, where Jerry and Tina live. He has served as President and CEO of ATOKA, Inc. since 1994 and also serves on the Advisory Board for the Department of Geosciences at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. Jerry says that, although he migrated to Geology, he has always remained, at his roots, a Geographer.

# 2016

## DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARDS DINNER

### FRIDAY, SEPT. 9, 2016 AT 6 P.M.

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## USDA Visit

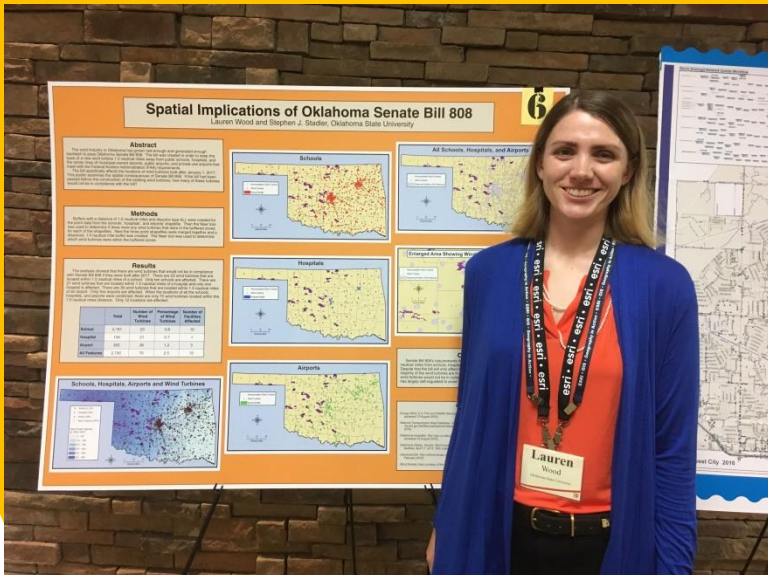
On September 13, Dr. Adam Mathews along with Emily Ellis and Colton Flynn visited the USDA-ARS in El Reno to meet with Dr. Prasanna Gowda, the Research Leader for the Grazinglands Research Laboratory and Forage & Livestock Production Unit, to discuss common research interests and collaboration.



Colton Flynn, Dr. Adam Mathews, and Emily Ellis at USDA in El Reno

## OK SCAUG 2016

The annual OKSCAUG Conference was held this year on September 20 in Moore and was attended by many GIS users from state and local agencies across the state, some of whom graduated from our program. Five geographers attended from the Department of Geography, (L-R) including undergraduate and OSU Cartography Services employee, Hayden Harrison. CARS Coordinator Jing Wang gave a talk “Using Python Programming to Integrate Emodis and NLCD Products to Update OK-Fire Fuel Model Map”. Graduate student Lauren Wood submitted a poster with her advisor, Steve Stadler, titled “Spatial Implications OF Oklahoma Senate Bill 808” based on her thesis research. This poster won the best poster award! Graduate student Stephanie Heald was in attendance to formally accept the Oklahoma SCUAG Scholarship award. Lastly, Clay Barrett gave a talk title “Using Python to Automagically Resize Fonts in Label Expressions”.



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**OKSCAUG 2016**

## September Conferences

From September 21-23, OSU was well-represented at the Eighth Race, Ethnicity, and Place (REP) conference at Kent State University. In addition to co-sponsoring the meetings, Drs. Emily Fekete, Adam Mathews, and Rebecca Sheehan gave presentations, as did recent MS graduate Jordan Brasher (now a PhD student at the University of Tennessee).

The week before, PhD Students Amanda Weber and Jordan McAlister travelled to Western Kentucky University (Bowling Green) for the 2016 Conference of the International Society for Landscape, Place, & Material Culture (formerly Pioneer America Society: Association for the Preservation of Artifacts and Landscapes, or PAS-APAL).



**Conference Program**  
**Race, Ethnicity & Place VIII**

*Kent State University  
Kent, Ohio  
September 21-23, 2016*




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### 48th Annual Meeting

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# 2016 Conference

**September 14-17, 2016 • Bowling Green, KY**  
Theme: Caves, Cars, & Cultural Connections

## Bowling

On September 14, the now-apparently-biannual Bowling Competition took place. As was the case back in April, the faculty team was unstoppable and retained the Bowling Cup. Jon Comer led all bowlers with the two high games (140 and 143) and overall the faculty team of Steve Stadler, Emily Fekete, Comer, Peter Kedron, and Adam Mathews (below left) struck down 1,077 pins (107.7 average per person/game) while the student team of Samuel Brander, Joel Bjornson, Nick Rose, Kayla King, and loaner Kevin Freese (below right) collected 917 pins (91.7 per). Peter's special shoes were widely believed to make the difference...



Faculty enjoy the thrill of victory ... though the students are not very agonized in defeat





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## Will you be attending *America's Greatest Homecoming?*

### Stop by the Geography Tailgate!

The Geography Club has reserved a tailgating spot (#25) on the lawn of Old Central (see map on back) for the homecoming game on October 29th. It will be a potluck style tailgate so please bring your own beverages, items to grill, and if you would like, a dish to share. There will be a grill available for your use as well as a tent, cooler, plates, napkins, silverware, and OSU Geography swag! Drop in and say hi to fellow geography alumni, faculty, staff, and students! Go Pokes!

For more information, including game and tailgating times, please see the Homecoming Tailgate event on the Geography Department Facebook Page: [www.facebook.com/OSUgeog](http://www.facebook.com/OSUgeog). To be included in future geography alumni events, please send your email address to Ann Adkins at [ann.adkins@okstate.edu](mailto:ann.adkins@okstate.edu).



