



Geography

Geography Newsletter

October 2018

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October Happenings

So what's happening this month? Plenty, that's what!

- A large contingent of OSU Geographers is traveling to Manhattan, KS for the Great Plains-Rocky Mountain regional meetings of the AAG on October 5-6. Photos to come next month...
- At the same time, our own SWAAG regional will be taking place in Baton Rouge, LA. **Clay Barrett** seems to be the lone OSU geographer trekking south for the conference.
- **Geography Club** is planning an international cuisine potluck dinner on Wednesday, October 10, from 5-9 PM in the Murray Hall Parlor.
- Homecoming weekend is October 26-27 – the world famous Walkaround on University Avenue is Friday evening the 26th and the big game is on Saturday. Once again the department will be having a tailgating event near Old Central (see GEOG web page soon for more details).
- Fall “Break” is Friday, October 19 – no classes are held but the university and all offices are open. (Hint: It's a good chance to dash over to Tulsa's famous [Oktoberfest](#) at River West Festival Park which runs October 18-21).
- **Lindsay King** and **Christina Woehrle** are hosting a Halloween Party on Saturday, October 27. Time and location will be available later and posted on the GEOG web page.

OK SCAUG 2018

The Department of Geography was well represented at the recent 2018 OKSCAUG Conference in Moore, Oklahoma. Eight members of the department were present (see photo below), four staff and four students. The following workshops and presentations were given:

Introduction to Data Types and Basic Cartographic Symbolization and Representation (workshop). Michael P. Larson – OSU Cartography Services

The Choropleth Map: How to Use it and Why (presentation). Michael P. Larson – OSU Cartography Services

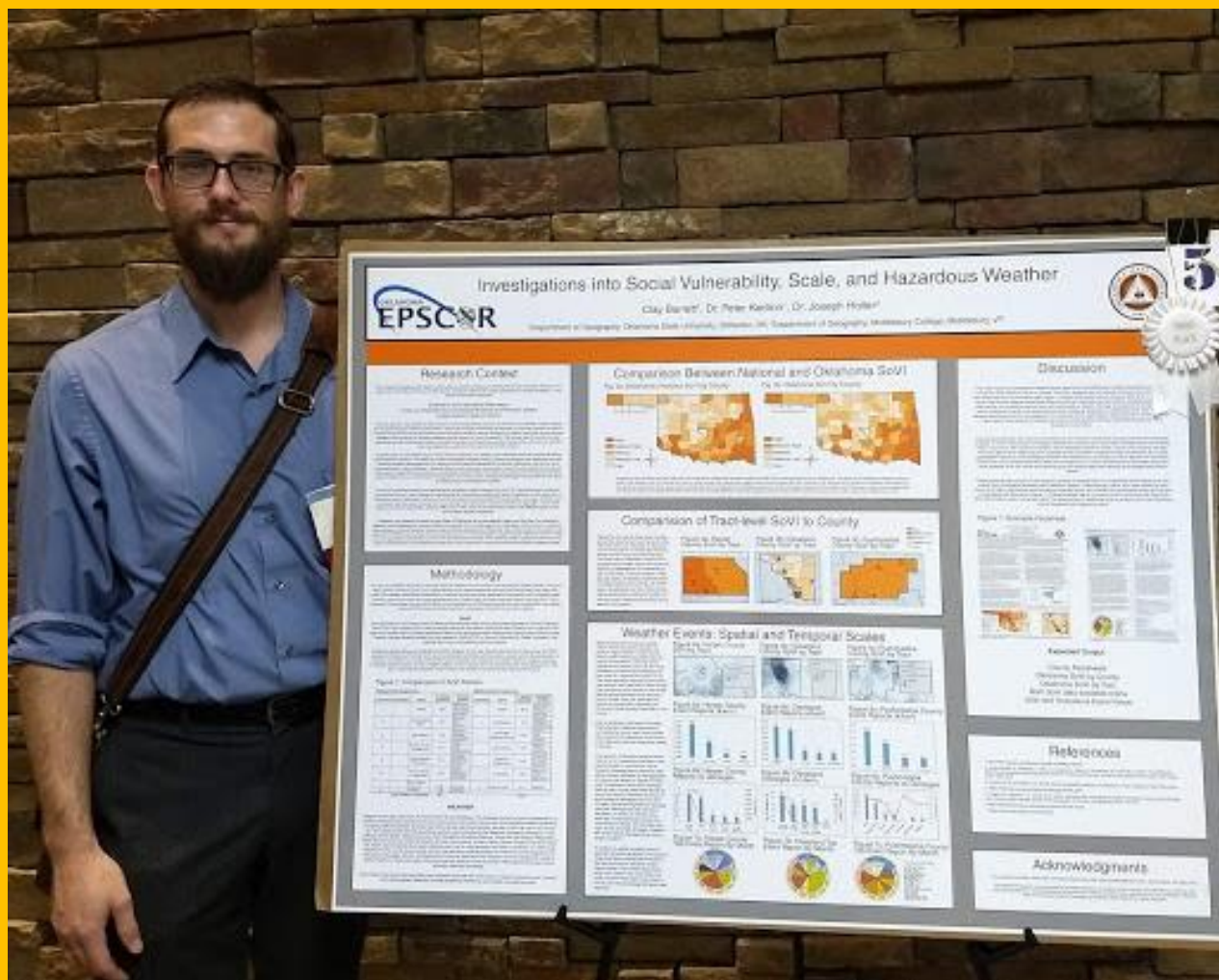
Manipulating Tabular Data using Pandas (presentation). Clay Barrett - OSU Cartography Services



Left to Right: Hank Yang, Lindsay King (back), Jean Wang, Amanda (Thomas) Lind, Michael Larson, Clay Barrett, Catherine Shropshire, and Kellen Bullock.

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In addition, a poster was presented by **Clay Barrett, Dr. Peter Kedron, and Dr. Joseph Holler** titled: "Investigations in Social Vulnerability, Scale, and Hazardous Weather." This poster won third place in the poster competitions.



Find Your Place

Department News

Dr. Jacqueline Vadjunec (Geography) and Laura Goodman (NREM) received a grant for \$133,573 from the U.S. Department of Agriculture through New Mexico State University for Participatory Approaches to Agroecosystem Resilience in Times of Drought (ARID): An Example from the Southern Great Plains.

Geography Club (Undergraduate) officers for 2018-19 are:

President – **Hayley Best**

Treasurer – **Audrey Ward**

Vice President – **Colby Thompson**

Secretary – **Sam Brander**



The department's Chi Chapter of Gamma Theta Upsilon (GTU) was recently named an *Honors Chapter* for the 2017-18 school year. *Honors Chapters* are recognized for their campus service and commitment to recognize outstanding student scholarship in geography. Only eight of GTU's 130+ active chapters achieved the status of *Honors Chapter* this year. Dr. Rebecca Sheehan was the faculty advisor for the Chi Chapter during 2017-18. Drs. Steve Stadler and Don Colley are now co-advising the group.

Recent Puzzle Effort in the Cartography Lab (2000 pieces)



Faculty Research

Carlos Cordova attended the African Quaternary Association (AfQua) meeting in Nairobi, Kenya, in July. In addition to his research in Southern Africa, Carlos is doing research on Karl Butzer's contributions to African Prehistoric Landscapes. In this conference, he presented an overview of the participation of Karl Butzer in the Omo Delta Expedition (1968-1971) in the northern part of Lake Rudolf (now Lake Turkana), where Karl contributed to several discoveries of early Homo sapiens.

